

# Whispers from the Auxiliary

My goodness, how time flies!

The holiday season is upon us, and as 2024 comes to a close, my year as your President of the Women's Auxiliary ends. As I reflect on the many activities, events and meetings our Auxiliary has held this past year, I am forever grateful for all the support and leadership of the women on the governing board and from the general membership.

Our daily 3pm prayer for the success of camp and the generosity of your financial donations make it possible for our beloved camp to thrive and for many children and families to enjoy all the blessings the camp has to offer. Our Lenten evening of reflection, Women's retreat at camp, Fall Brunch fundraising event and (coming soon) our Advent retreat are the outward, visible signs of the gift of grace given to us by our Heavenly Father.

The current event that the Auxiliary is planning is the Advent retreat. Please attend, I look forward to seeing you there!

Another upcoming event in March, 2025 is the annual Whispering Winds Gala. At this event, the Women's Auxiliary will present a big check to the camp for the money that was raised at our Fall Brunch and fundraiser. I am not allowed to disclose the amount of the check in this newsletter because it's a surprise to be revealed at the Gala. I hope many of you are able to attend that fun event and share in the joy of giving.

I look forward to working with Annie Korn in 2025 as she takes on the role of President of the Women's Auxiliary. I have no doubt it will be an exciting and fun year with her at the helm.

Our theme this past year is from Philippians 4:4-9. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers (sisters), whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

Auxiliary women: your kindness is known to all! Think of the great things you have done this past year. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding remain with you always!

Your sister in Christ,  
Angela



*"Called to His  
Purpose"*

*Romans 8:28*

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Advent Night of Reflection  
“Waiting With Mary”

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

## PATH TOWARDS SAINTHOOD

With multiple designated days of celebration, November has long been a favorite month for me. This year was certainly no exception. It began with my oldest grandson (a candle-bearing altar server) accompanying 3 of his siblings processing into Mass on All Saint's Day. One sister was dressed as St. Katerina Tekakwitha, followed by her twin brother as St. Francis of Assisi and their older sister came as St. Cecelia. The vision of these 4 precious grandchildren truly filled my heart with overflowing joy! Simultaneously, this same scene caused me to both pause and also ponder my own personal journey toward sainthood...

With the observance of Veteran's Day we'll again be honoring the countless individuals who've sacrificed and valiantly served our nation. At Thanksgiving we'll then have the extra opportunity to once again offer heartfelt thanks for our abundant blessings. The Sunday that follows will then mark the end of this Liturgical Year. On this Feast of Christ the King, we then have a designated day in which we're given a special opportunity to offer up additional praises and to glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. How awesome it is to have all of these great observances, especially within the space of one month's time!

Come December, we'll not only start a new month and the season of Advent, we'll also begin our new Liturgical Year C. Added to that we'll also head into the 3rd year of the National Eucharistic Revival as well as the 2025 Jubilee Year. During this final year of the Eucharistic Revival, Catholics are being called and challenged to go out on mission and to participate in a heart-to-heart "Walk with One" initiative. To better assist those wishing to participate and help out by walking alongside someone on their faith journey, additional support is being offered online. To access this and related information go to: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church's Jubilee observances, the 2025 Jubilee will commence at 7pm on December 24, 2024. At that time Pope

Francis will preside over an opening Mass in St. Peter's Square. Although a process and not a religious practice to be seen as an end in itself, based on themes of mercy and forgiveness, the Jubilee is a Holy Year. It's a time in which "the Church wishes to recall the importance of rethinking one's existence and asking forgiveness for one's shortcomings, in the certainty that the God of mercy and compassion comes to renew and reconcile us." The theme "Pilgrims of Hope" that the Holy Father has chosen for this Jubilee also serves to remind us all that one can truly put oneself at the service of others, especially when we're anchored by the Lord.

With it rapidly approaching, down below I have included the official 2025 Jubilee Prayer for your reference and reflection. Additional info about the 2025 Jubilee can be found by going well to: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>.

Through the intercession of all the heavenly saints above, may we all courageously tread on our own humble, earthly paths to holiness!

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawakened in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawakened in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

With love and gratitude - Linda Crabtree -  
Spiritual Director

## WWWA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Now it is my privilege to honor the woman of the year. This award is given each year to an active member of the Auxiliary who is dedicated to our mission. This plaque is given as a symbol of our appreciation for the dedication to the success of our beloved Whispering Winds camp.



Our mission of the auxiliary is ...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!

I was going to read a bunch of stuff about this woman and hold you in suspense while you try to figure out who it is but that would be impossible. Because for the first time, this award is being given to 2 women.

