



Lent 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and friends in Christ,

May the peace of Christ be with you!

SRDCCW has committed to making this newsletter a launch for a more pro-active, pro-life presence in our Diocese. As I reflect on this mission, I wonder, as you read this, “What does Pro-Life mean to you?”. Every day we make choices that either promote or detract from the Culture of Life. I invite you to share with us, how do you perceive this virtue going forward in our world? How do you perceive your role in this pro-life mission?

In my years as a volunteer for Birthright, in Petaluma and San Rafael, I’ve learned that being “anti-abortion” is only one, although significant, piece of being pro-life. The “seamless garment” of life, inspired by the garment of Christ, is our model that a true ethic of life is undivided. All of the ways that we share the Mercy and Love of Christ in our world uphold the pro-life way. We are each called to our own particular contribution. We at SRDCCW hope to support you in your journey and hope that you will participate with us, to be ever more present as a beacon of love, sharing the Life of Christ!

Deo Gratias!

Cindy

LENTEN REFLECTION

"Go and learn what this means, I desire Mercy and not sacrifice"

May our 2021 Lenten season of prayer and fasting transform us,
now more than ever, as willing vessels of God's Love.

For information about membership and upcoming events.

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with ideas to promote the Culture of Life and support women in our diocese.

Thank for your support.

NEWS ON THE FUNDRAISER BAKELESS SALE

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Bakeless Sale in September. A total of **\$1,265** was donated by some very generous ladies. We so appreciate the support and inspiration. Thank you also to the members of the Board who donated supplies, and their time, to make this fundraiser possible. SRDCCW only spent \$110 for the stamps. The Sainly Recipe (below) was included with the flyer, and the ladies who responded loved it and planned on sharing it. Thank you again for participating and God bless you.

A Sainly Recipe for Women of Faith
(author unknown)



Ingredients:

3 cups PRAYER	¼ cup COMFORT	2 tbs. GRIEF
2 ¼ cups FAITH	¼ cup CARETAKING	1 oz. LOSS
1 ½ cup STRUGGLE	2 tbs. INSPIRATION	1 pound FAMILY

Directions:

Gently fold FAMILY together until firm, slowly adding COMFORT and CARETAKING. In a separate bowl, mix STRUGGLE with PRAYER, GRIEF, and LOSS. Pour mixture over FAMILY, adding a healthy amount of INSPIRATION and LOSS. Pour mixture over FAMILY, adding a healthy amount of INSPIRATION and FAITH. Bake at 350 degrees for one lifetime.

GIVE THANKS AND ENJOY.

Recommended but not required: add chocolate, cups of teas & laughter to taste.

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VALENTINE'S DAY RECIPE



Chocolate-Covered Pretzels

Ingredients:

10 large pretzels
Melted dark, milk, white, and strawberry chocolates

Directions:

Dip pretzels fully or halfway in chocolate, tapping off excess, then transfer to a waxed-paper-lined baking sheet and let set. Drizzle with another color or same chocolate and let set before serving.

SPRING DAY OF REFLECTION

Last May we held our Zoom version of a Day of Reflection. We are so very grateful to Rev. Mother Teresa Christe and Antonio Garcidueñas for sharing with us! The theme was

"Our Lady of Guadalupe - I Am Your Mother".

May Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to guide us, Patroness of Life, the New Evangelization and Patroness of the one continent of America. We invite you to watch the video from our event.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HSuVlKezRBq1x3s0N3LSS8zyTVfA-biV/view?usp=sharing>

The following resources are also available:

Resources from Rev. Mother Teresa Christe:

Books:

"True Devotion to Mary" by St. Louis de Montfort.

"A Woman Clothed with the Sun - 8 Great Appearances of Our Lady" edited by John J Delaney.

"Handbook of Human Formation: A Resource for Cultivation of Character" by Cameron M. Thompson.



Springtide Research Institute <https://www.springtideresearch.org/> .

Resources from Antonio Garcidueñas:

Video Link (Spanish with English subtitles) <https://youtu.be/uuLn3GUfGCA> .

