

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 9:00am – Noon, Our Last Breakfast of the Year!

Holiday Inn – Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703.960.3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Reverend Father Mark Baron, MIC

Father comes to us from Louisville, Kentucky – born and bred. He received his degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University. Father is a Marian of Immaculate Conception. He has been a priest for the past 7½ years. His diaconate ministry was at St. Raymond of Penafort in Springfield, Virginia with Father Gould. He is now the Superior of the House of formation in Washington DC and Novice Master! He is a frequent guest speaker on “The Inner Life” on Relevant Radio. Come and hear this great speaker, and bring a friend!

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, November 19,, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. Men are welcome. Bring your friends and family. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Don't forget to bring something for the newborns. AAA needs our help. **Our next breakfast will be January 31st, 2012.** Please mark your calendars.

Trips Planned: God willing, we will have a one-week mission to **Columbia** in February, open to the first 5 people. In April, we are planning a 2-day trip to **Lancaster, Pennsylvania** to a **Dinner-Theater**, and will visit the **Padre' Pio Shrine**. Open to the first 30 registrants. Next Fall we will sponsor a 12-day trip to **Medjugorje**, open to 35.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!!! Merry Christmas!!! And a Blessed New Year!!!
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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.

Prayer

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Peace of the Lord be with you!

As I thank the Lord for this past month's conference, I realize what an awesome blessing it was to the 200 plus who attended. I think of our inadequacies, and life presents all kinds of problems and tests that are much more than we can handle on our own. We may feel overwhelmed by our difficulties, and find ourselves thinking, "This challenge is much greater than I am, and I do not know what to do. I need help!"

It is then – and sometimes only then – that we turn to our loving heavenly Father in prayer. Obstacles and trials drive us to our knees before Almighty God, and generally the more inadequate, perplexed and overpowered we feel, the more motivated we are to pray. Of course we are thinking, how in the world is praying under these circumstances a blessing? Why would it be good to realize how vastly insufficient we are the problems we face? It is because when we humble ourselves, admitting we need the Father's help, then we are finally in the exact position necessary to receive all the power, energy, wisdom, and strength we need to conquer those troubles successfully. We are able to experience the awesome provision and victory that God has for us because we're ready to obey whatever He commands of us.

Right after the successful conference, in fact the very next day, I found myself in the hospital, for six days. I experienced a lot of pain, but the prayers of our faithful warriors brought me back to health. Thanks to God and to you all that prayed for me. The day after I left the hospital, my oldest sister went to be with the Lord. Later lots of other obstacles came. Only by trusting and keeping my eyes on Jesus will I be able to overcome.

I share this experience with you and how our heavenly Father is always there and ready with His provisions and victory to help us, no matter how great our problems may be. The principle here is this: You and I stand tallest and strongest on our knees! When we are overwhelmed by troubles, there is one course of action we can take every time that we know is absolutely right, and that is to pray.

We see this principle throughout Scripture, and especially in the life of Nehemiah. "It has been almost 140 years since the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem, tearing down its walls; destroying the temple, and carrying the people of Judah in captivity (2 Kings 25). Although the Persians had defeated the Babylonians and had allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem (Ezra 1), Nehemiah, a godly man and cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia, received word that things were not going well in the city. Nehemiah 1:2-4 states that "Hana'ni and some men from Judah came and asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and they said they are in great distress and reproach and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." When Nehemiah heard these words, he "sat down and wept and mourned for days; and fasted and prayed before God." This man was heartbroken: like us. Read the rest of the scripture (through Nehemiah 6:15-16).

As I was finishing this newsletter a young woman of 35 years came into my office with her father, crying her eyes out because the father was taking her to jail to serve a two-year prison term for whatever she did, which she said she did not do. Every door was closed to her except the jail, so I told her that is where the Lord wants you to be at this time. You now have a jail ministry. Her tears turned to joy and she was happy to do the Lord's work where she will be placed for two years.

Only the Father could empower Nehemiah to do what he had to do. But I would like us to realize today that the same God that helped Nehemiah is with us in everything we face. All that is required is that we go before the Lord in humility, trusting and believing that prayer changes problems. Prayer is something that we must always have in our life. That keeps me going, and so it will with you! God's Blessings!

Your Servant,

Stella Davis