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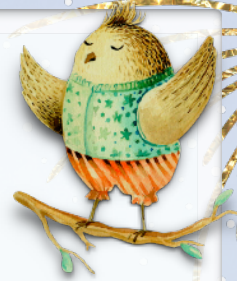


I'm flying south for Christmas
to avoid the winter storms.
I'm heading to the beaches
where the weather's always warm.

They say we shouldn't travel now.
At least that's what I'm told.
But, even so, I have to go;
it's getting much too cold.

But you don't need to worry.
I assure you I'll be fine.
I think that you'll feel better
once you've heard this plan of mine.

I won't be getting on a plane;
that isn't safe, I've heard.
I'm flying south for Christmas,
And I'm glad that I'm a bird. – Kenn Nesbitt



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 rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24





Court Regent's Message

Charlotte Prieve, Court Regent



Dear CDA Sisters,

These are still difficult times for ourselves and those we care about.

Prayers are a way of continuing the 'Hope' in our lives as Pope Francis said,

"Advent is a continuous call to hope... The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats."

I pray that all of us will have joyful events coming our way this holiday season and continue into the year 2021!

We will continue to do Zoom meetings until further notice.

Blessings and Hope,
Charlotte Prieve, Regent



Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Mark Clancy



Be Bold. Be Ready.

My Dear Sisters in Christ Jesus, the peace and love of the King of kings and the Lord of lords be always with you.

One of my favorite scripture passages is the story of the walking on the water found in Matthew, Mark and Johns' gospels. Jesus, as He often did, went off by Himself to pray. The apostles went across the Sea of Galilee in a boat. In the early morning Jesus finished His praying and walked across the Sea of Galilee to get to the other side. The disciples were terrified when they saw Jesus walking near the boat. In a bold move, Peter asked Jesus if he could walk on the water also. Jesus told him to come, and Peter started walking on the water. When Peter noticed the strong wind he began to fear and started to sink. And as is always the case, Jesus is right there to save him. He draws him into the boat and the storm ceases.

When we try to serve God we sometimes experience strong winds against us. There is a certain boldness in Peter's actions. When God is asking us to do something, we need the boldness to "just do it." We do it even if it does not make any sense. The Holy Spirit often moves us in ways that do not appear to be logical. They do not seem to be logical, but, in reality, they are part of a grand plan working in our lives to bear some kind of good fruit for other people or ourselves.

People are hungry, hungry for Almighty God, hungry just to know Someone is always there. They are hungry for human companionship. Their deepest hunger is for divine companionship, although many do not know this. Let us remember that we are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:20). By your baptism, you are an adopted daughter of God. I am an adopted son of God. Let us do spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The world needs us to be other Christs. Recognize the voice of one near you who is crying out for the love of God. Who is it?

And remember, God is your power. When you try to do good deeds remember, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." (1 Thes 5:24) Let us be bold in helping others. Let us be listening enough to God so that when the Holy Spirit wants us to do something, we boldly try to do it, even if we are somewhat afraid.

Be Ready. Be Bold.

Deacon Mark Clancy

Court News!

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Thank you all so much, from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers and messages while I defeated cancer. I am on the mend now and starting to feel much better.

Thank you Thank you!!



*I am too positive
to be doubtful,
too optimistic
to be fearful,
and
too determined
to be defeated.*



January Meeting Call-In Instructions

Thank you to all who have been joining our Zoom meetings! It has been great to 'see' everyone. We will be experiencing our January meeting in the same fashion, via Zoom, on January 7th at 7pm. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed prior to the meeting for all to log on. The meeting will be conducted by our worthy Regent, Charlotte Prieve! Can't wait to see you all!

Dates to Remember



CDA Calendar for 1st Qtr 2021

January 2021

- 7th Gen. Meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209
- Work on COL reports
- Call to convention packet to Court
- The Court's donation to State and National projects are voted on and paid
- 14th Hope Center ministry-
- 14th CDA board meeting, 7 PM
- 15th Deadline for Share Magazine (Spring)
- 31st Regent's semi-annual report due
- 31st Memorial Scholarship Applications deadline

February: 2021

- 1st Circle of Love reports due to State
- *4th ? Anniversary Mass-7:00 PM, followed by short meeting and social, Rm. 207-209
- 18th Hope Center ministry-
- 18th CDA Board meeting, 7 PM
- Individual COL forms completed
- Annual dues
- Election of court's delegates to state convention
- Delegate sheets are mailed to state
- Make hotel reservations for State convention

March 2021

- 4th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209
- *Start of K of C Fish Fry Fridays, desserts & Mass cards
- 18th Hope Center ministry
- 18th CDA Board meeting, 7 PM
- 20th State Education, Newsletter, & Website Contests due
- *Final K of C Fish Fry Dinner
- 31st Membership cut-off date for National and State dues
- Schedule Financial Review for April

High Hopes For the New Year





A Message from Patrice Hampton, Financial Secretary

Not much has changed since my last piece as COVID still has us in its grip & we're so restricted from meetings or activities, but I have stayed busy with collecting money from Mass cards ... after-all, what better gift than a Mass during this time of year & of uncertainty.