WOMEN OF THE YEAR EVENT

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women **2020 Women of the Year Celebration** at St. Francis Solano in Sonoma was cancelled. We are in the planning stages for the 2021 event and hoping the coronavirus threat will be over by next October.

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

SRDCCW supports Diocesan Youth Services ongoing education and support for young women through their "Unprotected" program. Please Stephen Morris Youth Director, Contact at Stephen Morris at stephenmichaelmorris@gmail.com if you'd like more details about their activities.

We uphold the Culture of Life, promoting the dignity of safety of young women, through this work.

Last November the Santa Rosa Diocese Youth Ministry hosted a panel discussion called "Unprotected: Young Lives of Virtue."

The conversation rotated around Don Johnson's documentary film "Unprotected." Don was accompanied on the panel by Sue Ellen Browder - Author of "Subverted: How I Helped the Sexual Revolution Hijack the Women's Movement" and Myra Gonzalez - from the Culture Project <https://thecultureproject.org/> and emcee Rhyen Ramirez.

A recap of the evening can be found on YouTube: ON FiRE: Keep the Light Bright - Young Lives of Virtue & Integrity link: <https://youtu.be/MR-3C01UhcY>.

The conversation was convened to discuss the degradation of human dignity in our culture, specific to an over sexualized media, and objectification of women especially. The expertise and personal stories of the panelists provided an honest look at the origins of the sexual revolution and culturally accepted abortions in contrast to the anxiety, sexting, and #metoo movement that plagues our children today.

The conversation was hosted by the Santa Rosa diocese in partnership with all Northern California Diocese Youth Ministry offices as part of their virtual program: "ON FiRE: Keep the Light Bright." More can be found in this series by visiting www.onfirenorcal.com.

More Welcome News from the diocese.

St. Eugene's Cathedral has greatly expanded their shop and is carrying many new items. Visit the **Cathedral Books & Gifts** shop for Catholic books, Bibles, rosaries, jewelry, statues, religious gifts, gifts for Baptism, First Communion, & Confirmation, and more!

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DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SRDCCW Board Meetings; 3rd Saturday of the month via Zoom.

General SRDDCW meetings are to be held in March and August. *(The meetings in 2020 were canceled due to the Covid-19 epidemic shelter-in-place orders.)*

Live Stream Sunday Mass: Diocese of Santa Rosa <https://srdiocese.org/live-streaming>

The "[America Says Yes! - Faith in Action Today](http://www.americasaysyes.org/)" Program is a Faith Formation Program, for personal and Parish Renewal Following the vision of Blessed John Paul II. It is based in Cotati CA. To learn more about the program contact:

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On January 23, 2021, the [West Coast Walk for Life](http://www.walkforlifewc.com/) was held in San Francisco. Thank you Aldrina Zamora (*pictured below*) for representing us at the Walk! You can find more information on this, past and future walks at <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>



MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISORS, MARIAN SISTERS OF SANTA ROSA



Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa

NEWS RELEASE: 01/15/2021

From the Ursuline Sisters, 400 Angela Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

URSULINE SISTERS PROPERTY SALE

SANTA ROSA, CA: The Ursuline Sisters, who have served in Santa Rosa for more than 130 years, are announcing the sale of their property at 400 Angela Drive in Santa Rosa, California to the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa.

After careful, sometimes painful discernment, the Ursuline Sisters have determined that they are no longer able to carry on their ministries from this location. Three years ago, Angela Center building was lost in the 2017 Tubbs Wildfire. The convent also suffered significant damage as did the surrounding landscape. It has taken three years to repair the damage, to rebuild the Maintenance building, and return the grounds to a safe condition.

Hence, a recent decision was made to sell the convent, as well as the adjacent property. The sisters wish to express their deepest gratitude to all the people who have supported them and graced their halls and grounds. We are truly blessed.

It is our desire that the Marian Sisters enjoy the property and make it their home for many years to come.

