

Whispers from the Auxiliary

Fundraising, Camperships, Scholarships and Projects

Greetings my beautiful friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and our amazing weather in San Diego. Each summer, my mind starts to wander – imagining what it would be like to live somewhere other than San Diego. As I start to research other places to travel and I look at the weather in those places, I am more grateful for ours!

This summer, I had the opportunity to visit our camp a few times. While walking around the grounds at Whispering Winds, I always feel a sense of peace. I begin to think of all the kids and families who have experienced the peace and joy while at camp and realize that the Women’s Auxiliary is directly responsible for many of those kids, young adults and families being able to attend camp.

As you know, each year the Women’s Auxiliary holds our annual fundraising event – The Fall Brunch. This year, the brunch will be held on Saturday, October 26 at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. This event is a time to gather as a community, enjoy each other’s company, pray together, sing together, share a great meal and to further the part of our mission which states, “providing monies for scholarships/camperships and projects”.

The impact of our fundraising efforts has been powerful! The funds raised help subsidize families attending family camp, single mothers of special needs children, confirmation kids from smaller parishes and many others. In 2023 a grand total of \$66,160 was given as scholarships to Family Camp, Special Needs Camp, Senior Moment retreat, Confirmation retreat and Camp Emmaus to name a few. Without your generosity, this would not be possible.

As for projects, the Women’s Auxiliary governing board members have been working with the administration at camp to identify a special project that will benefit the camp and at the same time honor the amazing women of the Auxiliary. Stay tuned for more information on this project.

I hope that each of you will be able to attend our Fall Brunch in October and that you bring a new friend along with you. Ask that friend to join the Women’s Auxiliary this year! I am certain that the San Diego weather will be beautiful in October and that our brunch will be fabulous!

Peace and joy to you,
Angela

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice... Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God...” ~ Philippians 4:4-9.



“Called to His
Purpose”

Romans 8:28

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Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Fall Brunch

*Trust in the Lord
He will rescue You*

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá's
California Room

8:30 AM Mass in St. Francis Chapel
Celebrated by Msgr. Mark Campbell

9:00 AM Check In Opens

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Brunch Program

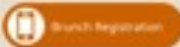
Guest Speaker: Julia Chadwell

Author of *Little Texas Sweetheart*

Music by the Auxiliary Music Team

Special Book Signing by Judy Lemm

\$45 for WWSA Members
\$50 for Non-Members



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JESUS LEADS THE WAY

The date displayed on my calendar this morning reads 8/22/24. For me it's definitely a confirmation of the direction I should be going as I write this article. August is very much a Marian month for Catholics, and this date in particular is the one singled out to celebrate the Queenship of our beloved Blessed Mother, Mary. On this occasion we pause to contemplate and honor this most blessed of all women who God selected to be the Mother of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In addition, He also named her as our own heavenly mother. Seated on her heavenly throne beside the King of Ages, Mary shines forth as the Queen of the Universe. She also remains poised as our personal advocate and as an interceding Heavenly Mother, a gift beyond measure!

In addition to signaling an end to summer's carefree days, this date also serves as a reminder about various noteworthy events that transpired during the summer. Back on July 13th an assassination attempt was made on the life of Donald Trump and he miraculously survived. Several weeks later, at the Republican National Convention he was certified as the 2024 Republican presidential nominee. Also in July, a historic National Eucharistic Congress took place in Indianapolis. On the heels of this, the International Summer Olympic Games were hosted in Paris, France where a blatant, unabashed mockery of the painting of Christ's Last Supper was made. Shortly after this came President Joe Biden's unprecedented withdrawal from his 2024 run for president. In short order, along came Vice President Kamala Harris as the replacement nominee for the Democrat party. At the August National Democratic Convention Kamala Harris was then officially confirmed as their nominee. Next, Robert Kennedy Jr. also withdrew his bid from the race for the presidency.

Now drawing to an end, this summer has been quite an eventful one. Some of what's transpired seems quite concerning. One might wonder if these happenings could possibly have been supernatural, providential, or even diabolical in nature? Questions such as these remain. Hopefully, time will provide the desired answers.

Although not publicized nearly as much as the various secular and cultural counterpart gatherings, the 5 day Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis was truly amazing and very powerful. Along with addition varied sessions, 60,000 Catholics participated in a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Indianapolis, concluding with Benediction in a public square. What an awesome showing of honor and reverence for Our Lord! When the Church is centered and focused on Christ and proclaims His salvation and honors His true presence in the Eucharist, God can reveal His power. That's exactly what He did! Minnesota's Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Eucharistic Congress), even commented that during the 5 days of the Congress countless individuals felt so blessed with a joy-filled unity that it seemed like they were experiencing a foretaste of heaven. Many didn't want to leave and return home. That's a powerful testimony!