### Gloria Rosales & Marla Carter



Gloria raised 5 children, has 23 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. And she is only 49 years old.

Marla grew up in a family of 7 and then chose to have 6 children of her own with her special husband Chris. Marla's parents, Bernice & Frank Mascari, were part of the founding families of the camp. When they decided to start family camps, Marla supported the endeavor with many hours of helping execute the programs. Many summers she was at camp serving with her little kids as she understood the great value of families spending quality time in the mountains - growing closer to God and each other. When Bernice and Kathy Brown started the auxiliary in 1988, Marla gave a helping hand wherever needed.

More than 10 years ago, Marla and Gloria took a committed active role on the Auxiliary \hospitality committee. Marla and Gloria are beyond creative. There is not one single word that can describe the different ideas, visions and environments they have dreamed up and

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## WOMAN OF THE YEAR (CONTINUED)

brought to life. A basic room becomes a magical showplace in their hands. Examples are gardens have come alive on stage, the scene of heaven feels real when you enter their decorated room and evening reflections in a candle-lit room brings peace to a weary soul.

Marla and Gloria were remarkable in the way they supported the Whispering Winds branded programs at camp. The environment they helped create at the Senior Moment retreat and lending their touch to the family camps helped the guests feel special and enabled them to easily enter into the presence of God at camp.

The word hospitality has many secular meanings, but the spiritual meaning of hospitality is what Marla and Gloria demonstrated for over a decade. In creating a welcoming environment, they have shared God's love and built meaningful relationships with others. And their act of of sacrificial giving me, talent and treasure have helped grow the auxiliary community, creating deeper bonds.

Hebrews 13:2 reminds us to "not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." By welcoming others into Whispering Winds, Marla and Gloria certainly have encountered many angels, many of you are here today, as they served Christ Himself. The love, energy and care they put toward the environment allowed for many deep connections to be formed. Their boundless hospitality of smiles, hugs and handshakes was a catalyst for meaningful conversations and life-changing moments.

Ultimately, Marla and Gloria's hospitality is a reflection of God's character. Throughout the Bible, we see God's hospitality towards His people, providing for their needs and inviting them into His presence. That is what these two remarkable ladies do as they practice hospitality, sharing God's love and grace to those around them.

If you've been at an event that Marla and Gloria decorated, you've felt special - like a daughter of the King. Today, let us honor them as just that - a royal pair who are God's beloved daughters of the King!

Thank you and Congratulations!



# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL BRUNCH

## CELEBRATING SISTERHOOD: INSPIRING STORIES, LASTING CONNECTIONS

Our recent Women's Auxiliary Annual Brunch was an inspiring gathering filled with fellowship, connection, and community spirit. Attendees enjoyed a lively Silent Auction and were deeply moved by our speakers Judy Lemm and Julia Chadwell, who shared their powerful life stories.

WWWA Vice President Annie Korn presented a camper's heartfelt testimony, reminding us all of the Auxiliary's mission to pray for the camp and provide scholarships, ensuring all are welcome on our Holy ground. The excitement continued with a successful Paddle Raise, and we had the honor of presenting not one but two remarkable Women of the Year awards to Gloria Rosales and Marla Carter!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in support of this meaningful event—from the stunning décor and heartfelt music to the joy of celebrating the camp we love so much.



Photos courtesy of Chris Villalobos and Whispering Winds Catholic Camp & Conference Center

## WAYS & MEANS

Our October 26th annual WWVA Brunch was a success in all ways. We started with Mass, then visited with old friends and new, had a great breakfast, great speakers, etc. Our committee focus, of course, were the Silent Auction and Raffle. We don't have the final totals but we know from the original numbers that both the auction and raffle were successful! Patricia Viescas and Lisa Moritz sold tickets until seconds before the drawings-great job, girls.

Our unwavering thanks goes to the WWVA members who donated gift cards and items that made up the Silent Auction! We had original artwork, a beautiful quilt made by Sarah Scull and other unique items. Without you we have no auction. You always respond generously to our requests for donations! Each time we are overwhelmed with your gifts.

Special thanks to Matisse Guillen who patiently assisted us and solved any problems with the auction and other areas of the Brunch! The WW Office staff makes our success possible. After trips to the storage units and accumulating our items, we had an amazing morning creating the baskets. Besides our committee Denise Casinelli and Vicki Youngers helped us in so many ways! Thanks to Rae O'Rourke for the beautiful bows.

All the help we received made for a speedy cleanup!  
Lastly, thanks to the younger and stronger girls who helped Mattie and I quickly load the car. As we know, it takes ALL of us!

