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I will fear **no evil**,
for **You** are with me.

CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2015
9:00 am – Noon

SPRINGFIELD EMBASSY SUITES
8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150
Phone: 571-339-2000
Near Metro BLUE Line–Springfield

For info/tickets, call Patti: (703) 971-3633
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Cost: \$20 - Full Buffet Breakfast

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**...BUT
GOD**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in His wonderful Name! What a great gift God has given us in Papa Francis!!! Those of us that went, or watched via television, can truly say we were blessed!

If you listened to the Pope's messages with your heart and not your ears, you heard what Christian Women and Men In Action are all about: helping the poor,

bringing souls to the Lord, being a witness of His love, etc., etc. What a comfort to know we all have heard the message and are doers of His word.

For those that are not aware of God's presence in their lives or feel disconnected from Him, let me say a few words of encouragement to you. His Spirit indwells in those of us that believe in Christ and have accepted Him as Lord and Savior. We cannot always sense His presence. There may be times when we feel especially close to Him, but on other occasions, He seems distant and uninvolved in our lives.

We tend to judge whether God is with us by our circumstances. If everything is going our way, or He is answering our prayers and meeting our needs, we feel close to Him. But, if the Lord isn't intervening in the way we expect, or our suffering and troubles have increased, it may seem that He's distant and unconcerned. Instead of letting circumstances cloud our perception, we must learn to rely on what the Scriptures say.

David experienced many difficulties in his life, but he clung to an enduring truth, which he penned in Psalm 23:4, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me!" As believers in Christ Jesus, we have this same promise!

The Lord is our constant companion, in good times and bad times; but do we really believe and count on the truth? If we don't, we're like a sick person who walks right past the medicine cabinet when the remedy for his ailment is inside. If we're oblivious to Christ's companionship, we'll miss the benefits and blessings that result from knowing He is with us.

If we want an increased awareness of God's presence, we must take the time to deepen our relationship with Him. The place to begin is in the Adoration Chapel and in the Scripture (His Word). By reading the Scriptures every day, we are ignited to think about the Lord throughout the day. I often discover that the passage I read in the morning is exactly what I need in order to deal wisely with a situation that day. Instead of being anxious or fearful, my mind is focused on the comforting and empowering knowledge that God is there to guide me.

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Being conscious of God's presence is vital to seeing His work in our lives. For example, Moses wasn't able to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt because of his confidence or leadership ability. In fact, he felt totally inadequate and asked the Lord to send someone else. THE power came from the Lord, who promised to go with Moses (Ex. 3:10-12).

First of all, our perspective is changed (Ps. 16:8-9). There is a marvelous sense of peace and safety that comes when we see the Lord as our constant companion. When everything looks bleak, we continue to have hope because our confidence is in Him, not in good circumstances. Knowing that God is with us puts trouble and hardship in their proper place – under His authority – and gives us the all surpassing joy of His companionship. Instead of attributing our blessings to good luck or giving credit to others, we become more conscious of the fact that the Lord is the source of all good things (James 1:17).

THE desire of God's heart is that we become more aware of Him! NO matter what is going on in our life, He is with us. Nothing is hidden from His sight or beyond His reach (Ps 139:1-12). He sees the storms before they come and is already working to sustain us. I will share at the breakfast meeting how in less than 10 minutes He came to my help!

I give you all these Scriptures to look them up and learn to live by His Word, the same yesterday, today, and forever. His Word does not change – we change. I do hope you follow my teachings as I know they came from Him. Put them to work.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

Stella Davis

Be on the lookout for a **possible new location** for our prayer breakfast meetings, as our current location expects to raise the price of the breakfasts up to \$25 in 2016.



CONGRATULATIONS to CWIA Spiritual Director **Monsignor John Brady** on his 60th Jubilee as a priest! Twelve members of CWIA were blessed to attend his Mass and celebration at Holy Angels Catholic Church where he served so many years of his life as a Pastor.



You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **SPRINGFIELD EMBASSY SUITES** at 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA 22150. Hotel is off of I-95 at Fairfax Parkway exit. 9 miles from Alexandria – 14 miles from DC. Metro: Blue Line to Springfield. Call Embassy Suites directly for pickup info: (571) 339-2000. For info: www.cwiaholyspirit.org or call Patti (703) 971-3633. Price is \$20. Includes a splendid Buffet Breakfast, and all tax/gratuities. Bring a friend. Great speakers, fellowship, praise & worship. Men and women are invited. **The Lord is waiting for you!** There will be a healing service after the speaker.

November 21st Guest Speaker: REV. MICHAEL BARRY SS.LL. Father Michael comes to us from California where he is involved in the ministry of Healing the Family Tree. This work has taken him to Spain, France, Poland, Israel, Turkey, Australia, Peru Mexico, Medjugorje, Ireland and Vietnam.

Born and raised in Ireland, he graduated from Catholic University and was ordained in Ireland in 1964 as a member of the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. A priest for 51 years, Fr. Michael served as the provincial for his congregation's western province in the USA, and was granted the Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia Award by Pope John Paul II. Fr. Barry taught at schools and worked tirelessly for the poor. He was the director of the San Bernardino Diocese Evangelization Ministries, and a founder of Mary's Table that feeds the poor and homeless. He opened a home for single and unwed mothers, Veronica's Home of Mercy. Fr. Barry has conducted numerous retreats and workshops. This charismatic priest is best known for his healing ministries, Healing Masses, Healing of the Family Tree, and spiritual direction. He feels a special call to the inner healing of the person.

Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, January 30, 2016.

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

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Stella: (703) 971-3633

Prayer Chain: For prayer, email our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.

Want to Grow? If you would like to share your spiritual gifts and grow in them, please let the Board know.

Upcoming Travel: The reservation period is soon closing for our overnight trip in April 2016. We need to get tickets soon as the shows sell out quickly. The show is "Samson" and is there for one fantastic season only at the Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster County, PA. We will also visit the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.

Our Recording Secretary, **Judy O'Neill**, is leaving us at the end of October. We wish her and husband Charlie God's blessings in sunny Florida, and thank the Lord for the short time of 3 years she served CWIA. We will miss her!!!!



Congratulations to our **Treasurer Hydi** and her husband **Mark**, happy parents of a boy and a girl!

