

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, March 23, 2013, 9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703-960-3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Pacheco. Stephanie, raised Protestant but only an occasional churchgoer, became a liberal agnostic by her freshman year of college. An agnostic doesn't reject the idea of God completely, but neither believes nor disbelieves in His existence. She met her future husband Will, who helped her realize that there is no middle ground – you either believe in God or you don't. She switched her major to Religious Studies and went on to earn a Master's Degree in orthodox Catholic theology from Christendom College, converting to Catholicism in 2007. She and Will now have a strong Catholic life, and attend St. James Church where Stephanie teaches religious education. She is also a lecturer on monasticism and morality. Stephanie feels her calling is to evangelize those questioning God's existence, but more importantly to raise her child and future children to know the love of Christ. Come and bring a guest to hear this remarkable story of repentance and conversion!

Cost: \$15, Full Breakfast Included. For tickets call: Kathleen Murray (703) 451-5737, Cathy Czaja (703) 354-8331, Patti Davis (703) 971-3633, Edelmira Cruz (703) 266-4850, Gail Coates (301) 247-2442.

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Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower. The date was changed due to the Holy Week. Please make a note.**



Cost: \$15. Men are welcome. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Bring something for the newborns/AAA.

Our next breakfast will be May 25, 2013. Bring your friends and don't miss an opportunity to be blessed at this special breakfast dedicated to the coronation of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Bring flowers for her crowning.

Develop your spiritual gifts at our Life In The Spirit Seminar on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at St. Louis Catholic Church at 2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria Virginia, 22306 – only 3 miles south of the Beltway (Route 1 South goes right to Popkins Lane). Mass is at 8:45 a.m. with the seminar starting immediately after around 9:30. Call Patti for more info and for required pre-registration.

Bible Study: Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (703) 642-8378

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Lunch is served. If you're staying, bring something to share. Stella: (703) 971-3633

Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532

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CWIA Bylaws

1. To worship, praise and glorify God in all areas of the members' lives.
2. To win souls for Jesus Christ, especially those not reached by commonly used methods of evangelism.
3. To share with believers and non-believers the full gospel of Jesus Christ, including Jesus as Lord and Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Deliverer and Healer.
4. To work for spiritual unity among Christian believers.
5. To foster fellowship among women, especially the elderly, widowed, separated, single mothers, and the incarcerated.
6. To encourage women to participate in the activities of their local church.
7. To help women recognize their proper role and relationship according to the scripture.
8. To provide outreach meetings, bible studies, workshops, and weekend retreats for spiritual growth.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus!!

“The Lord is our Light and our Salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of our lives, of whom shall we be afraid?” Psalm 27:1-3

It is difficult to watch or read the news these days without becoming alarmed and afraid; we are constantly being confronted with news of terrorism and war threats, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, etc., etc...

Without God’s intervention, there is nothing to save us from utter destruction. Matthew 24:45-46 tells us of the glorious conclusion: “Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his master has set over his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find doing good.”

In my letter last September, I spoke about touching the world with God’s love – the most dynamic challenge is to demonstrate love to others. In November’s letter I spoke about the Father’s gift of Grace which we may accept by faith in Jesus Christ, and what the Father accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today I want to speak to you about TRUE FAITH. True faith means acting in response to the authentic word of God, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The lives of the saints provide us with innumerable examples of authentic faith. It was Peter’s strong faith that, in spite of his weaknesses and sins, made him climb out of the boat and walk on the water to Jesus. It was St. Francis Xavier’s strong faith that made him tirelessly undertake primitive and difficult travel from Europe to India to Japan for the sake of the Gospel. It was Pope John XXIII’s strong faith that made him convoke the Second Vatican Council and pray for a new Pentecost in our day.

And each of us will know among our own circle of parents, friends, neighbors, teachers and leaders, some people of great faith who have influenced us. Truly, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses of the faith.” (Heb. 12:1)

One appealing characteristic of people of genuine faith is their childlike attitude of humility and gratitude, as they realize who God is, and how they owe everything to His love and mercy. “Boasting of one’s self becomes unthinkable” (Rom. 3:27), but one’s boast is of “God who has done great things for me.” (Lk. 1:49) Hence, praise and worship of God become characteristics of a people of renewed faith.

But the Bible insists that “Faith without works is dead” (Jas. 2:17) and “Anyone who does not love [neighbor] does not know God” (1Jn 4:8). Hence, compassion and self-giving service, looking for no reward in this world, but being invincibly convinced that the Lord will be their reward, are likewise important characteristics of people of authentic faith. May their tribe increase!

We have the God-given ability to believe, to have faith in ourselves and in our fellow man. Christ has told us, “According to your faith, be it unto you”. What a wonderful promise in these words. We have only to put our problems before Him with a humble and faithful heart, and to believe with the simple faith of a little child, and we are promised His guidance and help. If our problems are big, then our prayers should be equally big! The minute we believe that He has answered our prayers, they have been accomplished!

This past week I was bombarded by Satan with things. If you see it in the flesh eye, there is no way out. My spirit was crushed, but only for a few hours, until I said “I will not fight this battle alone. The Lord is my Savior and I give it all to you. I believe you are the God of the impossible.” As soon as I said that, my peace and joy came back and all I have to do is pray and wait for the Lord to move this mountain in front of me.

To God be the glory! He is still in control of our lives!

Your Servant In Christ,

Stella Davis