In my personal life, I'm healing nicely from my back surgery & am glad to have started physical therapy about a month ago. This has been a long haul & at times I thought I may not make it, but here I am getting back to my old self again! For this I am beyond grateful to my doctors, therapists, caregivers & all my precious friends who've been there for me through it all. It was the power of prayer that kept me hanging on &, as we all know, God is so good.

My prayer is for everyone to have a beautiful & blessed Christmas season and for 2021 to be a year we will want to remember because we were able to get together for our meetings & activities once again. This year has been a challenge for everyone, but there have been many miracles and blessings as well, so gratefulness I take with me.

Blessings to all,
Patrice Hampton
Financial Secretary

A decorative graphic at the bottom right of the page. It features a brown fabric ribbon with a gold-colored oval tag attached. The tag contains a quote. To the right of the tag are three butterflies with black, white, and brown patterns. The background of the graphic is a light, textured surface with faint green floral patterns.

"And whatever you ask
in prayer, you will
receive, if you have
faith." - Matthew 21:22

In July we were asked for urgent prayers for Katherine Lee's sister-in-law. We all dove into prayer-mode for this lovely human, adding her to daily prayers, as well as multiple thoughts per day. We looked forward to all the updates we received and prayed some more. Meals were delivered and cards sent. I know I, as well as many others, have been totally inspired by Sam and her faith and strength. We continue to pray and be encouraged, as she continues to improve, and show the world God is Good! And faith is everything!

For those who were not present at the last meeting for the reading of the Thank You note from Sam's mother, it is attached below. May we continue to be inspired by this extraordinary woman!

A Message from Katherine Lee, Treasurer

Hi, this is Jackie Lee, Samantha Gower's mother. On behalf of Sam and her family, my husband and I want to thank you so much for the incredible kindness and generosity you all have shown to us during this most difficult period in our lives. Katherine has been a lifeline for us with her thoughtfulness, helpfulness and consideration, and her association with you all has been an incredible blessing for us all. Just knowing on an almost daily basis that healthy, delicious meals were going to be waiting for us at the end of the day helped to relieve a lot of the stress that we were going through. We are humbled at your example of Christian charity and kindness, and only hope that we will be one day be able to pass on to others the love that has been shown to us.

Thank you again for all you have done, and we pray that God may repay your spiritual and physical kindness in full measure.

Jackie Lee





A Message from Mary Jane Brewster, Spiritual Enhancement Chair

Below is a prayer for emotional healing for all who suffered during this past year of 2020. So many have had serious things happen in their lives, from Covid-19, to losing a loved one, different health issues, job loss, anger, being unable to pay bills, becoming homeless, depression, suicide, children suffering from not being in school, parents and grandparents having to home school the kids, lock downs, having to wear masks, not being able to go to church, not being able to receive Eucharist, having to have personal and business meetings on Zoom, not being able to socialize as we used to, going through a "crazy" election, many requests for prayers in the Good of the Order Book, and any number of things that are too numerous to mention here. It has affected all of us in one way or another. This prayer can bring us HOPE, that with our Trinitarian God, our Blessed Mother, our daily prayers and saying the Rosary and Devine Mercy Chaplet, HEALING and PEACE can take place in our minds, bodies, souls, and hearts. That is a gift we can all appreciate this Christmas, as we remember the Birth of our Savior, Jesus.

I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas Season that extends well into the New Year!

Mary Jane Brewster
 Spiritual Enhancement Chair
 CGS CDA Court 2731



Prayer for Emotional Healing

Loving Father, I come before You with faith in Your promise that whatever I ask for in Your name You will grant me if it is for the good of the soul and in accordance with Your Divine Will.

I come trusting in Your great love for each one of us and believing that only You know what is best for us. I come to you now to ask that You enter into the hearts of "*put names here*" who are in need of emotional healing. You know them better than they know themselves. Bring Your healing love into every corner of their hearts and release all the buried negative emotions inside that have not been resolved and continue to cause them pain and anguish. Remove all their unhealed hurts and painful memories that block the flow of Your graces, robbing them of Your peace, love, and joy.

