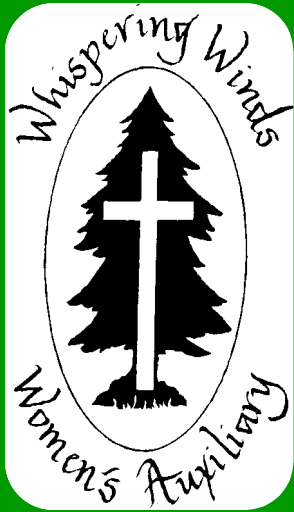


Whispers from the Auxiliary

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"Called to His Purpose"

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

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From the President.....



The theme for each year is selected by the President as a personal vision of our group's spiritual direction and purpose. This scripture means many things to me but mostly that I hope to use any gifts or talents I have to share with others, all for His glory. The flip side is to recognize, receive and remember the unique talents of the many leaders that came before me. On June 9th I attended the grand opening for the Disciples Lodge at the Whispering Winds camp. This new lodge will increase the amount of people that experience God on the mountain. It's amazing to see the continued growth and development of our camp. Disciples Lodge is a beautiful building, intelligently designed to handle groups of all sizes. I looked around in wonder at the people present for this opening, knowing that they had the foresight, determination, faith, and love of God, not only hearing the call to create a place of our own in Southern California but acting on

it. They lived it - all the planning, sacrifices, prayers, blood, sweat and tears. So for this edition's article, I'd like to share a picture of what that looks like today, a few of our own sweet sisters that have given so much of their lives to bring God to others.



Pictured: Bernice Mascari, Beverly Mascari, Kathy Brown, Anne Tisi-Denbow and Maureen "Mo" Kojis

My life would not be the same without Whispering Winds Catholic Camp. Thank you God for the opportunity to serve You here on the mountain. Thank you God for the amazing women that created and unselfishly led the continued efforts of the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary.

Peace and love,
Karen

What a retreat! Whether you were inspired or not, this retreat had something for all of us. Rose Sweet is a Catholic author and speaker who shares that she has had three failed marriages, three annulments, and then nearly twenty years of living alone as a chaste single woman, during which time she spent studying, praying, reflecting, and growing while she tried to understand her shattered past and fell more deeply in love with Jesus. As is God's promise, he helped her turn her failures into a ministry to help bring true happiness to others.

She described the four levels of happiness encouraging us to review where we were on the ladder on a moment to moment time frame. Explaining that we are constantly sliding up and down the ladder from the basic needs of self to the truth and beauty of God. She then took us on an excursion of our relationship. How do we relate to others?

1. Are we *Defensive* and spend our energy focusing on our self and not listening?
2. Do we *Stonewall* walking away instead of leading others into a safe place?
3. Do we live in fear that comes out as *Criticism* often focusing on others in a negative way?
4. Do we reside in a body full of resentment and bitterness wearing the horns of *Contempt*?

Do we live with someone that over powers us as they run up and down this ladder dragging us with them from one place of unrest to the next?

Perhaps, you related to the Seven Stages of Romance. You may have recognized your relationship with your spouse or with Jesus. The invitation, the time taken to prepare for meetings and shared time, communicating, all leading to the presentation, consummation, the bring in of new generations, and finally the transformation. Each part of her talks was balanced with the virtues like a bell ringing out the good news :

The SEVEN DEADLY SINS and VIRTUES

Pride - Faith
 Envy - Hope
 Wrath - Love
 Sloth - Fortitude
 Greed - Justice
 Gluttony - Temperance
 Lust - Prudence

She also brought to the forefront of our minds the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and who can forget the seven works of mercy (corporal and spiritual). Lastly, she reminded us all of the Church's teaching on sexuality and morals referencing the "*Theology of the Body*"

With all of this information I am sure like me, you felt stirred up. So, I challenge you to sit with whatever part of the week spoke to you. It does not really matter how it spoke to you. If you felt anger, blessed, inspired, rejected, less then, talked down to, filled up whatever the feeling, ask God to reveal to you why you are feeling this way. How did the retreat effect you as a whole and then ask why? What was your main take away and why? You may be surprised by what you hear and what is your truth. We live in a time were being "Enlightened" is the normal. When someone follows Church teaching to the letter of the law they are often looked down on and considered very "young" on their spiritual path. However, I want to encourage you to take a deep look inside yourself. That is what I have been doing and its been a bit difficult and uncomfortable. I asked myself if I have watered down my faith? Is there true wisdom in the teachings of the Church or do I know better? In the areas where I have moved away from the teaching of the church I reexamined why and tried to be very honest with myself. I then laid those areas over the Seven Deadly Sins and the Virtues to see where I stood, to examine what was my motivation. Please, do not forget to look and listen to both sides of the ringing bell. The virtues are there to give us hope and a firm path to walk.