Given the fact the United States of America was founded as "one nation under God" this convergence of 60,000 Catholics in Indianapolis for the first Eucharistic Congress in 83 years was quite a remarkable showing of the strength of faith! Surely this was evidence for, as well as the result of the Holy Spirit's flame sparking and being fanned among God's faithful followers and its spread taking place elsewhere here on earth.

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JESUS LEADS THE WAY (continued)

This is important, because we're living in a troubling time when we constantly seem to be witnessing more and more manifestations of Satan's evil rapidly infiltrating our society. Not unrelated is the fact that a predominant take-away message from the Eucharistic Congress was one that we've heard before and that is the fact we all have a mission. Through the waters of our Baptism and our anointing with the Chrism Oil, we have all been commissioned for times such as these in which we are currently living.

Now that the Eucharistic Congress has concluded, how can this fervor in the Eucharistic Revival continue? The mission takes place when those who have been touched decide to take up Jesus' call to share it. The answer then depends on each of us! As individuals, how can we assist and help the momentum of the movement continue moving forward? God wants us to rearrange our priorities and put things in order, First and foremost we can begin with prayer. Remember how earlier I spoke about Our Blessed Mother Mary? Let us fervently turn to her with all our prayer petitions, especially with those for peace in the world, our Church, and our nation. Prayer can be transformative, particularly the Holy Rosary, which Padre Pio has designated as, "The weapon for these times." Fr. Donald Calloway has called the Rosary the spiritual weapon to be unsheathed and prayed in conjunction with Our Blessed Mother's intercession in order to defeat our foes and the enemies of Christ! Fr. Calloway also says, "A rosary a day keeps the devil away!". Why not be a warrior helping with this effort?

If you haven't already done so, you might also want to consider making a consecration of yourself or possibly your entire family to the Eucharist. The spiritual guide *33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY* by *Matthew Kelly* would be a great resource for doing so. Also, if you missed

seeing parts of the Congress or simply want to review or see more of the talks and videos they are all available here: www.eucharisticcongress.org/streaming. You might also want to take advantage of one of the many online resources available that relate to both the Eucharistic Revival as well as the Eucharistic Congress. You may also wish to follow the call to help evangelize through the "Walk with One" initiative. To learn more about this go to: www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one. You might also want to take advantage of EWTN's Eucharistic Devotional Online Learning Series "Jesus Is Waiting for You". For free access go to: ewtn.com/devotion. Last but not least, you might also be interested in helping a child participate in the Eucharist Revival Activity Program. The program is geared to help any Catholic Scout 6 years of age and above to revive their faith and their love of Jesus while completing age appropriate activities and requirements in order to earn a variety of special badges. (My husband and I are thoroughly enjoying working with 4 of our dear grandchildren on several of these).

As followers of Christ, one last point for consideration in this election year is that as faithful Catholic Citizens we need to be informed and discerning voters. Due to the election outcome possibly having profound implications, we're called to be Jesus' Disciples and to follow the good news that He preached. As you prepare to cast your ballots, be prayerful and please consider consulting catholicvote.com. Also, be mindful that a vote isn't a Valentine...it's a chess move for the world in which we'll be living!

In His Love, Your Humble Sister -
Linda Crabtree



WAYS & MEANS



Hi Ladies,

As summer ends our committee's focus turns to our annual Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary's Fall Brunch. With the inspiring theme, *Trust in the Lord, He will rescue you*, we know it will be an enriching morning! We look forward to seeing many of You at Mission San Diego de Alcala on October 26th.

The Fall Brunch is our annual meeting and fundraiser. As always, we reach out to you to donate gift cards for our Silent Auction baskets. All the funds we raise go to our beloved Camp! We count on your continuing generosity. Please send or drop off your gift cards at:

**Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center
4636 Mission Gorge Place, Suite 203
San Diego, CA 92120**

If you need any assistance please call Claudia at (858) 699-4705.

Thanks for your unwavering generosity!

God bless you,
Mattie Scull, Val Spooner, Patricia Viescas, Claudia Penczar
Ways & Means



PARISH LIAISON OPPORTUNITY

One of the ways to be involved with the WWA is to become a "Parish Liaison."

What is that you ask? Well...4 times a year you get the opportunity to help share the events of the WWA with your parish.