Heal all feelings of sadness, loneliness, fear and anxiety. Heal all guilt, despair, feelings of betrayal and rejection. Heal all feelings of anger, hatred, resentment and bitterness. Bring Your healing love to all their emotions that have caused them hopelessness, discouragement, helplessness and feelings of despair.

Grant them the grace to forgive all those who have caused these negative emotions and likewise to be forgiven by those whom they have harmed.

O Lord, give them repentant hearts, forgive them for their sins and failures and be merciful to them. Help them to realize the blessings that resulted from each painful experience and how this has led them closer to You.

As You release from them all these painful emotions, fill all the empty spaces with Your love, Your peace, Your joy and the powerful presence of Your Holy Spirit.

After they have been healed, may their lives be a witness to Your power and glory and may they reach out to others, too. All this I pray in Jesus' name, through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and all the angels and saints.

Amen. _____





A Message from Priscilla Hargraves, Past Regent

As we all can agree, this has been a long year, especially the last nine months! So many plans have been changed. So many people have lost loved ones. So many lives have been changed by illness and financial loss.

Dub and I had so many plans to travel and visit family and friends which did not materialize. In October we decided it was time to take a trip! We decided on a two-legged trip to Arkansas and Colorado.

The Brothers and Sisters of Charity founded by John Michael Talbot have a monastery outside Berryville, Arkansas. Dub has been studying with them for a while and wanted to visit the monastery. So, since we would be in Arkansas, why not go to Colorado, as well? It is only a short distance of +/- 800 miles and over 12 hours travel time to get there!

The first leg of our trip from Spring to the monastery was plagued with bad weather, including rain and dense fog. But we finally arrived on day 2 after spending the night in McAlester, Oklahoma. And regardless of the poor weather conditions while we were there, the monastery is situated in a beautiful location in the Ozark Mountains and covered by tall trees. It is a peaceful respite from all the cares of the world. While there, Dub made his permanent profession and took the name Brother Joseph. I have included a few pictures. They cannot possibly give you a complete understanding of the beauty, serenity, or spirituality there. You will have to schedule a retreat/visit sometime and experience it for yourselves.





The next leg of our journey was across the state of Kansas. I had never been in Kansas, and I must admit, the western half, as well as the eastern half of Colorado is flat with little to no trees. Good farming country...with irrigation!

Onward we went to Castle Rock, Colorado to visit Gizelle, Jason, and family. Gizelle finished the radiation treatments due to her bout with breast cancer a couple of days after we arrived. Thank the Lord and all your prayers, she is doing well.

Of course, the boys had virtual classes on their laptops in the dining room. (Where they could be monitored by Mom!) We were blessed to spend a week with them, talking, laughing, playing games, just being present to one another. If you've never been to Castle Rock, you need to plan a trip! It is a picturesque town south of Denver, at about 6200 feet elevation. A beautiful mountain range is visible from Gizelle's house. When it's dark, the lights of Denver are visible in the valley. When in town, you can see Pikes Peak, even though it is miles away. I love the mountains, and thankfully, we had sunshine and 70+ degree weather while we were there. I prayed for sunshine and pleasant temperatures and the Lord provided abundantly! There are some pictures, so you can see the beauty of the area.



Though sad to leave Gizelle and family, it was time to “come down from the mountain” and return to our family and friends in Spring. We had a wonderful trip that made up for all the months of being at home.

Thinking of all the months that we have been separated from others due to Covid 19, I realized that through it all, the CDA has remained active in their ministry to others and our parish community. On September 29th, some of our members participated in the Knights of Columbus “Passing of the Rose” ceremony and rosary at the Marian statue at CGS. Our members have taken meals to families when needed. Others have taken parishioners for appointments or delivered groceries to those who preferred to remain at home. On October 18th, CDA members provided the cookies for dessert after the Fall Festival dinner that Sunday.



NAM toy bags were handed out at the Masses on two weekends in November. The Wreaths Across America program was supported by our CDA, and others who contributed through our CDA site. Although the CDA has not sponsored the KC Saturday breakfasts, I know many have supported their charitable efforts by purchasing their meals. We have continued to have the blood drives at CGS, which have also been supported through donations by CDA sisters. And, of course, we have our primary ministry to the homeless, through Hope Center Houston, with our monthly donation of manna bags. Many of our members contribute monetarily, or by donating items and by meeting and putting the bags together so our homeless sisters and brothers will have food and water for a whole weekend.

