



# THE SPIRIT

Issue 26

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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## Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Hello to all!

My prayer is that you have had a blessed Christmas and a joyful start of the New Year!

How are you greeting in the new year? I try to reminisce over the events of the past year. All the events, whether happy or sad gave meaning to my life. Some made me stretch a bit. But through that, I hope I also grew, especially spiritually. Some brought great joy. I thank our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother for their giftedness to me this past year.

I remember all the events and times we spent together as sisters in the Catholic Daughters. And, I look forward to all the things we will do together this year.

So, I ask you again...how are you greeting in the new year? Hopefully it includes participating with your sisters in the Catholic Daughters and continuing to grow spiritually through our various activities. We all grow better when we grow together!

May God bless you and your families throughout 2020!

Priscilla

this year I will







## Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

### January 2020 Chaplain's Corner



Another new year – 2020! There was a time in my life when this date seemed so far in the future. Isn't it amazing how those dates start to pile up and the years fly by? I have reached a point in my life where measuring one's life by the years and dates is not as significant as measuring life through the living of life itself.

I recall reading somewhere, "The world around us asks, 'What does a person own?' But God asks, 'How does a person use what he or she has been given?'" This month of January is a month filled with reminders of holiness – the official end of the Christmas season; the Epiphany of our Lord; the Baptism of the Lord; and the return to Ordinary Time, which, as we know, is anything but "ordinary".

At Epiphany we hear, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts" (Matthew 2:11), a reference to the Magi and their visit to the Christ Child. The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their gifts for Him is one we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus and offer Him what He needs. We do that by giving our giftedness to those among us who are in need. In that way we become Christ to others as Jesus is Christ to us.

God has given us so much. What do we give back to the Body of Christ in return?

Making resolutions is common at this time of year. We all know those are temporary at best. However, we can make one that lasts. The Lord calls us to follow Him, to be His Image and Likeness. Let us resolve to try to do that better – all of us, me included. That does not mean we have to leave our work and our families behind, but we do need to serve Jesus by serving others. That should be our first resolution.

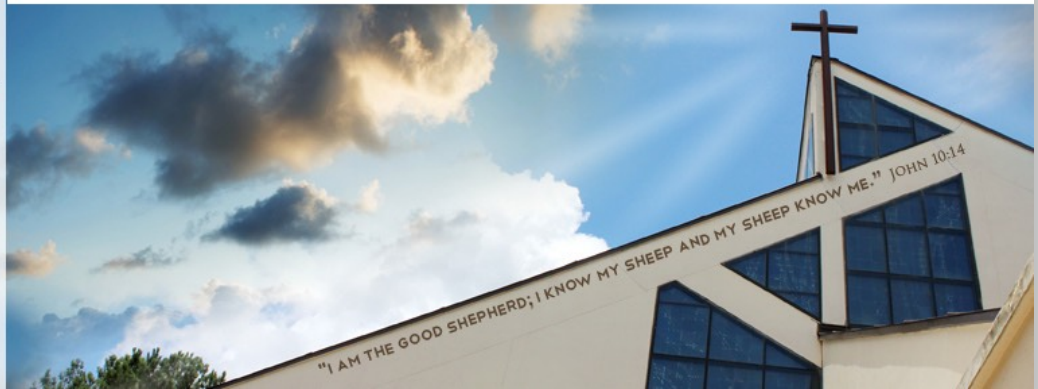
In "The Theology of the Hammer", Habitat for Humanity co-founder Millard Fuller wrote, "The only truly safe investment one can make in life is what is given away."

That should be our real resolution – to give ourselves to the Lord. May we all do a better job of that in 2020.

Peace and Blessings,

*Dea. Dub. Chaplain*





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## Court News!

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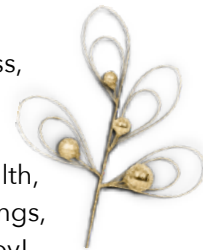
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My wish for you all this New Year...

God gives you...  
12 months of happiness,  
52 weeks of fun,  
365 days of success,  
8760 hours of good health,  
52,600 minutes of blessings,  
3,153,600 seconds of joy!



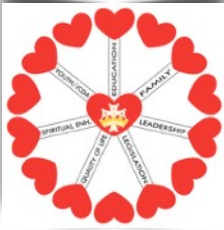
*Happy  
New Year!*





## Mass Cards Committee:

The fee for Mass cards is \$2.50. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please contact Peggy O'Neil, 281-440-0286, or email at [cda2731masscards@gmail.com](mailto:cda2731masscards@gmail.com), with mass card requests and/or questions. **Mass cards are always available at the meetings.**



## Circle of Love:

### HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - *Karen Doolittle*

CDA Court #2731 began the expansion of our Hope Center Houston (HCH) Ministry by opening the center on the third Saturday of the month serving a light breakfast and lunch. We have four Third Saturday's under our belt and our Sisters and participating Parishioners enjoyed the experience as did the guests that came. In December we served 21 guests out of 40 that signed up! The last weekend in December 28 guests were served, the highest Saturday to date. During the week the number of guests has increased and they are serving over 50 guests and sometimes over 60 guests per day so there is a need for weekday volunteers as well.