How you ask? Well...Many Parishes have an online form to submit a "blurb" for the bulletin. If not, you can submit it to the Parish Office.

We are specifically looking for members to be the liaison for the following Parishes:

**Mater Dei
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Our Mother of Confidence
St. Didacus**

If you have not seen anything in your parish bulletin about the WWA then this might be an opportunity to step up and become the first inaugural Parish Liaison! What a wonderful opportunity!

Hope to hear from you...contact our Communications Chair - Joni Deiters,
Either email works - wwindswa@gmail.com or jdeiters@san.rr.com

AND THE LOVE STORY BEGINS.....



Mo Kojis

**WWWA Past President &
1993 Women of the Year**

Maureen (fondly known as Mo) Kojis met one of the loves of her life on a plane while she was a flight attendant traveling from St. Louis to New York. It was 1967. He was an NBA basketball player. He asked her & other attendants “Would any of you girls like to go to a basketball game – at Madison Square Garden?” In her adventurous spirit she jumped on the opportunity and the rest as they say is history.

Her and Don have three boys Daniel, and the twins Matthew & Mike. Seven grandchildren: Sami, Ainsley, Sela, Auggie, Jimena, Milani, and Colette. While two of her boys moved to North Carolina, one stayed here in San Diego. She adores her grandchildren and daughters-in-laws immensely.

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp plays a large part in her life. Don and co-founder Dr Jerry Tisi founded the camp in 1978. In 1988, the Whispering Winds Women’s Auxiliary began, with Mo on the WWWA board until 2011. The best advice she received while she was the president of WWWA is “Don’t sweat the small stuff; delegate to help get things done.” A motto she enjoys to this day.

Mo’s best friend Marjorie Bialk and her husband recommended they attend Marriage Encounter. On the second day, Mo ended up in the ER so they didn’t finish. She felt they were called to another purpose. Hence, the focus became the camp.

Mo was born into the Methodist faith, but she attended mass with Don and became quite involved with St Therese. She was part of the music team for vacation bible school, took religious classes to become a master catechist, joined the folk group for mass, helped at the parish fish fry, soup suppers, and played a significant role in St. Therese’s school fundraisers and activities.

When Mo and Don attended Cursillo, she discovered a harbored anger toward her father, as he passed just 6 months prior to attending Cursillo. While on the retreat, she found a kindred soul – someone who suffered as a child of an alcoholic like her. This opened her heart wide open to God.

After Cursillo, she was inspired to convert to Catholicism. She took classes and was known as the person who asked so many questions, some even stumped the priest! Her conversion was with a mass at her & Don’s home, with homemade host (legal at the time) and she made her banner to read “I am the light of Christ.” She loves everything about light. Her motto is: Catholics don’t need to shout about our faith, just be the light for others.

Mo stays very active. She volunteers in many capacities at the camp, babysits for the women who attend team school, continues with weekly grouping, drives seniors to doctor

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AND THE LOVE STORY BEGINS..... (continued)

appointments, calls homebound seniors to stay connected and walks frequently with others in her neighborhood. The energizer bunny on steroids! Oh, and by the way, she's a card shark! She loves a good competition!

Her life goal is to make it to heaven (Jesus is her first love, after Don) and join Don there. She stays busy and, humbly and generously. She believes time is a great thing - get involved and make time for praying. Frequent Adoration is her key to peace and acceptance.

Mo's legacy with the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary has been profound. She was recognized as Woman of the Year in 1993, served as President in 2004, and continued serving the board in many capacities.

What scripture reflects Mo? I think Proverbs 31: 25-31 says it all:

*Strength and honor are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of
idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many daughters have done well, But you
excel them all."
Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears the Lord, she
shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.*



Submitted by Kesa Hopkins

A graphic for an Advent event. It features a dark purple background with glowing pink and white bokeh lights, snowflake patterns, and a string of yellow lights. In the foreground, there are several lit purple candles of varying heights. The text is white and centered on the right side.

Advent Night of Reflection
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Nativity Prep
4463 College Avenue, San Diego, CA 92115
6:00 PM
Free / Love Offering
Guest Speaker: Alyssa Vasquez - Religion
Teacher/Director of School Ministry at
Nativity Prep

MY CIRCLE OF LIFE WAS A WRECKED-ANGLE, CONFESSIONS OF A FAITH-FILLED RN

By JUDY P. LEMM



Judy Lemm

I have kept diaries and journals since I received a diary as a gift in the eighth grade. Nursing school brought a number of strange events and funny stories which I rarely get to share with the general public. Armed with all this fodder, I decided to enroll in an Introduction to Memoir Writing class at the public library.