So, while we all may bemoan the fact that we haven't been able to take the trips we planned or have had to stay at home most of the time or must wear masks when we do leave our homes, we have continued to provide care for those around us who are in need, to minister to others as the CDA. I am proud to be one of you. God bless all of you, my sisters!



NAM Food Donations!



During the week of December 15th, we were challenged to meet 1000 lbs of food to donate to NAM. At the time of this picture, posted by Mark Stoebner, we had reached ...

'Challenge made. Challenge accepted. Challenge successfully completed. Congratulations -1,037 lbs. of food, plus 95 lbs. of fresh produce and oranges donated to NAM this week. You are a Blessed and giving community as Father James mentioned on Sunday. This is what 434 lbs. of food from this weekend looks like. Keep up the great work!'



Troop 1550 at CGS donated 127 lbs of food on the 16th!



Anniversaries and Birthdays this Quarter!

January Birthdays: Cathy Peplau - 23rd

January Anniversaries: Sheryl Bihler-Lopez - 1st, Cristina Patetta - 11th

February Birthdays: Kathryn Kietur -27th, Charlotte Prieve -19th, Mary Louise Roberts - 21st, Candice Tyrrell - 14th

Anniversaries: Norina Fisher - 14th, Priscilla Hargraves - 22nd, Cathy Miller - 15th

March Birthdays: Veronica Arnold - 21st, Mary Ellen Crawford - 16th, Anne Shepherd-Knapp - 3rd, Margaret Williamson - 2nd

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!

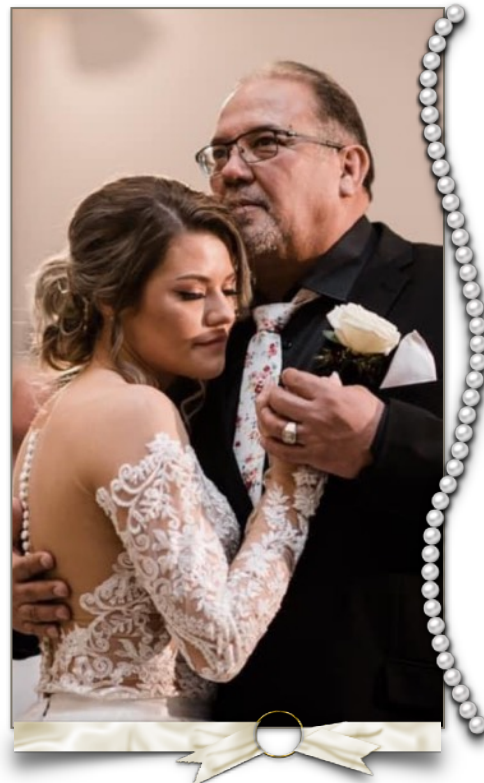
If you know of someone who is sick or has passed away, please email jmsanfelippo@comcast.net so that she can mail them or their family a card. Thank you!



In Memoriam:

In early November, Mary Louise Roberts brother, Johnny Melcher, passed away, after a long battle with Covid-19. We pray not only for the repose of his soul, but also for Mary and her family as they grieve through this very difficult time.

Johnny loved being a Marine, and served our country for 10 years. In February, his youngest daughter was married. Such beautiful memories.





In early December, a member of our CDA court, Nancy Seheult passed away. She was a Charter Member and helped at the information/Mass card table at both Community weekends and at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinners during Lent. She was a joyful person, always smiling, and wasn't afraid to tell you what she thought!



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. For the 2019 - 2020 term, \$44,000 was awarded to 46 graduates! Please contact Peggy O'Neil, 281-440-0286, or email at cda2731masscards@gmail.com, with mass card requests and/or questions.

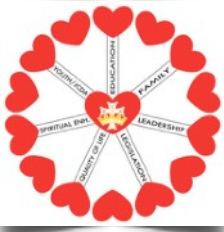
Mass cards are always available at the meetings.



NEEDS!

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

[Visit Hope Ctr website](#)



Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - Karen Doolittle

Sisters, your generosity with donating food items for manna bags and donating/volunteering your time to assemble manna bags is rewarding the guests of Hope Center Houston and yourselves for your generous acts of charity. Our Court continues to deliver 50 'double' manna bags and 50 PBJ sandwiches on the Friday of the week of the third Saturday each month! Each delivery to HCH is greeted with great appreciation for the work our Court is doing to help HCH serve their guests! Thank you, sisters, for all that you are doing!