SANDWICH



#### What does the expansion of this ministry

**mean?** We open HCH on the THIRD Saturday of each month to make and serve lunch and also to serve a light breakfast. HCH is open from 10:30 to 1:30. We arrive at 9:45 and are finished and leaving before 2:00.

#### What is served?

Breakfast is a breakfast taco consisting of chopped hard boiled eggs on a warmed white corn tortilla topped with warm bacon bits and warm salsa, mandarin oranges and bananas. If there are pastries leftover from a previous day those are also served. Lunch is a sandwich of turkey and cheese on honey wheat bread accompanied by sliced tomatoes, romaine leaves, pickle chunks, mustard

packets and mayo cups. Oranges and bananas along with cookies or cupcakes if left over from the previous day.

**How do you get involved?** The first step is to complete the Texas Food Handler Course, pass the final exam and leave a copy of your Certificate in the CDA box at CGS and let Karen Doolittle know it is there.

How do I take the Texas Food Handlers Course? Go to [www.360training.com](http://www.360training.com)

COOKIES



--Select Texas Food Handler Course

--Select Course: Learn2Serve Food Handler Training Course (ANSI Accredited) cost \$7.00

--As you enroll in the course, select TEXAS as your state--very important!!

--As part of the process you will set up a user ID and a password.

**How long will the course take?** Allow 2-3 hours from start to finish, although you can pause the course at any time and come back later. You can also go back over sections, but you **cannot** pause the Final Exam!

**Other requirements?** Yes, you must wear a hat or hairnet and apron the entire time you are in the kitchen. Wear disposable gloves which we provide and directions will be given when you come to HCH.

**Other questions:** contact Karen Doolittle at:  
[tenfoldone@gmail.com](mailto:tenfoldone@gmail.com) or 520-419-3652.



JAM

JELLY

Hope Center Website: <https://www.1960hopecenter.com/>

August Newsletter: [Hope Center August 2019](#)

"There is no love without hope, no hope without love, and neither love nor hope without faith." - St. Augustine

## Recent Events:

*Sue Denning submitted this beautiful Love letter from God. It's a nice start to the new year; to remember who you are, who made you and how much you are Loved. Author unknown:*

### A Love letter to you from God

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalms 139:1

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31

You were made in my image. Genesis 1:27

You are my offspring. Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalms 139:15-16

I knit you together in your Mother's womb. Psalms 139:13



And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalms 71:6  
 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44  
 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of Love. 1 John 4:16  
 And it is my desire to lavish my Love on you. 1 John 3:1  
 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1  
 I am the perfect Father. Matthew 5:48  
 Because I Love you with an everlasting Love. Jeremiah 31:3  
 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29  
 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20  
 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalms 34:18  
 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelations 21:3  
 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelations 21:4  
 In Jesus, my Love for you is revealed. John 17:26  
 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31  
 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18  
 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:19  
 His death was the ultimate expression of my Love for you. 1 John 4:10  
 And nothing will ever separate you from my Love. Romans 8:38-39  
 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7  
 My question is...Will you be my child? John 1:12-13  
 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Heavenly Father,  
 Almighty God



### *December 5th Social:*

A few pictures from our December social. Great time was had by all. If you weren't able to come, we hope you join us at our next event. Thank you to those who came and shared a good time at the social. Also, for bringing such good snacks!



Mary Roberts



*'Saints cannot exist without a community.'* - Stanley Hauerwas







Norina Fisher



Katherine Lee



'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'  
- Matthew 18:20



And now a section I am starting to title 'Mary Jane's Travels'. I love to read about her trips, the people she meets and the pictures she shares!



### *Mary Jane's Travels:*

We started off on our 3 week journey by going to Macau for a golf tournament. My husband, T. Wayne, had to defend his title, and I had to work at the tournament. After that we took a ferry over to Shekou, China, where we used to live. We have many friends there, and one lesson we learned from living in different places in the world, is that **most** people are the same. They want the same things we do, to live in peace, have a family, and be the best they can for their family. We lived in China for 5 ½ years and developed many relationships with the Chinese people. They've always been super kind to us and we return that kindness.



**Faye, our maid in China, prepared a "hot pot" meal for us.**

Faye was my maid for 5 ½ years and she is like a daughter to me now. Many of you met her when we brought her here to visit. She will always be a part of our family.



**Dinner with our Chinese friends from when we lived in China.**

We made many friends through T. Wayne's work as well. These are just a few who we still keep in touch with.



**Fr. Adam Gudalefsky, our "underground" priest in China.**

Fr. Adam lived in Hong Kong for many years, wrote many books, and traveled around the Far East reaching and teaching special needs children in the summer. He loved all the children he connected with. He came to Shekou every other week to celebrate Mass for us in a school room. This picture is in his apartment in Hong Kong when we went to visit him. He found out that Maryknoll was calling him back to the "Mother House" in New York...and he was not happy about that. He said he had many more children to teach and he still had the energy to do it, at age 91. He's right, we had trouble keeping up with him when he walked. He did have to go back to New York in December, with a little grumbling.