The founding Sisters of the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, natives of California, were invited by Bishop Robert F. Vasa to establish the community in 2012. The community has grown rapidly and serves the Roman Catholic Diocese of Santa Rosa in the Catholic schools, Chancery, and Parish offices, as well as through catechetical instruction, retreat talks, youth events, liturgical music, and sacristy care.

"We are honored to work with the Ursuline Sisters through this transition," Reverend Mother Teresa Christe, MSSR stated, "and we look forward to continuing to use this property for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. The acquisition of the property is a big step in deepening our roots in this community."

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa hope to establish residence at Ursula Hall Spring 2021.

For more information about the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, visit
<http://www.mariansisters.com>

PRAYERS and QUOTES

*"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all of our neighbors' defects—
 not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."*

St. Therese of Lisieux

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR AFFILIATE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH COTATI

A spiritual community of love and service shines in Cotati Ca. St. Joseph Church, the church on the hill, where the steeple rises high above Highway 101. The original Old St. Joseph Church was dedicated as a Mission in 1908. The new church "on the hill" was built in 1962 and had a major renovation from 1998 to 2006 of a new roof, new bathrooms and all new interior pews and furniture including new stained glass windows, doors and lighting. The Old St. Joseph Church became the thriving Hispanic center of our parish and soon moved up into the new church with Liturgies and special celebrations. English and Hispanic Liturgies are only celebrated, outside, on Saturday and Sunday during this pandemic. Our pastor, Fr. Raúl Lemus and his assistant Fr. John Plass celebrate Liturgies also on Utube for the parish. Out prior pastor, Fr. Stephen Canny and Monsignor Daniel Whelton are both retired and reside in the Petaluma area and celebrate Mass at home, at St. Vincent de Paul and throughout the Diocese where needed.

We are fortunate to have an active generous and supportive Men's Club who do high level fundraising, Golf Tournaments, Dinner Dances, and College Scholarships for students. They also support parish development, plant maintenance and do outreach to Catholic

Charities and Giving Tree projects. Our Women's Guild provides all the Liturgical supplies and needs of the parish including our beautiful Tabernacle, chalices, and linens, vestments for our priests, Deacons and altar servers. Furniture, books and anything requested by our pastor for our sacred liturgies, these wonderful women supply. The men and women of our parish also work together to provide receptions for many families of deceased members of the parish and generously donate meals, their time and service.

The very active St. Vincent de Paul Society generously gives food to the needy weekly and on Thanksgiving to the surrounding community and offers help for the homeless in the area and in response to requests for assistance. The Parish Council and our Finance Board Members keep us responsible.

Our "Crafty Ladies" knit and crochet hats, scarves, Afghans, gloves and sew quilts and blankets to donate to the homeless, and to Birthright groups, Cots and Catholic Charities for people who are in need of warmth and comfort. They do an amazing job of outreach, sharing their love and talents.

The growing Hispanic part of our community hosts many activities; the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, the Posada Celebrations that include all the children and the dramatic annual re-enactment of the Passion of Jesus Christ which is open to all parishioners and the surrounding community. We also enjoy their joyful music, which includes Mariachi Bands at our parish festivals. The Rosary is recited daily.

We have several parish prayer groups, which hold up the integrity and spiritual needs of our parishioners, families and friends. Our Religious Education Programs prepare children and adults for their Sacraments.

Fr. Raúl Lemus has made the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available for everyone, on site, daily for worship. We are truly appreciative of all the Liturgies and special Sacraments celebrated by Fr. Raúl and Fr. Plass. You are welcome to come join us in worship.

Submitted by Georgette Parry

Adoration is outside the Church Hall window, 10 am - 7 pm, Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon to 7 pm. Further details and Mass schedules can be found on their website: <http://www.sjccotati.org/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SRDCCW needs a helping hand with phone calls to prospective new members and help with getting more email addresses for our newsletter distribution. We also wish to reproduce the Our Day of Reflection video, "**Our Lady of Guadalupe - I Am Your Mother**", in Spanish if anyone can help translate. We want to have a Zoom video event.

If you have time on your hands and wish to help let us know.
Thank you in advance.

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Jesus, I Trust in You
Jesús en Tí Confío

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