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Admission packages are on sale now for the benefit event-within-an-event. The auction portion of Boots and Blessings will run from Monday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 8, benefiting our perpetual charity - the MCCW Endowed Co-Sponsored Seminarian Scholarship.

Every admission package includes access to:

- Starter pack of opportunity tickets, based on your package price
- Ability to use opportunity tickets to win one of four great MCCW prizes (check out the Boots and Blessings site to find out just what we have in store for you!)
- Online access for one bidder





President's Letter Dear Sisters in Christ,

Are you ready to celebrate? Our Faux Fiesta Forum starts in just a few days, and we are excited!

This has, no doubt, been a wild roller coaster of a year, but our team decided we wouldn't let it get us down. With the grace and strength of God on our side, we decided we would push through and plan the very best ever Faux Fiesta Forum.

(Yes, we are also praying fervently that it is also the ONLY Faux Fiesta Forum we ever have to plan!)

We realized that what we were really yearning for in our own lives was connection. We miss hugging our friends. We miss fellowship and chatting with our priests after Mass. We miss preparing a yummy dish to share at CWOC. And depending on where you live, some of us are still missing getting to go to Mass, getting to spend time with Jesus in adoration, or receiving God's limitless grace through reconciliation. And while we can't bring all of those things to you, the Faux Fiesta Forum will bring you some of your very favorite things and give you many opportunities to *connect* with our faith, re*unite* with friends, and be *inspired* by our shared faith.

This special issue of *The Well* is dedicated to our Faux Fiesta Forum — enjoy all the fun in these pages and then be sure you join us in the coming weeks for all the fun, formation, and friends you're craving

Yours in Christ, Kim Miller, MCCW-Worldwide President 2018-2020



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Forum Keynote Speakers

Wishing you could hear from the keynote speakers who were supposed to join us in San Antonio? Us too! Don't worry though - you can still find out what they have to say by picking up one of their books, listening to a podcast, or checking out one of their websites.



Jennifer Fulwiler

(Our first speaker: we were looking forward to kicking off Forum with what was sure to be a hilarious and compelling keynote by Jennifer!)

After being told that there wasn't an audience for standup comedy done by a minivan-driving woman from the suburbs, Jenifer Fulwiler self-produced her own comedy tour, selling out across the country. As a mother of six children and a best selling author, she has much to share about her conversion to Catholicism, raising a large family, and how you can use your personal passions to reinvigorate your life.

Jennifer's books include:

- The memoir of her journey to Christ: "Something Other Than God: How I Passionately Sought Happiness and Accidentally Found It"
- "One Beautiful Dream: The Rollicking Tale of Personal Passions, Family Chaos, and Saying

Yes to Them Both"; described as an "intimate look at the struggles Jen went through while trying to find some way to use her God-given gifts while still putting her family first."

"Your Blue Flame: Drop the Guilt and Do What Makes You
Come Alive"; her newest book which she describes as the place where she "lay[s] out all of my secrets for pursuing your passions in the midst of a busy life. It's an invitation to discover what makes you come alive and go do it. Whether it's launching a business that you hope will grow into an empire, or simply, arranging flowers once a week, this is your wakeup call to do the work that you were destined to do."

Ways to stay in touch:

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Katie Prejean McGrady (Katie was scheduled to speak at our April Forum dates, but would have been unable to join us for our November dates due to the recent birth of her daughter! Congrats Katie and family!)

As a mother to two beautiful girls, Katie Prejean is also a dynamic and engaging Catholic speaker and author with a passion for sharing the Faith. She has traveled internationally, speaking to audiences of all ages on everything from the Eucharist, pursuing a relationship with Jesus, models and methods of evangelization, ice cream flavors, and the best shows to watch on Netflix. Katie is a columnist for Catholic News Service and a writer for Blessed Is She, the Grotto Network, Life Teen, and America magazine. She has appeared on EWTN, Catholic TV, Radio Maria, Sirius XM's Catholic Channel. Together with her husband, Tommy, she co-hosts a podcast they named The Electric Waffle. The couple has also co-authored two devotional booklets for teens.