### Leaving Hong Kong on a ferry back to the mainland.

One of the main ways to travel to Hong Kong from the mainland is by ferry, and we used it frequently.



### Cheryl, from our "underground" church in Shekou and me.

Fr. Adam Married, Baptized, and Confirmed many people in Shekou when he came over. He asked us to bring all the certificates back to Cheryl, so she would have them in case anyone needed them, which we all do at some point in our lives. He was preparing to leave after so long in Hong Kong and China.



### Faye and her family after dinner the last night we were in Shekou.

Pictured are Da, her oldest son, Kun, her husband, sweet Faye, Mary Jane, T. Wayne, and Feng, her youngest son. The kids were little when we met them and now they've graduated from the university.

'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers,  
that you do unto Me.' - Matthew 25:31-40







### My Favorite person "of the street", Lijuan.

Lijuan is disabled and has been on the streets since we lived there. She has a disabled husband who cannot get out anymore, and several older children. We've talked to her son on the phone. She does have a collection basket, but never asks for anything. She saw my crucifix and said "Jesu". She is a Christian. We have prayed together and laughed together. We always try to sneak money to her, because her "handlers" take most of what she gets. They drop her off and they pick her up to go home at night.

### Faye and Kun saying goodbye to us.

Faye and Kun picked us up at our apartment at 6am to take us to the ferry terminal. We are ready to go to the Hong Kong Airport and fly to Japan. We have tearful goodbyes, but we know we'll see each other again.



### The Tokyo Dome where Pope Francis will be celebrating Mass.

We had hoped to get into the Mass, but all tickets was passed out to the Japan Dioceses and they had long waiting lists. We didn't get in but we did see his car pull into the Dome.



### The Pope in Tokyo Dome during the Mass.

Since we couldn't get into the Dome, we thought it would be on the BIG Screen. It wasn't, so we found a group of Philippine ladies who were sitting on the pavement in front of the Dome, and live streaming the Mass on the local phones. They let me take videos and pictures of their "phone live stream". It wasn't up close and personal but It worked for us.



What we learned in Japan is that the people are so organized. They don't push to get in line early. They stand single file and stand on one side of an escalator so others can pass. They are very polite, and bow every time they greet you or serve you in some way. Even on the trains (the BEST way to travel in Japan), the conductor would turn around and bow before he left a car. We were impressed with the Japanese people and their culture. Also impressive is how modernized they are. They are ahead of us in many ways.



**T. Wayne and Mary Jane on the top of the Hiroshima Museum.**

The A-Bomb Dome is to the right of T. Wayne. The Hiroshima Peace Park is on the other side of the river.

**The A-Bomb Dome after the bomb.**

This was made of reinforced concrete and this is what was left. It's been cleaned up though.



**T. Wayne and Mary Jane holding Origami Cranes we made.**

We are standing in front of a Crane picture. After this we went to a location to let our "Cranes" fly down to the bottom level. It worked.



*'Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labors.'*

*- St. Therese of Lisieux*





### **The Children's Memorial.**

The colorful strands on both side are made of Origami Cranes strung together.

Origami Cranes are a symbol of Peace. There are many memorials in the park.

### **Picture for Peace.**

This Peace symbol is made out of paper cranes.



Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith.

--Pope John Paul II



### **Hiroshima Arch of Peace.**

Hiroshima is internationally known as a symbol of recovery and peace. The Peace Arch Hiroshima Project aims to send a strong message of peace from Hiroshima to the world through music as the universal "language", and create a system that continuously supports peace promotion activities.



**Convent in Akita, Japan**

This is where Sr. Agnes Sasagawa lived when the Blessed Virgin appeared to her. It had light snow on the ground when we arrived.

**Inside the Chapel of Our Lady of Akita**

When we arrived, we were able to go straight into adoration/exposition. After the Sister closed the exposition, everyone left and we were alone to pray for all on our prayer list, and even those who hadn't ask us to pray for them. We were there over 3 hours and it was extremely peaceful. This place is not commercial, or busy. We were the only ones in the Chapel after exposition. It's such a special place and we had it to ourselves for all that time. The Tabernacle is in the center, and the well known statue of Our Lady of Akita is on the right. This statue, from a solid piece of wood, also had the stigmata, as Sr. Agnes also had.

**The Chapel next to the Convent.**

God blessed us with a good snow fall while we were in the Chapel. It was beautiful. Going to Our Lady of Akita was a highlight of our trip.



### National Shrine of the Little Flower in Detroit.

This was taken Christmas morning with our family in front of the Nativity scene. Standing are T. Wayne, Mary Jane, Ella (our Granddaughter), Gracie, Tony, and Eva (one of our adopted families), Oliver (our grandson), Brian, and Kevin (our sons). Not pictured because they are in Ohio are Sami, Louby, and George (our other adopted family).

