



Mary, Our Guide Through Advent

A Mini Retreat for Yourself or in a Group □ 45 – 50 minutes
Dedicated to the Council of Catholic Women

Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation as we await the birth of Christ. This retreat focuses on the importance of Advent as a time for spiritual preparation and reconciliation, guided by Mary, the mother of Jesus and dedicated to the Council of Catholic Women

Through Mary's intercession and example, may this Advent journey bear the fruit of deeper union with her Son.

For Group Retreats –

- Make copies of the retreat for each participant.
- The leader reads four times and will need to organize the retreat.
- There needs to be five readers, or a few who take turns.
- Attendees should sit somewhere that enables meditation and sharing.
- There needs to be a Catholic bible, tablet or smart phone with internet, available.
- The retreat is dedicated to the members of the Council of Catholic Women.
- The duration of 45-50 minutes depends on how much time it takes to answer or meditate the questions. Reading the whole retreat takes just under nine minutes. But, to meditate and answer questions, can expand the time. Please allow accordingly.
- A break may be taken, if needed, at any time.
- Mini Retreats can be a part of a meeting, a special event after Mass, on the weekends, evenings or in someone's home. Use your creativity.

For Individual Retreats –

- Make a copy of the retreat to read and write on.
- As the sole participant, you will be the reader of all parts.
- You will need a Catholic Bible tablet or smart phone with internet, available.
- If possible, sit somewhere that is comfortable and enables meditation.
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Gratitude –

Thank you for joining the Mini Advent Retreat for CCW. Setting aside time for reflection and growth is valuable for you and others, as you prepare for the coming of Christ. May Mary continue to be your guide at Advent and throughout the year.