Katie's other books include:

"Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus": How well do you know Jesus? Like, REALLY know him? Catholic author



and speaker Katie Prejean McGrady shares sometimes embarrassing, often humorous, and always inspiring stories about how she came to know and love Jesus, and shows you can too, through prayer, scripture, sacraments, and service. Winner of a 2019 Association of Catholic Publishers Award: Teen Books (First Place)

"Room 24: Adventure of a New Evangelist"; Five years after she graduated from high school, teacher, youth minister, and sought-after speaker Katie Prejean McGrady returned to her alma mater in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to teach freshman theology. In the early years of her career, McGrady's hormonal, sometimes grumpy, and often confused students taught her what it means to evangelize. Her frequently witty and always candid stories-and the ten lessons she offers-will inspire anyone who works with youth in the Church today.

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Lisa Hendey

(When we rescheduled Forum to November and learned that Katie would be unable to join us, we asked Lisa to be our second keynote. She agreed, and we were so excited because she is great! She has also agreed to be one of our keynotes for our virtual events - so you will still get to hear from this

amazing woman!)

Lisa M. Hendey travels internationally giving workshops on faith, family, and Catholic news media topics. She is the host of "Lisa Hendey & Friends" on Breadbox Media and continues to write as a bestselling author. Her newest

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release, a children's book called "I'm a Saint in the Making" is described as offering "simple but impactful suggestions for ways children can offer acts of prayer, service, and love." Lisa is also the co-host of "Catholic MomCast", a production of Holy Cross Family Ministries and



CatholicMom.com, which is the website she founded. Each week, CatholicMom. com offers a variety of children's activities designed to help children learn from the Sunday Liturgy of the Word. The website was acquired by Holy Cross Family Ministries in

2016 and also features columns on a wide variety of adult subjects ranging from Catholic breast feeding to Natural Family Planning and features a Catholic Book Club among other interests. In addition to authoring more than a dozen books, Lisa's writing has also been featured in articles for The National Catholic Register, Our Sunday Visitor and The Catholic Digest. She is a regular contributor to the daily EWTN radio program, the SonRise Morning Show, speaking on topics related to family and technology.

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Still looking for more from great Catholic speakers? Don't miss our four keynotes during Faux Fiesta Forum: Lisa Hendey, Emily Jaminet, Mary Lenaburg, and Sister Nancy Rose Gucwa.





When you join us for your region's ladies night, consider grabbing one of these fun drinks or a creation of your own!

Fiesta Cucumber Mint Agua Fresca

2 English cucumber, sliced
½ cup freshly squeezed lime juice
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 cup fresh mint leaves
1 inch piece fresh ginger, chopped
1 ¼ cup water

This easy fiesta agua fresca is great as a large batch or individual servings. Dump the cut-up cucumber, freshly squeezed lime juice, sugar, most of the mint leaves, fresh ginger, and half of the water in a blender. There's no need to peel the cucumber or the ginger in this recipe as everything will be strained out later. Blend well. Once pureed, pour the agua fresca through a sieve to remove the pulp. Add the rest of the water, stir. To serve, pour the agua fresca into glasses filled with ice and garnish with more fresh mint. Sip, and ahhh!

Ave Maria Margarita (adapted from Ina Garten)

tbsp lime juice
 tsp lemon or other citrus juice
 Kosher salt for the rim
 oz. triple sec
 oz. white tequila
 ice for serving

If you like margaritas served in a glass with salt, rub the outside rims with a cut lime and dip each glass lightly into a plate of kosher salt.

Combine the lime juice, other citrus juice, Triple Sec, tequila, and ice in a blender and puree. Place extra ice in a cocktail shaker. Fill with margarita mix, shake well, and strain into glasses. Enjoy!

It's Fall Y'all

Inspired by our Director of Communications, Bevin Landrum, this cocktail has Southern sass, Italian bubbles, and fall spices. Makes two servings. 2 oz. spiced rum 4 oz. unfiltered apple cider

- 6 oz. prosecco
- Cinnamon and sugar mixed for the rim

Wet the rim of a flute with apple cider. Cover the rim with cinnamon and sugar. Combine the rum and apple cider in a shaker with ice. Pour half of this mixture into the champagne flute. Top with 3 oz of prosecco. Garnish with a dash of cinnamon.

The Spice Girl

A virgin beverage with all the flavor and fun! 8 oz. spiced apple cider, unfiltered Cinnamon and sugar to rim the glass Small orange wedge

Wet the rim of the flute with a bit of apple cider. Cover the rim of the glass with the cinnamon sugar mixture. Fill the flute with the apple cider and garnish with the orange wedge.