'If you want to change the world,  
go home and love your family.' -  
St Teresa of Calcutta



## Upcoming Events

### Rosary Ministry

The committee is meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm. Check the front desk for the room assignment. The first meeting of the year is Tuesday, Jan 21st.

We will be making kits for easy distribution and practicing knots for any newbies. All are welcome to join us, if only for socializing as well.

### Third Anniversary!

Our court will be celebrating its 3rd anniversary on Thursday January 30, 2020. We will attend the 7pm Mass together and have a social afterwards in Rm A206-208. Please come and join us!!

### NEEDS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the positions: Scrapbook, Circle of Love, Family and Quality of Life, and Spiritual Committee Chairperson. We are in need to fill these positions, as some of our committee chairs are doing double duty to keep them going. Many hands make light work!





## State News and Events

### 4th Biennial Pray and Play Retreat Weekend

Benefitting Missions of Mercy (MOMS)

Sponsored By the Texas State Court

FEBRUARY 7 -9, 2020

#### First, we pray...

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church  
603 East Fifth St.  
Alice Texas 78332  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Registration 12:30 p.m.  
Retreat begins 1:00 p.m.  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall



#### RETREAT MASTER

**Olga Samaniego**  
**National Regent**

This is the day the Lord has  
made, let us rejoice and be glad.  
Psalm 118:24

#### ...then we play!



#### HOLY ROLLIN' BOWLIN'

Jumble Raffle

Flags Up Bingo

Games and Prizes

Alice Paladium Bowl 361-664-2695

1610 East Main St. Alice, TX, 78332

Sunday, February 9, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**La Quinta Inn and Suites**

**Alice, Texas 361-661-1777**

**Mention CDA for Room Rate of \$70+tax**

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY, BOOK EARLY!!!!**

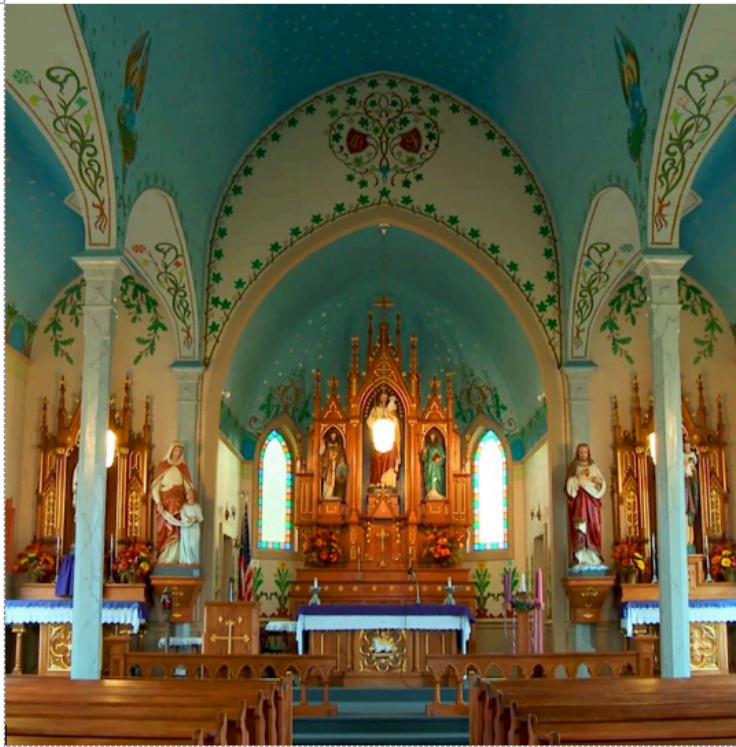


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## APRIL 4, 2020 PAINTED CHURCH TOUR

### District 54

The Painted Churches are located in the communities of Dubina, High Hill, Praha, and Ammannsville. They appear unassuming as you approach them, but as you enter the front doors prepare to have your breath taken away by the incredible beauty found inside.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

### LENT – SPIRITUAL EVENT

### DISTRICT EVENT FOR CDA COURTS IN DISTRICT 54

### 4 CHURCHES & LUNCH

DEPARTING  
PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH AT 8 AM

### \$25 PERSON INCLUDES BUS, TOUR & TOUR GUIDE

(LUNCH AT OAK RIDGE  
SMOKEHOUSE ADDITIONAL COST)

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FEBRUARY 29, 2020 –  
TO ADDRESS BELOW

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Christine Maniscalco  
Court Mary, Mother of the  
Redeemer #2680  
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Cypress, TX 77429





The 2020 pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Passion Play in Oberammergau

## ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Norbert Maduzia Mr. Chris Bearer

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA  
CHOIR PILGRIMAGE  
SALZBURG LINZ VIENNA  
LUCANO MILANO  
OBERAMMERGAU

### Pilgrimage of Austria - Italy and Oberammergau

**FLIGHT DEPARTS**  
**Houston - Munich**

**FLIGHT RETURNS**  
**Milano - Houston**  
or  
**Munich - Houston**

#### MONDAY, JUNE 1

We meet as a group at Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and check-in for our group flight that will take us to the Munich Airport in Germany.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