The instructor opened my eyes to the possibility that behind my humor is another story about myself. Perhaps a wound exists and perhaps it may be time for me to dig deep and share. She said, "Humor is hard to write and only a few people have the skill to do it well. Humor is a way of coping and dealing with trauma, stress, or difficult circumstances. A healthy sense of humor is a way of accepting ourselves."

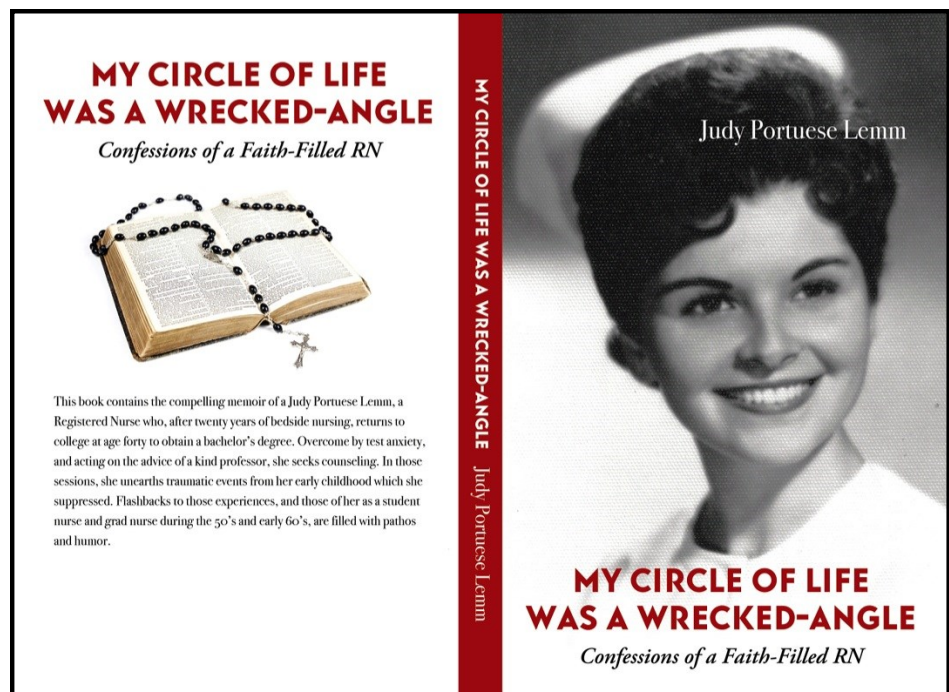
Mark Twain, one of my favorite humorists, wrote; *When you laugh, your mind, body and spirit change.* I have expanded my story to include my traumatic early years. These years include the life-threatening illnesses of my parents the subsequent 180-degree change in my life. We moved from Chicago to California so that my parents could live. I began to heal.

Writing dissipates my repressed anger, guilt, shame and hurt. It energizes my desire to explore me, and to surrender to the idea that God just might love me as I am. I was prompted to write to heal from things for which I did not realize I needed healing. It took many years to recognize that the difficult situations and people in my life, especially those who had hurt me the most, were indeed my spiritual directors. Once I surrendered to forgiveness, I learned that I am okay and that those who hurt me didn't need my fixing for them to be okay too.

**A Special Book
Signing by Judy,
October 26, 2024 at
the WWA Fall
Brunch.**

**You may purchase
Judy's book on
Amazon or by clicking
the button below**

**MY CIRCLE OF LIFE
WAS A WRECKED-
ANGLE**



MY CIRCLE OF LIFE WAS A WRECKED-ANGLE

Confessions of a Faith-Filled RN



This book contains the compelling memoir of a Judy Portuese Lemm, a Registered Nurse who, after twenty years of bedside nursing, returns to college at age forty to obtain a bachelor's degree. Overcome by test anxiety, and acting on the advice of a kind professor, she seeks counseling. In those sessions, she unearths traumatic events from her early childhood which she suppressed. Flashbacks to those experiences, and those of her as a student nurse and grad nurse during the 50's and early 60's, are filled with pathos and humor.

MY CIRCLE OF LIFE WAS A WRECKED-ANGLE Judy Portuese Lemm

Judy Portuese Lemm

**MY CIRCLE OF LIFE
WAS A WRECKED-ANGLE**

Confessions of a Faith-Filled RN

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WWA Mission Statement

Our Mission: As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in WWCC, 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 functions held at the camp, providing monies for scholarships/camperships and projects!