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A Ministry to Catholics

You are invited to our prayer breakfast meeting on **Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. **Men and women are welcome.** For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Please refer to our website for updates: [www.cwiaholyspirit.org](http://www.cwiaholyspirit.org)  
**Remember to bring a flower for Mama Mary.** Grace Keogh will crown our Blessed Mother, accompanied by her brother Jonathan Keogh.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Fadwa Nasser.** Dr. Nasser was born and raised in Sudan. She grew up in a strong Catholic family in a nation that is predominantly Muslim. As a child, she was educated in a Catholic school run by the Camboni missionaries in Khartoum. Fadwa studied and graduated from the University of Khartoum School of Dentistry. At the age of 24, she fled the Sudan and came to the United States as a refugee. Dr. Fadwa pursued her dental career at New York State University, and currently owns a dental practice in Falls Church, Virginia. She married in 2002, and was blessed with two beautiful children. Her story is a journey of faith and trust in God and His great mercy. Her faith and trust has been tried and strengthened at an early age through the pain of her parents' divorce, and her own. Her deep devotion to the Church, the sacraments, and prayer was her saving grace. She knows firsthand the healing power of the sacraments, and how blessings can flow through the good fight against tribulations. Dr. Fadwa, a long-time member of CWIA, is Spirit-



filled and has a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. She accompanied CWIA board members to Columbia and served the poorest of the poor with dental services. Come and hear her powerful faith-filled story.



**Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, July 26, 2014.**

**Bible Study:** Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (703) 642-8378  
**Intercessory Prayer Meetings:** Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Stella: (703) 971-3633  
**Prayer Chain:** Clara - (202) 244-7532

## CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, May 24, 2014**

**9:00 am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower**

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

**For more info or tickets, call Patti at (703) 971-3633.**

**Cost: \$15 - Full Breakfast**

**For tickets call:** Kathleen Murray (703) 451-5737, Patti Davis (703) 971-3633, Edelmira Cruz (703) 266-4850, Gail Coates (301) 247-2442.

*Please Note: The meeting date was changed to the 24<sup>th</sup> due to one of our members becoming a Priest on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, giving many of us the opportunity to attend his ordination.*

# My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

In April we celebrated the Easter Season. Easter Season is a wonderful time of the year – and it's made all the more special when we take time to reflect on the blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus, because of His death and resurrection, and all that Christ attained for us. To keep our hearts freshly aware of the wonders, we could all use a reminder of the amazing blessings that are ours because Christ died and rose again.



Just consider this: Christianity stands upon the foundation of the cross and the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:14). Without this foundation, our faith would be worthless, and we would have no hope of heaven. But since Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and was then raised from the grave, we have been forgiven and granted eternal life. Now our lives are infused with direction and purpose. Furthermore, Christ's resurrection power flows through us, enabling us to live in a manner worthy of our Lord and Savior.

If we will start living daily and walking in the light of the Cross and the resurrection, our thoughts, our attitudes, and even our responses to the troubles and cares of this world will be dramatically changed. So, let's consider the blessings we have through Christ our Savior.

First of all, "Our citizenship is in heaven." (Phil. 3:20). Although we presently live here on earth, our true home is now officially in heaven. The Philippians, to whom Paul originally addressed this statement, would have understood the significance of citizenship because Philippi was a Roman colony. Everyone in Philippi became a citizen of the Roman Empire on their day of birth, with all the rights and opportunities that Roman citizenship granted. That is exactly what happened when we were baptized (renewed) again as God's children. We entered into His Kingdom by the new birth and received all the privileges and protections of citizenship. Knowing that heaven is our home not only helps us hold the world's pleasures and pursuits loosely, but it also gives us encouragement and hope to persevere through life's hardships and heartaches. Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Romans 2:27). This registration in Christ's Kingdom is important, because it verifies that we belong to Jesus and entitles us to life in heaven. Have you ever wondered how God is going to keep all our names straight? What if there is more than one Stella? Well, you can be sure there is NO CONFUSION in heaven! THE Lord knows each one of us and He has inscribed our names in His Book – never to be erased!



God promises to give us resurrected bodies – perfectly suited for our heavenly home. (1 Cor. 15:48-54). We won't have to pour any more time and effort into maintaining and beautifying these old bodies that are wasting away. Christ's resurrection guarantees that we too will be raised with strong, perfect, glorious and immortal bodies! 1 John 3:2 tells us we will be like Christ – not in facial or specific physical attributes, but in character. We will become the people God ultimately intended that we be.

Finally, have you ever met someone who is never satisfied? No matter how much they have, they always think they need more. But financial investments can never guarantee true security. Our savings could disappear in a moment, or we could die before ever spending it. But as Christians, we never have to worry about the future, because our inheritance is "imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4) for those who choose to follow Jesus. "Love, forgive, serve and give generously." (Luke 6:35). When we live in light of the cross, we will have a heavenly focus. Keep your eyes upon Jesus!

**In His Love, My Prayers,**  
*Stella Davis*