A state of the art luxury coach will transport us from the Munich International Airport to Hotel Gablerbrau, which is our hotel in Salzburg, Austria. The hotel is conveniently located across the river from the historic old town of Salzburg. Enjoy the sights at your leisure. Try to stay awake until your 'regular' bedtime to minimize effects of jet lag.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Make sure to enjoy a full breakfast buffet which is included in your trip package. Consider a nice stroll through Salzburg before a light lunch. At 9 AM we gather at the Salzburg Cathedral where Mozart served as music director. We celebrate mass and conclude with a brief concert, sung by our choir. The afternoon will be at your leisure, but we gather at 6 PM in our Hotel restaurant to enjoy and celebrate the day with drinks and a group dinner. [B, D]



*Milano Duomo*



*Linz Cathedral, Austria*



*Hofburg Palace, Vienna*



B=Breakfast D=Dinner

*Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna**St. Stephens Cathedral, Vienna***THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

After breakfast, we depart at 830 AM on our coach to Hellbrunn Castle where we will have two hours to enjoy the castle tour and grounds. This castle houses the Gazebo where 'I Am Sixteen Going on Seventeen' was filmed for the Sound of Music. We will also travel to the picturesque Königssee and see the idyllic setting of St. Bartholomew's Church. This excursion will return to the hotel at 3 PM. The afternoon and evening will be at your leisure. [B]

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

Following the breakfast buffet, we will load our coach and journey to Linz to visit one of the largest cathedral churches in Austria where Anton Bruckner served as organist. The choir will sing a couple of pieces (informally) at this church. After lunch (on your own), we will return to our coach and journey to the music capitol of the world, Vienna, Austria. Our hotel is the Hotel das Tigra in downtown Vienna. We will be within easy walking distance to all of the major attractions. [B]

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

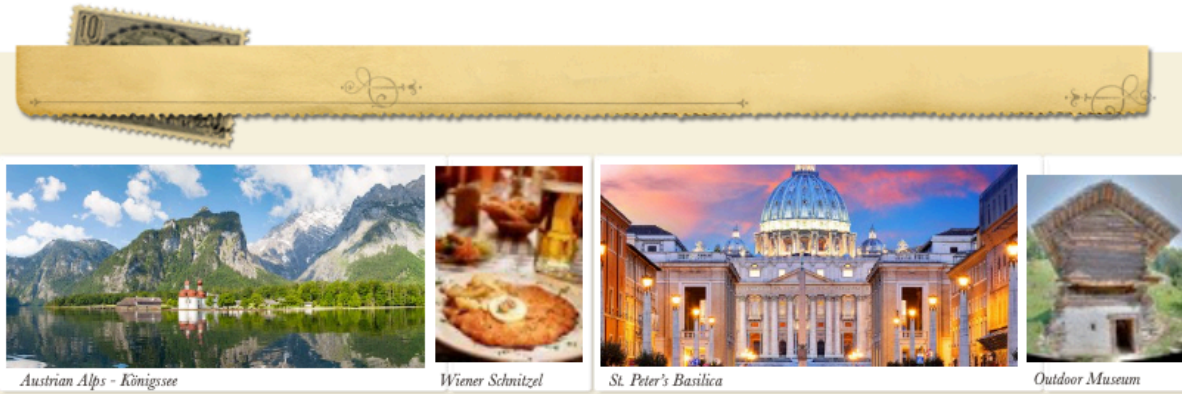
After breakfast, at 830 AM we will visit Schonbrunn Palace. These tickets are included in your tour package. We will return to our hotel in time for a quick lunch. At 230 PM, our choir will walk together to St. Peters and prepare to sing Mass, which begins at 5 PM, and Fr. Maduzia will concelebrate. The evening is at your leisure. [B]

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

After breakfast, our coach will transport us to Vienna International Airport and we check in for our nonstop flight to Milano, Italy. After arrival, we board our coach and settle into Continental Parkhotel in Lugano, which is about 50 minutes by coach from the airport. The cathedral in Lugano is located next to the hotel and we will attend Mass as a group at 8 PM. Rev. Maduzia will concelebrate. [B]

*Salzburg Cathedral, Austria*





Austrian Alps - Königssee



Wiener Schnitzel



St. Peter's Basilica



Outdoor Museum

**MONDAY, JUNE 8**

At 830 AM we will enjoy a choir rehearsal in the historic cathedral of Lugano, which is an easy 5 minute stroll from our hotel. The rest of the day will be at your leisure, but we meet at 730 PM to enjoy a group dinner in our hotel's restaurant. [B, D]

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

After breakfast, we will travel by coach to Milano to the Convent of Santa Maria that houses DaVinci's Last Supper. These tickets are included in your tour package. At 330 PM our tour choir will prepare to sing for mass at the Milano Duomo. Mass begins at 515 PM, and Rev. Maduzia will concelebrate.. [B]