In addition to manna bags, there are two other ways to help the guests of HCH:

(1) Funding of paper items that are used on a daily or regular basis. Currently Hope Center is using 'to-go' containers to serve hot meals Monday thru Friday and wrapped plastic ware for the guests to use to eat their hot lunch. The best way to support this program is by check payable to Peggy O'Neil and note on the memo line "HCH Paper Goods". Peggy and Mike keep the paper good supplies current at Hope Center. A financial contribution ensures that Hope Center receives the type of paper goods that work best for the Center. Checks may be dropped at the CGS office if in an envelope marked "Peggy O'Neil CDA" or mailed directly to Peggy at: 15123

Pebble Bend Dr. Houston, TX 77068.

(2) Donating Winter Items now thru the end of February. We haven't had much winter, but it may come and to help Hope Center prepare for the winter days and weeks they can use the following items: Jackets; Sweaters; Hoodies; Sweat Shirts; Sweat Pants; Men's boxer cotton underwear size M and L; Gloves (NOT the little knit ones); Tennis Shoes—Men's size 10.5, 11, 11.5 and Women's large sizes; Blankets; Sleeping Bags; Tents. Donations may be handled several ways: call Karen or Priscilla for pickup and they will deliver to HCH; drop donation at Church and notify Karen or Priscilla that you have left a donation with the CGS Receptionist and they will pickup your donation and deliver to HCH; deliver yourself to HCH between the hours of 10-1:15 M-F and mention your affiliation with CDA at CGS, but the donation is from YOU!!

Your continued support of our Court's ministry to Hope Center Houston in 2021 is much appreciated!!

Thank You.

Priscilla Hargraves and Karen Doolittle



Wreaths Across America

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

On Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM, Catholic Daughters of America (TX0739P) helped Houston National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Thank you for helping 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.



Words of Wisdom, by Sue Denning

WORDS OF WISDOM



From Sue

Seeing Through Another's Eyes

There is a story of Gandhi that reveals how profound and daring his sense of compassion was. It occurred during one of his famous hunger strikes. A man whose daughter was killed came in anguish, saying to Gandhi that he would stop fighting if 'the great souled one' would eat. But Gandhi knew the healing was deeper than just stopping the violence, and so he told the man he would eat only when the tormented father embraced the man who killed his daughter.

It is said that the man collapsed in tears, but did as Gandhi asked, and the larger conflict ended. This is an enormous thing to ask of someone in grief, of someone who has been violated. But beyond the vast courage needed to incorporate this kind of love into our daily lives, Gandhi's request reveals the irrefutable wisdom that only when the broken are healed, no matter what they have done, will we as a people heal.

It is hard to comprehend how this works, yet the mystery of true forgiveness waits in letting go of our ledgers of injustice and retribution in order to regain the feeling in our heart. And so, I am forced to look into my own small life, into my own small and all-consuming pains, and ask, Who am I? Why can't I forgive the wrongs done me? Why can't I, more than forgive, and begin to trust again?

Yannis Ritsos



CGS Fall Festival and Silent Auction

Fall Festival was a multi-week celebration in lieu of the one day festival, as in the past. It was held October 11, 18, 25, and 30. It included a Silent Auction. Our court submitted items for a home altar. Thank you to all those who donated!

Family sponsorship was also available for \$100. All family contributions were displayed on a single large banner. Contact Frank Scheaffer for more information if you missed the banner!

Drive through meals were provided for those who wanted to grab and go, or grab and sit outside. Our court provided cookies for the dessert on the 18th. Each Sunday offered a movie, with social distancing. Great time was had by all attendees!



CGS OCTOBER FEST

OCT. 11, 18, 25, 30 Events/ Eventos

4:30pm-6:00pm: CGS Live Concert by CGS Musicians
 Concierto en vivo con CGS músicos
 A variety of music / Variedad de música
 Doors open at 4pm / las puertas se abren a las 4PM
OCT. 11, 18, 25

5pm: Drive Thru Food Pick Up

10/11- BBQ Dinner
10/18- Latino Meal (pickup 2pm onwards)
10/25- Italian Dinner

10/30 -Candy!Candy!Candy!
 Dulce!Dulce!Dulce!
 CGS Costume Voting
 Votación de disfraces de CGS

Food to Purchase /Comida para comprar

\$10 Custom Designed CGS T-Shirts for Sale
 Camisetas diseñadas de CGS a medida para la venta

The Lord is my Shepherd I fear no evil PSALM 23: 1a, 4b El Señor es mi Pastor No temo ningún mal

SILENT Auction Online bidding starts Subasta en línea comienza **October 10**

Be a sponsor /Sea un patrocinador contact Frank Scheaffer at fscheaffer@sbcglobal.net 713-444-1984

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS! \$10 Winner's Choice Raffle Rifa en la que el ganador elige el premio **10/30- Virtual Drawing/ Rifa virtual**

www.cgsoctoberfest.com email: info@cgsoctoberfest.com
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State News and Events



The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a December 2020 Edition, our Court's new officers are featured on Page 19!: [The Lone Star Messenger December 2020 Edition.](#)

The Texas State Court CDA Park Lane Jewelry Fundraiser has ended. We will get the full results in the next publication of The Lone Star Messenger.

