

### CGS Happenings



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# TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

Sat. January 27, 2024  
Time: 8:30 am departure from CGS  
Cost: \$25 per person  
Children under 10 y/o Free.  
Register Today  
Registration due by Jan 15th



"What is taking place in America, is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another." - St Mother Teresa - February 1997 - National Prayer Breakfast in Washington attended by the President and the First Lady





Please sign up to bring a dessert and/or help run the dessert table here: [SignUp Genius](#)

LET'S LAUGH, PLAY, & DINE WITH FRIENDS!

COME JOIN US FOR

# FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

**JANUARY 26, 2024**

AT THE PARISH SOCIAL HALL  
**5:30 - 9:00 PM**

**GAMES - DESSERT - SALAD  
 TAPPED CRAFT BEER - PIZZA ZONE**

\$12 for Adults // \$5 for Children

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## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

SPEAKER, Rev. Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.

**FEBRUARY 26-28, 2024**

**MORNING SESSION 10:00 AM.  
 RECONCILIATION 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM.  
 EVENING SESSION 6:30 PM.**

**IN THE CHURCH**

PAULIST FR. BRUCE NIELI IS AN EVANGELIST AND MISSIONARY BASED AT ST. AUSTIN CHURCH IN AUSTIN, TX. AS PART OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, HE WAS NAMED A MISSIONARY OF MERCY OF POPE FRANCIS. FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [HTTPS://PAULIST.ORG/WHO-WE-ARE/BIO/FR-BRUCE-NIELI/](https://paulist.org/who-we-are/bio/fr-bruce-nieli/)



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." - St Rose of Lima



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



October 22 - 31, 2024

Fr. Norbert Maduzia, Jr.  
and Fr. James Burkart  
*Spiritual Directors*

**Orientation Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
**at 3:00 p.m.**  
**in McGivney Hall at**

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church  
7810 Cypresswood Drive  
Spring, TX

Join us to learn about the pilgrimage  
and take advantage of special discounts!

## PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nazareth
- Bethlehem
- The Upper Room
- Mount Tabor
- Via Dolorosa
- Jordan River
- Basilica of the Visitation
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Mount of the Beatitudes
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Sea of Galilee
- Cana



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RSVP for the Orientation Meeting:

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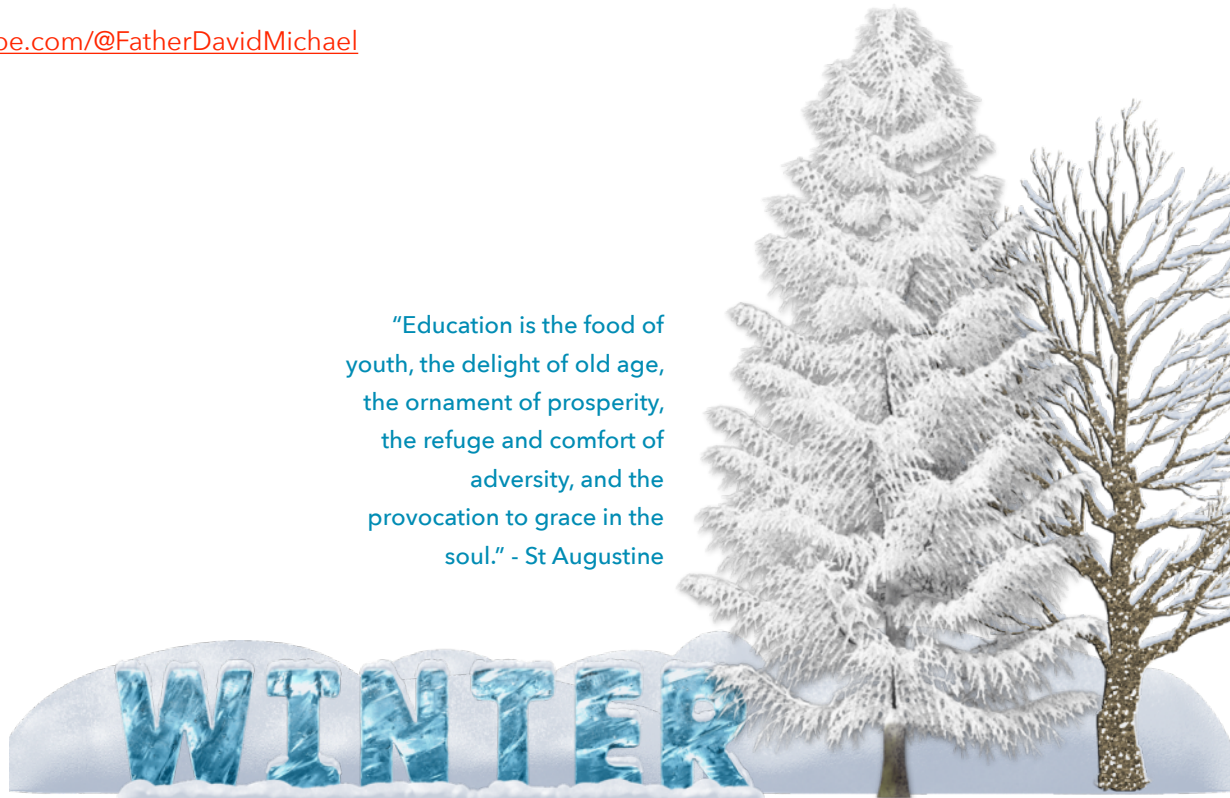
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Click on the box above, and you will see a 'play' button... if you are not following Fr David Micheal on YouTube, you need to!! He's fantastic!