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

We travel to beautiful Lake Como where we will experience some of the most breathtaking nature in all of creation. We do lunch on our own after which our coach will take us back to our hotel in Lugano. We meet at 730 PM to enjoy a celebratory dinner in our hotel's restaurant. [B, D]

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

Our fabulous tour must unfortunately come to an end. Our coach will take us to the Milan Malpensa airport where we will check-in for our flight back to Houston. Those who elected an extension to Oberammergau and Rome will fly to these destinations respectively. [B]

**Your Pilgrimage includes Round-Trip Airfare,  
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## OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

### Thursday - June 11

We travel by air from Milano to Munich. After collecting our luggage, a state of the art coach will transport us from the Munich Airport to our 5-star Murnau Alpenhof Hotel located in the beautiful Bavarian hills. [B]



### Friday - June 12

After breakfast, and a leisurely morning we will travel by coach about 12 miles down the road to the village of Oberammergau, where we will attend the historic Passion play. After the first act, we enjoy dinner together before we attend the second act of the Passion play. [B, D]

### Saturday - June 13

Today, you can enjoy the incredible spa and wellness services of our hotel. We will also offer an optional excursion to see the Neuschwanstein Castle, which was built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria. [B]



### Sunday - June 14

After an early breakfast, we travel by coach to the airport to check-in for our 10 AM flight home to Houston. We arrive Houston the same day at 644 PM [B]

#### OBERAMMERGAU JUNE 11-14, 2020

Oberammergau Extension \$1280 pp

Single Supplement \$525

All flights, transportation, hotel, Passion play tickets and meals as outlined are included in the Oberammergau extension price. We will arrange your flight home to Houston as a group. Limited seats available. Register online to save your spot.



The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a December 2019 Edition. Check out the link to read it: [The Lone Star Messenger December 2019 Edition](#)

**Texas CDA Facebook site:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/texascd/>

**\*\*Make sure you check out the renovated Texas CDA website:** <http://www.texascd.org/#loaded>. It has a whole new look!

Go on the site and learn more about your organization and the 2019 - 2021 Texas CDA Goals!

### 1. Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

### 2. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offer homes to the homeless.

Lord, we intercede for those that do not have shelter of their own. Help us to serve them with protection from the elements, to have food and clothing. Bless them with peace of mind.

Link: [Texas CDA Goals](#)

**'Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in proving God.' - St Joh Paul II**



## Texas Rally for Life

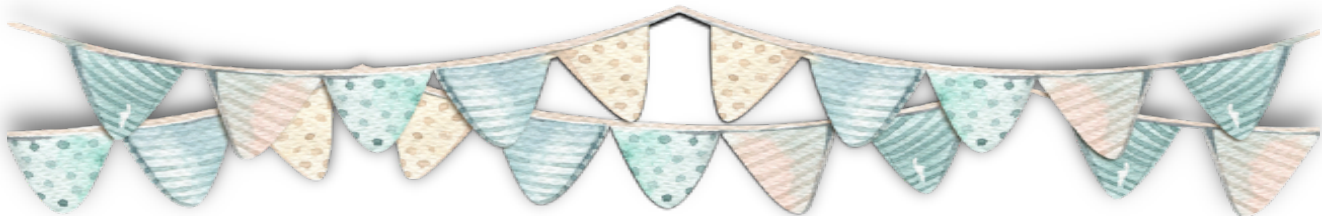
Austin, Texas  
January 25, 2020

Join Christ the Good Shepherd community for a day of prayer and fellowship to commemorate the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Those attending will leave CGS at 8:45 am after the 8 am Mass.

March begins at 1 pm and costs \$25. Children under the age of 10 are free. Snack is provided however please bring a sack lunch.

For more information, please contact Jackie Vail @ 713.598.0235

The goal from the state this term is to add 8 new members to each court per year. **WE CAN DO IT!!** Let's see if we can discover new ways to add members and keep the excitement going for the current members! Please share any ideas you have with your court at the next meeting.



## National News



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas®**

## 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Downtown Sheraton Hotel**

**Dallas, Texas**

**July 15-19, 2020**

Texas Catholic Daughters are very excited to be hosting the 2020 National Convention as our very own National Regent Olga Samaniego from El Paso, Texas, will be presiding. Many chairmen and volunteers will be needed to plan and make this a wonderful memory for Olga, for Texas and the visiting Catholic Daughters from across our nation. It is our intent to include CDA members from across our great state of Texas to volunteer and assist with the many functions and activities involved in this national convention.



**OLGA  
SAMANIEGO**

**National  
Regent**

**Committees include: Liturgies (ushers, choir members); Hospitality (airport transport, Hotel, Buses); Registration (will have a schedule so no one has to work over 2-3 hours); Convention Bag assembly (weekend prior to opening of convention); Monitors; Pages; Exhibits; Setting up and resetting meeting rooms; Jugs of Lotto; raffle; Silent Auction; Walk/Run monitors.**



**Sheraton Dallas Hotel**

400 N Olive St, Dallas, TX 75201  
(214) 922-8000

For additional information or to volunteer –Contact:  
**2020 National Convention Chairman Carolyn Malik** at  
(830-857-2112) or email [cdacarol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cdacarol@sbcglobal.net)



The first Call to Convention will be mailed to courts in December, with Delegate sheets in a separate mailing. There is still time to make court plans to attend and book hotel reservations.