This year the Newsletter Contest deadline has been moved up by a month. Entries are due to the state chairman by February 1, 2021!


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

Texas CDA website: <http://www.texascd.org/#loaded>.

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."




Congratulations to our Court and sister Courts!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

**National Contests
Texas Winners**



2020 Education Contest

Division	Recipient	Court	City
Division 3 – Computer Art			
1 st Place	Katelyn Bensen	Annunciation #1962	LaGrange
Division 2 – Photography			
1 st Place	Madisen Addalae Grant	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum
Division 2 - Music			
2 nd Place	Michaela Gutermuth	Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364	Lake Jackson

2020 Newsletter Contest

Category	Recipient	City
Category I – Division 2	Christ the Good Shepherd #2731	Spring
Category II – Division 1	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Category II – Division 2	St. Jane Frances de Chantal #2699	The Woodlands
Category III – Division 1	St. Paul #1604	Shiner
Category III – Division 2	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo

2020 Website Contest

Division	Recipient	City
Division I – Category 1		
2 nd Place	Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park
Division II – Category 1		
1 st Place	Christ the Good Shepherd #2731	Spring
Division II – Category 5		
2 nd Place	Texas State Court	

2021 Texas Rally for Life will be held on January 23rd at the Capitol in Austin, from 1pm - 4pm. Contact: rally@TexasAllianceforLife.org

<https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/events/2021-texas-rally-for-life/>

Schedule

- 1:00 PM – Meet at 14th and San Jacinto to march to the Capitol
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM Rally on South Steps of Capitol
- 3:00-4:00 PM – Pro-Life Expo on Great Walk of Capitol Grounds

Speakers - TBD



Make Plans to Attend

52nd Biennial State Convention The Hilton Garden Inn, Texarkana, Texas April 14—18, 2021

Volunteer Opportunities—How You and the Courts Can Help

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk/Run • Purse Auction • Raffles • Exhibits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Convention Packet Assembly • Goody Bag Items • Decorations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals • Hospitality • Appreciation Banquet • Fun Night |
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These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities. If asked to help, please say "YES". More information will follow from State Regent Melodie Brunt and in future articles in The Lone Star Messenger.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)



Reminder that Texas local courts will fill out the TEXAS STATE FORM for the circle of love program this year. The Circle of Love forms were mailed out in September in the local regents packet. Check with your District Deputy if you have questions. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymBM0tR6VmcYmt4trOIXTB5Oh-ToKO8T/view>

Deadline to submit: February 1, 2021

LOVE: the seven points indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters.

The **EDUCATION** Contest/Scholarship Program, for both youth and adults, provides an opportunity to share God-given talents and pursue further education.

The **FAMILY** Program encourages members to strengthen their families by praying, working, and playing together, and by loving and supporting one another in all they do.

Our **LEADERSHIP** Program encourages women to assume positions of leadership in the organization, parish and community and supplies information and tools to assist them.

The Circle of Love

The Circle of Love depicts the focus of CDA activity. Each spoke is bound together by the common interest:



Our **LEGISLATION** Program, helps keep us informed on public issues that impact our quality of life and family values.

The **QUALITY OF LIFE** Program encompasses a number of social awareness issues that affect families, communities and the world.

The **SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT** Program inspires members, both as individuals and as a sisterhood, to deepen their relationships with God; our service is the way we witness our faith in Christ.

The **YOUTH/JCDA** Program nurtures personal and spiritual growth and promotes service to others through activities and experiences for young people.



National News



Our National Court has announced the March for Life in Washington DC will not be cancelled...

