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*Women gathering in the Spirit to
grow closer to Christ Jesus*
*Mujeres uniéndose en el Espíritu para
acercarse mas a Jesucristo*

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The question asked was:

“In what way(s) has your participation in the ministry of FCCW enriched your relationship with Jesus?”

“For much of my adult life, I have searched for a way to grow closer to Christ Jesus. I have participated in a good number of Catholic-based group endeavors and ministries to grow in understanding of the richness that the Catholic faith offers. Participation in each of the groups and ministries has been advantageous in my spiritual journey. FCCW has been consistent in quality and long-lasting. Through my personal preparation time spent in reading the Word, and preparing for small group discussion, FCCW has challenged me to dig deeper into the Word and become ‘steeped’ in the message received.

I much enjoy the different topics and study of specific Books of the Bible that FCCW has offered over the years. As the study years have unfolded, and the specific focus of the year opens wide, I marvel at the rewards I have received each and every year through the connectedness of biblical knowledge with the doctrine of the Church and the lives of the saints. Through the studies fostered by FCCW, I have grown in recognition of those connections and in my depth of understanding. Fellowship, and most especially, small -group faith sharing have offered the opportunity to hear other facets ‘of the truth’ through the life experiences and wisdom of my sisters in Christ. Each year, no matter the focus of the study, there are blessings received.

Jesus called adults to be his disciples. Our faith isn’t something that we obtain in a ‘one-time gift’ - by my participation in FCCW, I have learned that faith is a living relationship with the Holy Trinity. There is always something more to learn, to understand, to embrace and then be shared with others. What the Lord offers us is very rich in all dimensions, in all ways. My years with FCCW have enriched my spiritual journey by consistently providing me with the opportunity to grow in understanding of, and in gratefulness to the Lord for the many ways He is present to us.”

*Carolyn Nelipovich, Joined May 2006
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish – Claremont, CA*



“FCCW has provided opportunity and space not only to grow in faith and knowledge of scripture, but has also offered a marvelous community of women with whom to share and reflect on scripture. I appreciate the high ideals we strive for maintaining confidentiality, active and non judgmental sharing and listening. It is particularly enlightening to hear the stories, prayers, hopes and sometimes fears of my sisters in Christ. We come from such diverse circumstances in life, and yet we share common hopes for ourselves and loved ones – hope that is rooted in our deepening relationship with Jesus. Thanks be to God, the organizers of FCCW, our own OLA leadership team and for the women whom I have had the good fortune to share and learn.”

*Cathleen Crayton, Joined 2006,
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish – Claremont, CA*



“I have been a participant in FCCW for four years and each year I feel as if my relationship with God and his Word has grown deeper. From learning about the Synoptic Gospels, the Women in the Bible, the Angels of God, and now the Psalms are all tools and knowledge which I apply in my daily life.

The fellowship that I have experienced with the women of FCCW throughout the years has been amazing. Given the opportunity to hear their experiences and points of view is a constant reminder of how much God loves us and wants us to give of our time to come together and study his Word. I’m so grateful for FCCW.”

*Frances Carreon, Joined 2012
Our Lady of the Assumption – Claremont, CA*

Celebrating 20 years



“I’m in the word of God directly now. I have a day and purpose to my bible study and a group to grow with as I strengthen my walk with God. I actually have a sit time now to focus on Him. It feels re-assuring!”

*Gabriela Discua, Joined 2014
St. Lawrence O’Toole/St. Cyril of
Jerusalem – Oakland, CA*

“I really enjoy our meetings, they are very uplifting. I always feel up lifted and inspired.”

*Lottie B. Tidwell, Joined 2009
St. Lawrence O Toole/St. Cyril of
Jerusalem – Oakland, CA*



Algunas tuvimos ladicha de conocer a Patricia Scileppi. Patricia tenía un don magnético. No era fácil decirle "No"

En el año 2005, la conocí. Cuando se dio cuenta que yo sabía español y era maestra de español, luego me dio a saber que necesitábamos grupos en español.

Yo pensé que no iba a funcionar porque en las familias hispanas, el hombre es algo controlador "Mujer de poca fe!"

Ese mismo año, Victoria Aguilar, se presentó en nuestro grupo de inglés y dijo que regresaría cuando empezáramos un grupo en español. El llamado fue fuerte y firme pues yo ya sentía el fuego en mi corazón. Yo sabía que era de Dios.

En octubre de 2006 por la tardecita empezamos con el grupo en español. Al poco tiempo empezamos otro grupo en la mañana.

De allí en adelante, brotaron más grupos como florecitas con las lluvias de primavera: en el 2009 en Banning con Ana Luevano y Carmen Silva, ese mismo año siguió el grupo de Hemet que pronto fue dirigido por Luci Ayala y Candelaria Carrera.

En el 2010, el sacerdote de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe vio el trabajo de Geni Chaparro y pidió una fraternidad en español.

El 2011 apareció Zenaida Jimenez y empezó un grupo en la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Zenaida había pertenecido al grupo de Maria Lopez.

Quedan muchas parroquias de familias hispanas. Si alguien tiene interés, favor de comunicarse con Rita Marie Romero o Zenaida.

Recordemos que Patricia vio la necesidad y quiso alcanzar a la mujer hispana. Tomemos esta oportunidad para unirnos a llenar este sueño de Patricia Scileppi

Maria Perales, Joined 2005

Started FCCM 2006

St. Catherine of Siena - Rialto, CA



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