<https://www.youtube.com/@FatherDavidMichael>

"Education is the food of youth, the delight of old age, the ornament of prosperity, the refuge and comfort of adversity, and the provocation to grace in the soul." - St Augustine







## Texas News and Events

See **Lone Star Messenger** DECEMBER 2023 Edition, make sure you check out our honorable District Deputy, Christine Maniscalco's article!!:

[The Lone Star Messenger](#)

**Texas CDA website:** <http://www.texasda.org>.


The Texas State Court was organized January 25, 1917. Our Mission Statement is a reflection of the CDA motto of Unity and Charity; "The members of the Texas State and Local Courts love Christ and His Church. We are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through active participation in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas."



This year, we are selling Wreaths Across America all year! Please see link to donate:

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0739P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0739P)

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**RESULTS**

2023 SO FAR

44 Wreaths Sponsored

88.0% to Goal

6 To Go!


REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the Catholic Daughters of America (TX0739P)'s Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm, Catholic Daughters of America (TX0739P) will be helping Houston National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the Catholic Daughters of America (TX0739P) and Wreaths Across America!



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*Where  
God guides,  
He provides*

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# TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

## January 27, 2024

### PRO-LIFE EXPO, SOUTHSIDE OF CAPITAL

**12:00, claim table for Expo**

We need volunteers to man table, and we need pro-life materials/resources for display.

For table information, contact Imelda Tovar at 512-736-2293 or by email [1994jaimelda@att.net](mailto:1994jaimelda@att.net).

**Note: Several parking garages have been reserved** for no cost to registered rally attendees: 1311 San Jacinto, 1401 San Jacinto, 1607 San Jacinto, 1601 Lavaca

### Texas-size Diaper Drive

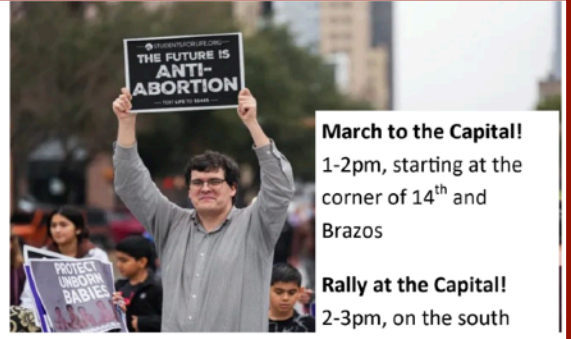
Begins 1pm, Diapers/wipes at Rally Starting Point

Sizes 4,5,6 (Pull-ups preferred)

Recipients are pregnancy resource centers that have registered for the rally.