'Jeanne Mancini, President of March for Life, stated that the march will continue. In her words, "Listen, we marched during the blizzard of 2016, we've marched during government shutdowns, we marched after 9/11, we will march again this year. We've marched for 47 years and no sacrifice is too great to fight this human rights abuse of abortion." The Opening Mass of the Vigil for Life will be Thursday, January 28 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC at 5:30 pm. Matthew West, the GMA Dove Award®-winning and Grammy Award®-nominated artist/songwriter and other speakers and musical groups will be performing at the March for Life Rally Friday, January 29 before the March commences. We will meet inside the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, located at the intersection of 12th Street NW and Constitution Avenue at 12:30 PM and join the March as it goes past. Saturday morning, a Breakfast Legislative Program will be presented by Legislative chairman Eileen Peterson at the Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC at 9:00 AM. Please contact the National Regent Sherry Nilles (cdasherry@gmail.com) if you are planning on attending the March and Legislative breakfast. An exact count for rooms and breakfast must be sent to the hotel.'

Together Strong: Life Unites

January 29, 2021

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS!

Be the Light of Christ for others!

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!!!

It's that time again, time for recruiting new members. Turn on your lights and shine bright for others to see. **Host membership drives, socials, fun nights, spiritual events, anything that spreads the light of Christ to others.**

The contest runs from August 2020 - June 2022!

Catholic Daughters offers an opportunity for all Local Courts to recruit new members and for State Courts to start new Courts.

Let Your CDA Light Shine

PRIZE FOR LOCAL COURTS

Gaining the most Members

1ST PLACE - \$200

2ND PLACE - \$150

3RD PLACE - \$100

Category 1: 1-75 Members
Category 2: 76-150 Members
Category 3: 151+ Members

PRIZE FOR STATE COURTS

Instituting most new Courts

1ST PLACE - \$500

2ND PLACE - \$350

3RD PLACE - \$200

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it Shine, Let it Shine, Let it Shine!

Contact National Director Dawn Fortenberry with any questions - (225)324-8610 or dawnie55@earthlink.net



Catholic Daughters of the Americas® National Projects



National Charities

Each court is asked to donate to a few of the following worthy causes:

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| 1. Apostleship of the Sea | 5. Catholic Extension | 8. Pontifical North American College |
| 2. Catholic Relief Services | 6. Missionaries of Charity | 9. Tutwiler Clinic |
| 3. Covenant House | 7. National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception | 10. Smile Train |
| 4. Disaster Relief | Washington, DC | |

The National Projects and Charities give each Catholic Daughter the opportunity to demonstrate the love and charity she feels toward the less fortunate in society and the world at large. It also represents a response to Christ's call to us His Servants. Each Catholic Daughter Local and State Court is asked to contribute to help are Projects and Charities. Know that at this time of this Pandemic it has been a challenge for us to hold fundraisers. At National we have also felt the decline of donations, but the need continues. I challenge all courts to find ways to hold fundraisers for their Local and State Courts and if possible please include our National Projects and Charities in your fundraising in your next 2-year term.



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>

[The Vatican: The Holy See](#) and [Vatican News](#)

Human Life Take Action page: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/>

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

Word of Life Flyer for January 2021: [Word of Life January 2021](#)

Catholic Bishops Current News: [USCCB News](#)



If you have not had a chance to read the Fall Share Magazine, we have a new Legislative Chairperson, Eileen Peterson. She wrote a biopic in the Share Magazine. See it below (credit: Fall 2020 Share Magazine):

Meet Our Legislative Chairperson Eileen Peterson



Eileen Peterson
Legislative Chairman

The Family of Legislative Chairperson Eileen Peterson.

Harold and I have been married for 37 years, and God has entrusted us with seven children: Marie Therese, Margaret Anne, Monica Anne, Michael Vincent, Mark Andrew, Matthew John and Maximilian Joseph. We are blessed to have three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and we are awaiting our fifth grandchild in November.

Harold and I are products of Catholic Schools in Rockland County, NY, and we have always supported Catholic Education for our children.

When I was selected as one of the 225 singers for St. John Paul II on October 7, 1995, I heard these words and they penetrated to the depth of my being: "Be Not Afraid. Go to the Streets and Proclaim the Gospel of LIFE!" The words inspired me to become involved in pro-life activities.

Help of God's Precious Infants, The Rockland County Catholic Coalition, Rockland County LIFE Chain and Rockland Right to LIFE Committee are in Rockland and were the answer to the need for greater Pro-life involvement. The Rachel Ministry was formed for those who were wounded by the loss of LIFE at birth or prior to birth. The Rachel Ministry is still facilitating healing at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point. Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosarians was created after a successful victory in the New York State Supreme Court that supported our 1st Amendment Right to

be outside Planned Parenthood on public property.

40 Days for LIFE has been another enormous undertaking for fourteen years, but extremely rewarding as we know of lives that have been saved and hurting hearts that are healing.