God bless,  
Mattie Scull, Val Spooner, Patricia Viescas, and Claudia Penczar



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## THE POWER OF PURPOSE



**Bernice Mascari**  
**WWWA Founder, Past**  
**President & 1991 Women**  
**of the Year**

Many of you know how the auxiliary began...that in 1988 (when Ronald Reagan was president!). Bernice Mascari was asked to start a women's auxiliary to support the newly developing Catholic camp in Julian. But did you know that initially, Bernice was reluctant to form an auxiliary, having the impression that auxiliaries were just for high falutin socialite types and not for her. But then she thought twice. If she could have a "Timothy" (Kathy Brown) to her "Paul" she would do it. And so she did...with much prayer and a purpose! That initial spark soon ignited into a Whispering Winds sisterhood of trailblazing women who are called to God's purpose.

With the guiding scripture from Romans 8:28, "*We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love Him and are called to his purpose*", the auxiliary grew and set out to pray and work to build the camp. And so we continue that mission today, 36 years later!

Bernice was raised all her life as a San Diego girl. One momentous day in her teens, Bernice snuck into a dance at St. Augustine High School. While sitting against the wall of the gym waiting to dance, the chaperone priest approached her asking who she was and how she got in. Overhearing this interrogation, Frank Mascari swooped in and said, "Hey, chick, you wanna dance?" And dancing they've done for 70 years gaining 7 children, 37 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren along the way!

Now Bernice was raised a good Baptist girl, believing from the start that "Jesus loves me this I know". But when Papa Mascari heard that Frank intended to marry her, he would only give his blessing if she converted to Catholicism. Bernice complied and grew to love the church, serving in many ways from Eucharistic Minister to volleyball coach at Santa Sophia Academy to having all her children baptized in the faith.

In the midst of raising her family, a turning point or more likely a wake-up call happened to Bernice. Frank and Bernice loved to party, drink and socialize. Their family looked picture-perfect with life under control until the news that their oldest daughter, just a teenager, was pregnant. This brought Bernice to her knees. She knew she was not living her faith nor was she living for her family. Her "perfect" life came tumbling down. The Lord sent a deacon to the house with sage advice, "Let your daughter know you love her and that she can stay at home and have her baby." This act of courage and trust changed all their lives. The focus turned from partying to family time, family prayer, sundaes on Sunday and deep sharings about how God was moving in their lives.

During this time, Bernice and Frank made a Cursillo and a Marriage Encounter which fortified their faith and launched them into service. At Santa Sophia they started a dynamic parish-wide Bible Study. They were rectors for Cursillo. They organized prayer groups and Life in the Spirit Seminars. However, it was after a visit to Forest Home (a Christian camp in Forest Falls, CA) that they were filled with a mission to share this camping experience with Catholic families.

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## THE POWER OF PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

With a heart driven by compassion for families, Bernice started Family Camps at Whispering Winds with the hope of strengthening God's presence in families. She knew first hand how critical it was to put God first in families, to make Jesus real, and she knew that a camp for families was the perfect vehicle. For 35 years, Family Camps have ministered to and strengthened family ties at Whispering Winds. Then 14 years ago, Bernice started a "Senior Moments" retreat which has been an incredible blessing as we reach the second half of life.

Bernice shared that, "Whispering Winds has filled my heart with hope for the family in the church. It is a special place I go to feel God's presence and remember all the people that have touched my life." At this stage in her life, as she approaches her ninth decade and with the passing of her beloved Frank, Bernice is living "acceptance". "Gratitude and acceptance is where God has me in my spiritual journey. I take one day at a time, knowing I have the word of God with me daily."

The special legacy Bernice wishes to leave us is to know that SHE LOVED and that she wants us each to know of God's unfailing love. If you have ever prayed with Bernice or spent any time with her, you know the depth of her love and that she is a mighty instrument of God's grace. It pours out of her heart where Jesus abides. She lives the advice she gives to us, that is, to keep our eyes on Jesus, to seek His face, His ways, His word.

We thank the Lord for this remarkable founding "mother", Bernice, for her faithful obedience to God's call to build His kingdom at Whispering Winds. Thank you, Bernice, for your YES to the Lord (and to Don!). How it has blessed so many lives! Your life is a gift that will keep giving through the tradition and work you have started at the camp, through the auxiliary and above all, through your great LOVE.

Submitted by Chris Villalobos

*Save the Date*

**WHISPERING WINDS 2025 GALA**

**MARCH 1, 2025**  
HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT

**REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN  
EARLY JANUARY 2025!**

Want to be a 2025 Gala Sponsor? Contact  
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### WWWA Mission Statement

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