Special thanks to the Texas State Knights of Columbus, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas State Troopers, and the Austin Police Department for providing security for the march and rally.



### March to the Capital!

1-2pm, starting at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Brazos

### Rally at the Capital!

2-3pm, on the south steps of the Capital.



### Pro-Life Expo at the Capital!

3-4pm, we will have a table and two chairs provided. Extra chairs may be brought if desired. No selling and no donations to be taken.



For more information, go to [texasrallyforlife.org](http://texasrallyforlife.org) or text Pat Smith 903-240-1635.



# Save the Date

## 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention

April 23 -27, 2025

Sheraton Dallas Hotel



## National News

### NATIONAL CDA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST



## All Aboard the CDA train!

It's always a good time to recruit new members, but the National Membership Contest makes it especially beneficial for your local and state courts. Invite Catholic women to journey on the CDA train via membership drives, social Fun Nights, and spiritual events. Spread the word and enlist more passengers to explore with us new and exciting adventures on the CDA train.

**THRU  
JUNE  
2024**

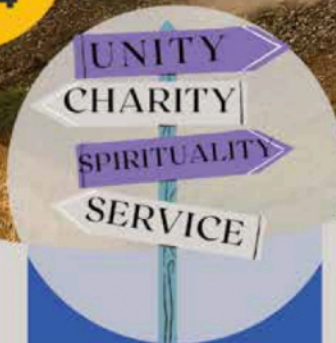
*Impacting the World*



### State Courts

State courts with the highest number of newly established courts earns:

1st Place = \$500  
2nd Place = \$350  
3rd Place = \$200



### Categories

**Category I**  
1 - 75 members

**Category II**  
76-150 members

**Category III**  
151+ members



### Local Courts

Local courts with the highest number of newly registered members earns:

1st Place = \$200  
2nd Place = \$150  
3rd Place = \$100

### Contact

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(608) 851-9137

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
National Membership Chair  
M. Susan Hicks

Email :  
WisconsinCDA@aol.com





2024 - 60th Biennial  
National Convention  
August 14-18, 2024  
Riverside Hilton  
New Orleans, Louisiana



"We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves" - Rick Warren



As of now, the US does not use aborted fetus cells in any beauty products, however Neocutis in Switzerland does. Be on the watch, this 'innovative technology' they claim to use, could spread to the US one day.

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at [hli.org/cosmetics](http://hli.org/cosmetics)  
or scan the QR code**



 **Human Life  
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### **For Advent, let our prayer be 'Maranatha: 'The Lord is Coming'**

With the coming of Advent, we often hear the Aramaic word, *Maranatha*, which translates as "Come Lord Jesus," or "The Lord is Coming."

The baby Jesus born in Bethlehem came to be "the Way, the Truth and the Life." He came to open the doorway between God and man, showing us how to live and becoming our one and only Mediator with the Father. We humbly kneel before the manger and pray, "Jesus, be the Lord of this day and every day. Show me how to love others the way you did. Help me to serve you the way you served everyone else."

Jesus as Lord is truly our Supreme Authority. As we seek to follow him, we work for justice and peace in our world. We pray, "Lord, help me to bring your message of healing and hope to a broken world. Open my eyes to see those whom no one sees and to help those who need a kind word and a helping hand."

In Baptism, we became partakers in the Divine life of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At a Catholic funeral, we are again covered with a white garment, reminding us that we were baptized into Christ's death and Resurrection. We realize that our time on Earth is short compared to eternity. "Jesus, help me to live my faith in such a way that I show your Eternal Love to the world. Help me to live my mission to win souls for your Kingdom. Forgive me for the times I fall short, and bring us all safely to your Heavenly home, where we may praise You forever and ever. Amen."

At the end of time, Jesus will come again to win the final victory over sin and death. "Lord of Heaven and Earth, keep me focused on You, not on the problems of this life. Help me to surrender my will to You, for only You can heal perfectly. O Jesus, I trust in You! Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus."

### **Daughters in National March for Life January 19**

The National Board of Catholic Daughters and Catholic Daughters' members from many states will gather to walk in the National March for Life January 19, in Washington, D.C.