The Catholic Daughters, Court Joan of Arc #604, has been another blessing for 21 years.

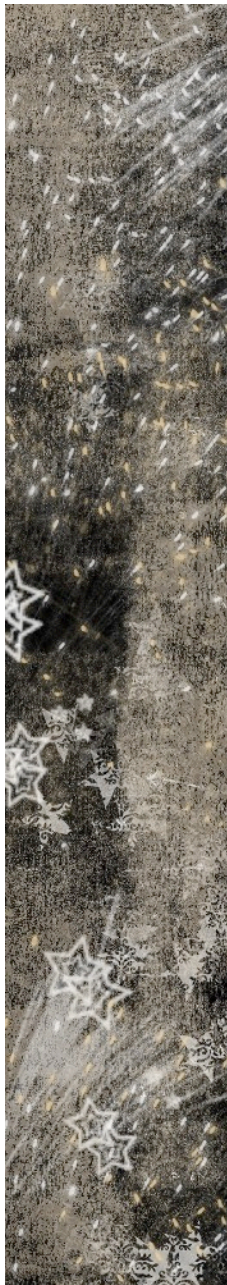
Serving as NYS Legislative Chair has been challenging, but through unity and charity, great strides have been made.

Working with young men as their Catholic Emblems Counselor of Boy Scout Troop 2010 has been an honor as we learn more about the treasure of our seven sacraments in the Ad Altare Dei Award.

For seventeen years, the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Gregory Barbarigo in Garnerville has been the prayer power for our family as I am hourly captain for the 4 AM commitment.

Our family had belonged to St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Haverstraw for 28 years. St. John the Baptist in Piermont is our new home. It is here the joy of music as organist and Choir Director enhances the greatest treasure ever- the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. May we take heed to what St. John Paul II told us:

"AMERICA, IF YOU WANT DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM, THEN DEFEND LIFE!" ✝



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Against All Odds

Our Roman Catholic Faith is quite remarkable when you truly take the time to think about it. We believe that angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and asked her to be the mother of God (Jesus, the second person in the Blessed Trinity).

Mary's "YES" was the most famous crisis pregnancy as she could have been stoned to death for at this time in history it was the Jewish law. Joseph was going to leave her quietly, but he was visited by an angel of the Lord in a dream: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:21)

There was no room for Mary to give birth to Jesus, yet God finds a way for the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Most Holy to be born. The only shelter available was a stable, and there, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2:6-7)

Jesus survived the slaughter of the innocents as Herod, king of Judea ordered the execution of all male children two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, this Christmas brings concerns that have not been there in the past. The pandemic has impacted all our lives and we know that our technology will find a vaccine to prevent this virus from destroying the precious gift of human LIFE.

On April 17, leading U.S. bishops wrote Stephen Hahn, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), asking that a COVID vaccine be developed ethically.

"It is critically important that Americans have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically: no American should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this potentially deadly virus and violating his or her conscience," the bishops wrote.

So please pray this Christmas for an ethical vaccine that will be moral and successful. May God Bless You and Your Precious Families this Christmas and may 2021 be a year of abundant blessings and love.

Eileen Peterson, National Catholic Daughter Legislation



On the Moral Permissibility of Recently Announced Vaccines for COVID-19

DECEMBER 8, 2020

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

On December 2nd Governor Abbott announced that the federal government will be distributing an initial allotment of approximately 1.4 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines in Texas during the month of December. These vaccines will be administered by qualifying providers throughout the state.

Some individuals and groups are publicly asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with it. This is an inaccurate presentation of Catholic moral doctrine and I would like to offer some clarifications regarding the moral permissibility of using the COVID-19 vaccines developed by the companies Pfizer and Moderna.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. However, these vaccines are not completely free from any connection to abortion, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote and should not be the basis for refusing to receive the vaccine.

A third possible vaccine, this one produced by AstraZeneca, is morally concerning because of its origins. However, according to Catholic moral teaching it is also acceptable to receive it for the sake of our own health and the health of others if it is the only vaccine available in a given place.

It is morally permissible to receive the COVID-19 vaccines which will be available for distribution in Texas beginning this month.

On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary we unite ourselves more closely to the intercession of the Mother of God as we pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be assured of my continued prayers for the clergy and lay faithful of the Church in Galveston-Houston.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." - Hebrews 13:15



Trust in Him



Click link below to see the Fall 2020 issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

[Share Fall 2020](#)

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



September's National Quarterly Newsletter:

[National Quarterly November 2020](#)

The beautiful National CDA Website:

www.catholicdaughters.org

Happy New Year!