## Legislation:

### Resources:

Texas Legislature Online: <https://capitol.texas.gov/> National website: <http://www.house.gov/>

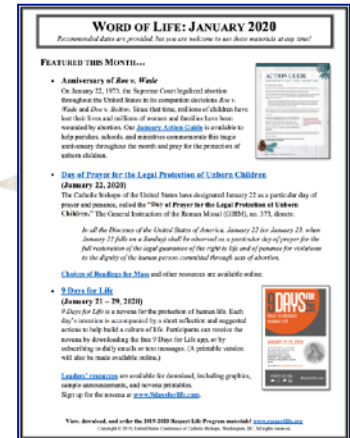
To locate your state and national legislatures: Texas: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and National: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>

Please read new articles on human rights and human dignity for ALL: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/>

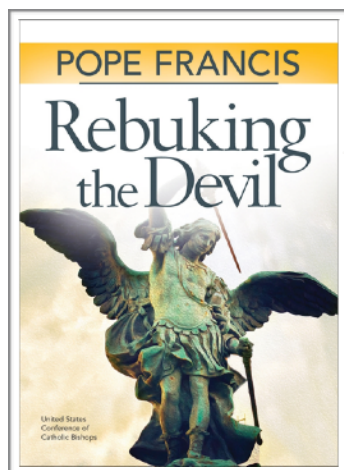
Word of Life Flyer for January 2020: [Word of Life January 2020](#)

Don't forget our Catholic Bishops site, if is full of information: <http://www.usccb.org/>

Check out: [The Vatican: The Holy See](#)



'Sanctity is not rigid like cardboard; it knows how to smile, to give way to others and to hope. It is life - a supernatural life.' - St. Josemaria



Make sure to get your copy of: 'Rebuking the Devil'

Check it out here:  
[Rebuking the Devil](#)



Please see Operation Morningstar December 2019 Newsletter:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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**Abortion rate drops lower than any time since 1973 Roe v. Wade decision**

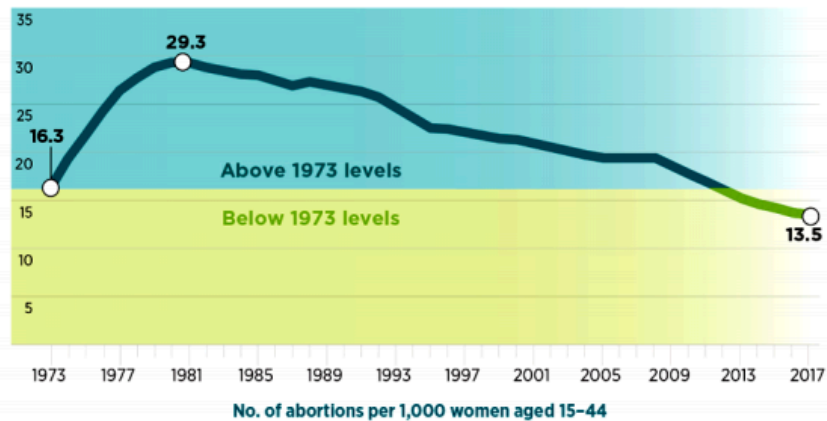
The number of U.S. women having abortions has dropped to its lowest point since abortion was legalized in 1973.

The abortion rate has been steadily decreasing in recent years and was 13.5 per 1,000 women of childbearing age in 2017. This rate is less than half what it was in 1980 when the highest rate was 29.3.

More than 860,000 children were aborted in 2017. We continue to pray and work to end abortion.

TRENDS IN ABORTION

**The U.S. abortion rate reached a historic low in 2017.**



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

**Bishops condemn Equality Act to erase all legally protected sexual differences**

The United States House of Representatives passed the Equality Act last spring. The bill is awaiting a vote in the Senate. Many Catholic bishops have expressed alarm against it.

**Call or email your U.S. Senators urging them to vote no on the Equality Act (S. 788).** The Act would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," as well as "pregnancy...or a related medical condition," to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws. Laws and rules concerning rape, assault, adoption, school bathrooms and competitive sports would all be up-ended.

"The Equality Act," said the Family Policy Alliance, "is at once the most dangerous piece of legislation we've seen in Congress. It threatens parental rights, including how parents make healthcare and education decisions for their children. It even threatens parental custody over

their own children. The Equality Act puts the LGBT agenda ahead of constitutional religious freedom rights, forces LGBT curriculum and policies into schools (likely both private and public), and equates the Black Civil Rights movement with the LGBT agenda."

See the last issue of Operation Morningstar for more information on the bishops' stance.

**JOIN CDA AT THE  
MARCH FOR LIFE  
JANUARY 24, 2020**

See details elsewhere in this mailing.