The two days prior there is a March for Life Expo where various pro-life organizations from around the country explain their goals and disseminate information to help people in the pro-life cause. The headquarters for the March is at the Westin DC Downtown Hotel, formerly the Renaissance DC.

The pre-rally concert for the March begins at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 19, on the National Mall. The March for Life Rally is from noon to 1 p.m., and the March itself begins at 1 p.m. A new, longer route will be used this year to walk past the office buildings of US Representatives. The March concludes in front of the US Supreme Court.

The Board of Catholic Daughters participates in a Mass at the Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception the day before the March.

The March for Life brings tens of thousands of people together in the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. According to the website, there are still more than 900,000 abortions annually.

The website says, "The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable." The Hyde Amendment, which has saved more than 2 million lives, is the most important pro-life policy in our nation's history, and it must be continually defended. The website says, "We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected."



### **FBI has been investigating Catholics at the local parish and diocesan level**

According to an article on the House Judiciary Committee website from April 10, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) revealed that the FBI planted an undercover agent and used local religious organizations as “new avenues for tripwire and source development” while investigating “mainline Catholic parishes” and “diocesan leadership.”

The FBI issued a document titled, “Interest of Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists in Radical-Traditionalist Catholic Ideology Almost Certainly Presents New Mitigation Opportunities.” The FBI proposal suggested the agency develop sources to report on suspicious activity at the church and diocesan levels. The documents were reviewed and approved by two senior intelligence analysts and the Richmond, VA, Chief Division Counsel. The FBI distributed the document to field offices across the country.

The House Judiciary Committee article said, “In light of this information and the serious consequences for the free exercise of Americans’ First Amendment rights [to freedom of religion and free speech], Chairman Jordan issued a subpoena today to FBI Director Wray for all documents related to the FBI’s actions.”

In an August 9, follow-up article, Rep. Jordan revealed that the anti-Catholic memo “explicitly shows that the FBI Portland and FBI Los Angeles field offices were involved in or contributed to the creation of FBI’s assessment of traditional Catholics as potential domestic terrorists.”

Rep. Jordan said the committee is working “to inform our ongoing oversight of the FBI and to ensure the First Amendment guarantee of free exercise of religion is protected from government overreach.”

### **Diane Coleman letter explains the harms in legalizing assisted suicide**

Diane Coleman of Rochester, NY is president and C.E.O. of Not Dead Yet, a disability rights group that opposes legalizing assisted suicide. Her letter to the *New York Times*, was published October 4, 2023, in response to an article “A Lawsuit Aims to Expand Aid in Dying.”

“This article assumes that physician-assisted suicide is acceptable health policy. However, there are two significant questions state states should address when considering its legalization: Should it be a medical treatment, and what are the harms of legalizing it?”

“On the first, many in the medical profession oppose physician-assisted suicide, including the American Medical Association, which holds that it is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”

“On the second question, major disability rights organizations oppose physician-assisted suicide because it increases the risks that people with disabilities face in receiving medical care, as they are already too often subject to unequal treatment.

“Adding physician-assisted suicide as a medical treatment exposes people with disabilities to systemic pressures to end their lives in the context of life-threatening illnesses. Before adopting physician-assisted suicide, or any extension of it,

we need to ask, answer and understand the implications of such a step.”

### **Funding for AIDS relief in Africa keeps pro-life protections in place**

According to Population Research Institute (the US House reauthorized the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and kept pro-life protections in place. Despite the Biden Administration fighting to include abortion funding, the House extended PEPFAR for one more year with an amendment to prevent funding or promoting abortions overseas. After heated debate, the bill passed 216-212.

***Everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God’s love.***

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Written by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair;  
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**Share Fall 2023**

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**National Quarterly**

National CDA Website:

[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



## In Memoriam:



John C Miller was born in 1948 to John and Edna Miller of Mobile, Alabama. He died peacefully at his home in Spring, TX beside his garden, with wife and children at his side and a Christmas tree at his feet. After decades of powerful witness for Christ, he died in the hour of Divine Mercy as prayers were sung. The day was rich in blessings.