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Angelus Printable Prayer Card

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

- R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- R. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

- *R*. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- R. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. And the Word was made flesh:

- R. And dwelt among us.
- V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- R. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.





Juide to Finding yo Virtual Forum Module By: Nancy Belmont, Director of Faith Formation

> One of the challenges of virtual Forum is translating the inperson leadership development modules into a dynamic and engaging online format. After collaborating with our MCCW President, Kim Miller pirit), I believe we've hit that

(and the Holy Spirit), I believe we've hit that balance with our module *"Finding Your Fiat: Listening and Responding to God's Call."*

This module will help women identify role models from scripture, such as Our Blessed Mother, Zechariah, Elijah, and St. Paul, who said yes to God's plan — sometimes after struggle. We strive to help participants develop ways to listen and respond to God's call despite difficulties. Activities include teaching, group discussion, guided Lectio Divina, time for personal reflection, and some fun surprises.

I will present this 90-minute interactive module via Zoom, utilizing both the teaching platform and breakout rooms to facilitate discussion. I will present the module twice, once in the morning and once in the evening, to capture participation from around the globe. Join me on Friday, Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. EST/4:30 p.m. Central European Time and Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. EST /1 p.m. Pacific/8:00 a.m. Korean Standard Time.

If your CWOC is able to meet in person, why not plan your gathering around this module? We'd love it if your group joined us live. While we won't cast the Zoom sessions live to Facebook, we will record each live Zoom session (but not the breakout room discussions to encourage openness,) and post the videos to our website after they are edited. If your CWOC isn't currently meeting in person, join us live on Zoom, or use the pre-recorded module to facilitate a virtual event for your chapel group. That way, you can listen to the teaching and pause the video to facilitate inperson discussion.

How to Prepare

Here are some key scripture excerpts and Catechism of the Catholic Church sections to review before the module and to have on hand for the presentation:

Luke 1: 5-25, 64.; Luke 1: 26-38, 1 Kings 19:11-13, 1 Thess. 5: 13-22; CCC 1, 27 and 30.



We are offering some suggested questions for small group discussion:

- 1. Can you think of a time when fear or doubt kept you from saying "yes" to God?
- 2. How did that work out and what did you learn from that situation?
- 3. Can you think of a time when you trusted in God despite uncertainty, putting yourself at his disposal to be an instrument of His will?
- 4. How did that work out, and what did you learn from that situation?
- 5. What obstacles have kept you from saying "yes" to God?
- 6. How can we make sure God's volume is not muted, not muffled by silliness or even legitimate concerns, but turned up?
- 7. How do you quiet yourself so you can listen for God's will?
- 8. What words or phrases stood out from this exercise in Divine Reading?
- 9. How did God speak to you through the Scriptures?
- 10. Did He call you in a special way?

Note: Pre-registration is required.

If you'd like to join us live on Zoom, please pre-register for these modules by going to our website: <u>http://mccw.org/mccw-news/</u>. *Registration closes 48 hours before the start of each event*.



"It is hard to find a more constant backdrop to home life than food."¹ Whether we realize it or not, food is one of the many aspects of life that bond us together. As a child, we had a Sunday tradition in my family. After Mass, we would all go to my grandmother's house. The adults would gather in the dining and living rooms, while the cousins gathered in the back room (because that's where the TV was located.)

My grandmother was the master chef at Sunday brunch. Sunday after Sunday, we would gather, eat and inevitably, the kids would all make our way to the living room to visit with the adults before everyone returned home.

As a military spouse, I have a deeper appreciation for the rooted traditions that my family chose to live each week. I thought after having children it would be easy for me to employ these same traditions. I was clearly delusional.

Don't get me wrong, there are some things I chose to keep, like the weekly calls to the grandparents and great-grandparents in lieu of Sunday dinner, since we were stationed 1200 miles away. Yet, there also were a number of times I found something that I thought would be perfect for our family and would boldly proclaim, "this is going to be our new tradition," only to forget about it the following year. One of the beautiful things about our Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) groups, when we are able to meet in person, is the plethora of dining choices we bring to each meeting. Lots of quiches for the morning meetings not to be outdone by the casseroles that appear for an evening study. Food is, without question, one of the ways we express our love for each other and our faith. There are plenty of foods, dishes, recipes, and drinks associated with Catholicism. With Advent quickly approaching, I thought I would highlight a couple of recipes that would assist you in your FIAT to faith and family, no matter where your kitchen happens to be.