### **Support Dignity for Aborted Children**

When Indiana abortionist Ulrich "George" Klopfer died in September, his family found 2,246 preserved fetal remains on his Illinois property. In response, Indiana's U.S. Senators have introduced a bill ensuring dignity for the remains of unborn children.

### **Call or email your U.S. Senators urging them to vote yes on the Dignity for Aborted Children Act (S. 2590)**

After an abortion, the unborn child's body is often treated like common medical waste. This act would ensure that women seeking an abortion would be given the option of keeping the remains or giving the abortion facility permission to dispose of the remains. Abortionists would be required to provide burial or cremation of the remains or face a fine and up to five years in prison.

"Regardless of their stance on the issue of abortion, Americans from all walks of life were appalled to discover how children who are aborted are treated after death," said a spokesperson for National Right to Life.

### **Add pro-life video to CDA meeting**

When unborn babies are diagnosed with Down syndrome,

- 100% are aborted in Iceland,
- 98% are aborted in Denmark, and
- 67% are aborted in the United States

In response Live Action, the group founded by pro-life activist Lila Rose, has produced a beautiful five-minute video that is the pro-life reply to "Babies with disabilities are better off aborted."

The video would be a wonderful addition to any Catholic Daughters' meeting. It is a speech by Karen Gaffney, a vibrant, accomplished young woman who has Down syndrome. She shares why all lives have value and worth. Find the video here:

<https://prolifereplies.liveaction.org/disabilities/>

In fact, Live Action has a series of brief videos to defend pro-life arguments. Let's use them!

### **Psychiatrist speaks on child sex change surgery: Many will regret this**

In September Maria Lencki, a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville, interviewed prominent Johns Hopkins psychiatrist Paul McHugh. Here are excerpts:

"A psychiatrist from Johns Hopkins University has slammed the medical and psychiatric industries for what he says is reckless and irresponsible treatment of patients who claim to be transgender.

"Paul McHugh, a renowned psychiatrist from Johns Hopkins University, told *The College Fix* he believes transgender people are being experimented on because the doctors treating transgender patients with hormones "don't have evidence that (the treatment) will be the right one." He also criticized the manner of treatment given to many children who claim to be transgender.

"Many people are doing what amounts to an experiment on these young people without telling them it's an experiment," he told *The Fix* via phone."

... "Asked about the possible long-term consequences of the growing practice of helping children develop transgender identities, including with hormones, McHugh expressed pessimism.

"They're going to be in the hands of doctors for the rest of their lives, many of them are going to be sterilized, not able to have their own children, and many will regret this," McHugh said.

"Can you imagine having a life where you need to seek doctors all the time, for everything, just to live? Getting your hormones checked, getting everything checked. That is something doctors should like to spare people of," he added.

"McHugh thinks that eventually our society will look back on this craze as something of an historical shame. "I believe it will be something like how we think of eugenics now. We will come to regret it when we discover how many of the young people that were injured regret it themselves." Taken from: [TheCollegeFix.com](http://TheCollegeFix.com)

Written by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair; Approved: Olga Samaniego, National Regent



## Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the Advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

- ✦ *Be women of Faith*
- ✦ *Encourage Spiritual Growth*
- ✦ *Increase membership*
- ✦ *Promote the motto of "Unity and Charity"*

***"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it." - Psalm 118:24***



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."



Birthdays:

Cathy Peplau - 23rd

Anniversaries:

Sheryl Bihler-Lopez

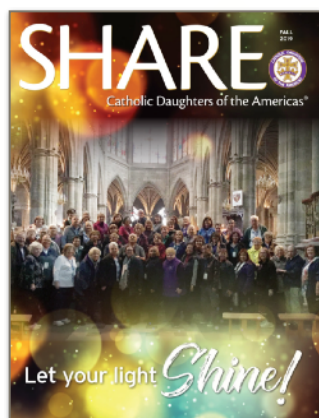
*"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." St. John Paul II*





National CDA Website:

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



Click link below to see the Fall 2019 issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

[Share Fall 2019](#)

(NOTE: you must have 'flash' to view)



National Christmas 2019 Newsletter:

[National Quarterly Christmas 2019](#)

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" *St. Catherine of Siena*

## Dates to Remember

### CDA Calendar for January 2020

9th Gen. Meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209

11-12th Community Weekend

16th Hope Ctr. Ministry, 3:00 PM, Soc. Hall

16th Bd. Meeting, 6:30 PM, Library

18th Meal at Hope Ctr., 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

30th Anniversary celebration

31st Regent's semi-annual report due

31st Memorial Scholarship Applications deadline

The Court's donation to State and National projects are voted on and paid



Go in  
Peace  
to Love  
and  
Serve  
the  
Lord



From left to right: Katherine Lee, Karen Doolittle, Cathy Peplau, Veronica Arnold, Jean Sanfelippo, Norina Fisher, Priscilla Hargraves, Mary Roberts, Charlotte Prieve, Caylin Jerome, and Peggy O'Neil. Photo by Mary Jane Brewster