John was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Greg. He is survived by his wife Cathy, by his children – Kim, Sean and Jennifer, Aaron and Sarah, Mary and Keegan, and Rachel – by his grandchildren – Lucas, Landon, Samuel, Savannah, Kamden, Sadie, and Liam – by his brother Terry, and by a wealth of other family and friends.

John (or "Johnny") had a keen intellect and boundless curiosity. He once read a set of encyclopedias cover-to-cover. Silent study and reflection remained a favorite pastime, along with enjoyment of novels, movies, sports, friendly conversation, and admiration of nature. He had a teaching spirit and rascal's humor. A passionate geologist, John took his family on many roadtrips to parks and museums. Impromptu lectures were common.

From his father's store to Navy electrician to senior petroleum geologist, John worked with discipline and dedication. He assisted many organizations and donated his time to care of the elderly and the disabled. He educated and accompanied many people into Christ's church, leaving behind a living legacy of faithful community.

John taught his children unconditional loyalty, endless hope, mercy, generosity, humility, reverence, and thirst for wisdom. He taught them to eagerly adopt friends and neighbors in lifelong commitment. Thus, he leaves behind an ever growing family who will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations be made to Loving Choice, Hope Center, or Northwest Assistance Ministries. <https://loving-choice.org/> <https://www.hopecenterhouston.org/>

Please keep our CDA sister, Cathy, and her family in your prayers.





## Anniversaries and Birthdays this Quarter!

### Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!

#### Birthdays:

##### *January*

- Jan 8 - Magdalena Barrera
- Jan 10 - Melody Barr
- Jan 23 - Cathy Peplau

##### *February*

- Feb 7 - Elsa Hernandez
- Feb 12 - Margaret Medina
- Feb 14 - Candice Tyrrell
- Feb 19 - Charlotte Prieve
- Feb 21 - Mary Roberts
- Feb 27 - Kathryn Kietur

##### *March*

- Mar 2 - Margaret Williamson
- Mar 16 - Carol Cason
- Mary Ellen Crawford
- Mar 21 - Veronica Arnold
- Mar 22 - Jackie Vail

#### Anniversaries:

##### *January*

- Jan 1 - Sheryl Bihler-Lopez
- Jan 14 - Peggy Franklin

##### *February*

- Feb 14 - Norina Fisher
- Feb 15 - Cathy Miller
- Feb 22 - Priscilla Hargraves

##### *March*

- Mar 25 - Sade Effiong



If you know of someone who is sick or has passed away, please email [sable.cm@gmail.com](mailto:sable.cm@gmail.com) so that she can mail them or their family a card. Thank you!



**Court Calendar, 4th Quarter 2023:**

**January 2024**

- 4–Regular business meeting
- 11–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows
- 13/14–Community Weekend **SUG**
- 18–Manna bag assembly (3:00PM Social Hall)
- 29–Evening Manna bag assembly, 7Pm in the Social Hall
- 31–Memorial Scholarship Applications due to state chair



**February 2024**

- 1–Deadline for Woman of the Year nominations
- 1–Circle of Love forms due to court chair
- 1–Regular business meeting
- 3/4–Distribute Little Black/Purple books before/after all Masses **SUG**
- 8–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows
- 10/11–Distribute Little Black/Purple books before/after all Masses **SUG**
- 10/11–Community Weekend **SUG**
- 14–Ash Wednesday
- 15–Manna bag assembly (3:00PM Social Hall)
- 16–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**
- 23–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**
- 26–Evening Manna bag assembly, 7Pm in the Social Hall

**March 2024**

- 1–Circle of Love forms due to state chair
- 1–All other reporting forms to state chair
- 1–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**
- 7–Regular business meeting (call for nomination committee volunteers)
- 8–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**
- 9/10–Community Weekend **SUG**
- 14–Manna bag assembly (3:00PM Social Hall)
- 14–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows
- 15–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**
- 17–St. Patrick's Day desserts **SUG**
- 22–Fish Fry desserts **SUG**