If you find that you have wandered off the path a bit perhaps a talk with a friend or Spiritual Director will help you to make the crooked path straight. I find if I just sit in silence and wait more is always revealed. We have such a loving and forgiving church and Jesus is right there in the middle of it with His arms out-stretched ready to hug and hold us in joy.

Welcome back from the mountain!

Marty

Spiritual Director

Adventure into the Interior Life

When we live in the flow of the Holy Spirit, and God appoints our steps, He makes easy our path. Jesus was so present when the Spirituality Committee agreed to ask Catholic speaker and author Rose Sweet, to lead our annual Women's Auxiliary Retreat during the weekend of May 17 - 19, 2019 on our "Holy Mountain" and everything flowed from there.

The theme for the weekend was "Adventure into the Interior Life" and that adventure theme was readily apparent in the beautiful environment set up by the hospitality team led by Gloria Rosales and Connie Finney. The vintage suitcases were ready to go and the tables were adorned with statues of Mary and saints from around the world.

Rose took over 100 women on an adventure "...to an unexpected place of hope and healing." Her talks revealed Christ's love for us in a new way, while weaving Sainly traditions into the conversations we were having. Rose's four talks guided us in our quest for Happiness, Relationship, Romance, and Marriage—while focusing these topics on our mystical relationship with Jesus as the bridegroom. Each step was connected to our personal relationships, the sacraments, and with the various parts of the mass.

In addition to soaking in the Word of God with Rose, we participated in morning stretching led by Mo Kojis, Rosary in the chapel led by Mattie Scull, a Laughter Session led by LeAnn Cole, created our very own Blessing Cups with Annie McConville, went down the 450' long zip line, and celebrated the Eucharist with Msgr. Mark Campbell (Chaplain of Whispering Winds).

The weekend was blessed with the amazing music team, Letty Peck, Seann Richardson, Barbara Wotjak, and Laura Chardiet. They lifted our spirits each day with their praise music and joyful spirits. The moving musical rendition of the Divine Mercy was unforgettable!

We also had a great social in the Dining Hall on Friday night, complete with dancing, wine and treats provided by the camp and Auxiliary members. We got to know each other a little better when playing Friendship Bingo and enjoyed playing other games like Left, Right, Center and Scrabble.

The food was fantastic as always—complete with an Italian lunch with the most perfectly al dente pasta, stuffed with ricotta and covered with a delightful red sauce. The ladies were also surprised with the Caster Family Dining Hall's newest addition: a Pepsi machine!...we sure have come a long way from the early days of the camp when the cooks for the weekend brought barbecue grills and Igloo coolers over 40 years ago!

The Saturday night prayer service, led by Laurie Mikolaycik, refreshed our souls and ended with a time of Adoration. Thank you Jesus for the gift of spending time with you, along with our sisters, in the Prayer Chapel.

...speaking of sisters! In true Whispering Winds fashion, there was a Family Camp spirit to our retreat! Groups of sisters came from all over southern California to spend the weekend together.

We are so thankful to the Spirituality Committee for pouring their time, talent and treasure into making this retreat the special experience it was for all who came.

Our next retreat is May 15—17, 2020. We hope to see you there!

WWWA Annual Retreat May 2019

"Adventure Into the Interior Life"



Beach Bonfire

Save the Date

Have you ever had an idea to do some "...small thing with great love." (St Teresa of Calcutta) and after you do it, you look at your accomplishment, savor the moment and think, "This is good."?

I trust that our dear friend, Lisa Moritz, had a moment just like that on Friday, June 28, 2019 when 11 women, and 2 youth, brought their friendship from our Holy Mountain in Julian to Crown Point Beach. Noah, Mishel Montello's teenage son, literally went from a retreat at Whispering Winds to join us at the bonfire.

After our annual retreats in May at Whispering Winds, Lisa would often ponder, "How do we continue to cultivate the friendships and build the community that we created during the weekend?" Her solution? The bonfire!

Picture it: Friends, beach chairs, perfectly toasted S'mores with Ghirardelli chocolate, prayer, a beautiful campfire, and relaxing in the Holy Spirit together- what a great night!

We're so glad that so many women came out to the beach; I also enjoyed hearing from so many of our WWA sisters that replied Yes, No and Maybe on the Evite. God bless you for your love and care, and God bless Whispering Winds for bringing us together, from the mountains to the ocean - all for the glory of God !



WWA Fall Brunch and General Meeting

October 26, 2019
8:30 AM Mass

9:00-12:30 Silent auction
& guest speaker: Rose Rea

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**Please consider volunteering for a committee.
We especially need help on committees marked with ****

Purpose of the Auxiliary

As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in Whispering Winds Family Camp, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through prayer and fellowship, assisting in fundraising, disseminating information, and providing support for all functions held at the Camp, providing monies for scholarships and projects for the upgrading of the facilities at the Camp.