November 17 – Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Raised a princess and subject to an arranged marriage, Elizabeth was generous with the poor in her community, giving them bread to eat. One day, while on her way to feed the poor, her husband, who was always supportive of her generosity, asked what she had in her apron. She replied that she was carrying roses. When her husband asked to see them, she opened her apron to find roses instead of the bread she originally left with. This is one of the reasons she is often pictured with an apron full of roses (instead of bread).

*St. Elizabeth's Bread*² Ingredients:

5 cups all purpose flour, sifted
2 packages rapid-rise yeast
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup honey
¼ cup butter
2 tablespoons cinnamon
1 tablespoon nutmeg
⅔ cup milk
2 eggs beaten

2 tablespoons butter, melted for glaze

Directions:

- Grease 9 x 13 inch cake pan. Mix flour, yeast and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Heat honey, butter, cinnamon, nutmeg and milk until warm, about 40 seconds. Combine with flour mixture. Add eggs and knead on a floured board until smooth, adding more flour or milk if needed.
- Rub a bowl with butter and place dough inside covered with a damp cloth. Leave in a warm place for 20-30 minutes. Knead again and divide into 4-inch balls.
- 3. To create a rose shaped bread roll, roll a ball into three (3) ropes, reserving a small amount. Braid the strands and attach the ends to form a circle. Roll the reserved amount into a ball and place in the middle of the circle.
- 4. Place the shaped rolls into the cake pan and let them sit in a warm place for 20 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees, 35-45 minutes, until golden brown, Just before the end of baking, glaze rolls with melted butter, then return to the oven for a few minutes.

November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew

Known as Andrew the Apostle and brother to Simon-Peter, Andrew was with his brother when Jesus invited them to become fishers of men. The gospels do not elaborate much on him but we do know that he was martyred by crucifixion on a cross form known as "crux

decussata," which is an X-shaped cross. Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus.

As the patron saint of Scotland, here is a recipe for *Scottish Lamb with Onion and Potatoes*.³

Ingredients:

3-4 lbs shoulder of lamb, trimmed of excess fat
1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
4 medium onions, sliced
4 cloves of garlic, crushed
2 sprigs fresh rosemary, chopped
4 lbs potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1 quart lamb or chicken stock

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 475°F. Season the lamb with freshly ground pepper and roast in a medium roasting tray in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Lower the heat to 350°F. Remove the lamb from the tray and pour off the excess fat.
- 2. While the lamb is roasting, heat the oil in a pan, add the onions, cover, and cook for 5

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minutes till soft. Remove the cover from the pan, add the garlic and rosemary and cook for a further 5 minutes. Remove the onions from the pan.

- Place a layer of potatoes into the roasting tray and lightly season with black pepper. Lay 1/3 of the cooked onions onto the potatoes, repeat this process until you have three or four layers of potatoes and onions.
- 4. Bring the lamb/chicken stock to the boil and pour over the potatoes, press down with a spoon till the potatoes are all submerged.
- 5. Place the lamb on top and return to the preheated oven and continue to cook for 3 hours.
- 6. The lamb should be meltingly tender and the potatoes and onions should have absorbed the stock and lamb juices.
- Serve with Scottish seasonal vegetables of your choice – most types of cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots are in season in November.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of te Americas. She appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec convert to Christianity, on December 9 and again on December 12, 1531. During her first apparition, she requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City). The bishop, however, demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church. Mary then appeared a second time to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his cloak, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor and revealing the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of the cloak. The bishop accepted this and approved the request. In total, Mary appeared five times.

Mexican Wedding Cookies ⁴ Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened
8 tablespoons of powdered sugar
2 cups flour
1 cup chopped walnuts*
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon milk
Bag of powdered sugar (to roll cookies in after baked)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Spray sheets with non-stick spray.
- 3. Mix all the ingredients together with a mixer.
- 4. Roll the dough into walnut-sized balls and place on cookie sheets.
- 5. Bake 10-12 min, Cool then shake in a plastic bag of powdered sugar.

*Nuts are optional

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