



THE SPIRIT

Issue 23

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Welcome to the season of Fall! And, to milder days, cooler evenings, and more enjoyable opportunities to spend outside in the beauty of nature given to us by our loving Creator.

During this time, we also need to keep those who have been affected by Tropical Storm Imelda in our thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to notify your CDA officers if you know of anyone who needs help due to the storm.

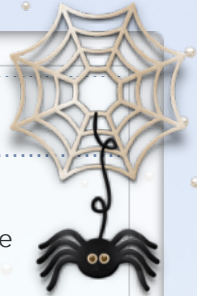
One of the most important things we can do for others is to pray for them. October is dedicated to the Rosary. Have you ever wondered why October was dedicated to the Rosary?

Due to the threat of the Muslims of the Ottoman Empire attempting to take over all the countries around the Mediterranean, Pope Pius V had ordered all the churches in Rome to be open day and night. He encouraged all the faithful to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. On October 7, 1571 the "Holy League" combined from fleets of Naples, Sardinia, Genoa, Venice, Savoy, the Papacy, and the Knights Hospitallers defeated the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Lepanto. This was the deciding victory which saved that area from Muslim control. Subsequently, Pope Pius V declared October 7th the Feast of "Mary, Queen of Victory". Later Pope Gregory XIII added "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary". For more information you may go to wordonfire.org or catholiceducation.org

Remember to keep Mary and the Rosary in your prayer this month. May God bless you!

Blessings,

Priscilla





Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

My Sisters in Christ,

October 2019 Chaplain's Corner

As we move into the Fall of the year, we see the beautiful vistas of the dying leaves on trees and bushes as the landscape takes on the appearance of magnificent bouquets of color and change. It is a time of the year to meditate on the beauty of death as nature enlightens us with its preparation for renewal and resurrection in the Spring.

Let us remember those who have suffered through the impact of the recent storms. So many lives have been affected and it is overwhelming to see homes destroyed, cars toppled over, and debris everywhere. It is amazing to see the utter destruction the wind and waves left behind. Yet many trees seemed unaffected. How do they do it? With strong, deep roots, a tree with deep roots can weather any storm.

It is only a matter of time before the next storm gets here: an illness, the death of a loved one, unemployment, financial difficulties, a troubled child, a natural disaster, marital strife, or any number of other things. The storms of life are inevitable. And when the next storm gets here, it's too late to sink the roots. We either have our roots set or we do not.

One of the best ways to sink deep roots is to pray, especially the rosary in this Month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a devotion that works in our lives. Praying the Rosary settles the heart and the mind. It puts things in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. Praying the Rosary reaches deep into our soul and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful.

The Rosary is one of the Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality. These pillars combine 2,000 years of spiritual wisdom into a handful of spiritual exercises. They may be ancient practices, but don't let that fool you into believing they are not relevant to your life in the modern world. They will help you build deep, strong roots.

The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality are:

Confession

Daily Prayer

The Mass

The Bible

Fasting

Spiritual Reading

The Rosary

Which pillar do you need in your life right now?



There are different seasons in our lives. There are different seasons in our spiritual journeys. And we need different pillars, depending on the circumstances in our particular time and journey in life.

Regardless of where you are in your life, you can start sinking these roots, the Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality, deep into your life and you will weather any storm. But so much more than surviving the storms of life, you will come to know the abundant life that Jesus offers us and invites us to experience.

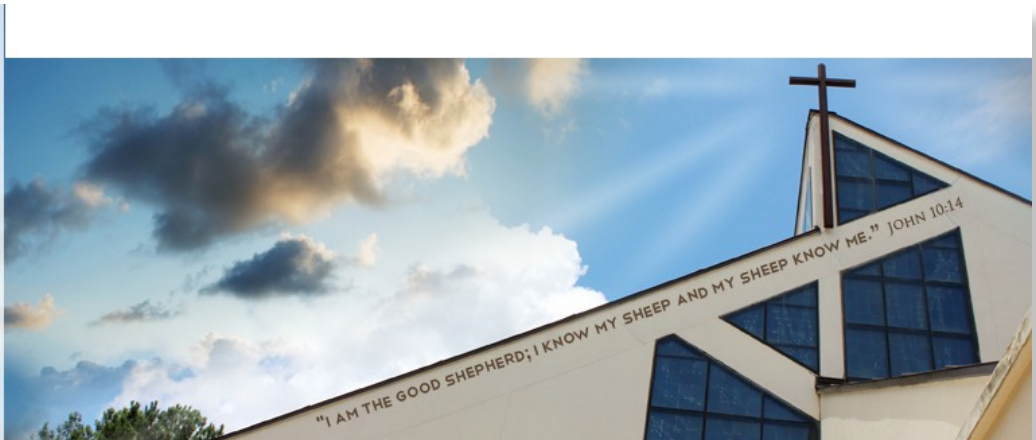
Blessings,

Den. Dub. Chaplain



"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." - St Padre Pio





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Court News!

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Hello Sisters!

I have changed up the order of the newsletter this month, as I want to provide all pertinent information, then move on to Mary Jane and Guylaine's wonderful September journey!

The CDA has chosen a theme for this term. It is: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." - 1 Samuel 3:9 You will start to see this theme posted, as we are all adopting it.

Sunday, October 20, we will celebrate as Catholic Daughter Sunday.

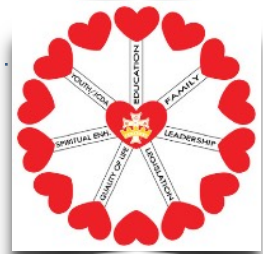
October 26 is Make a Difference Day. This is the largest national day of community service in the US. Everyone join together and serve your community and or charitable organizations!



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 two Third Saturday's under our belt and our Sisters and participating Parishioners enjoyed the experience as did the guests that came.



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 have arrived at 9:45 and are finished and leaving by 1:45.

What is served? Breakfast this month was scrambled egg on a corn tortilla topped with warm salsa, mandarin oranges, bananas. We also served donuts from a previous days donation. Lunch was a sandwich of turkey and cheese on honey wheat bread accompanied by pickles with mustard and mayo packets available. Oranges and bananas along cookies from the Panera Bread donation.

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

--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 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
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*"Once you choose hope, anything's possible." -
Christopher Reeve*

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

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



Tools of the Trade!

Everything anyone needs to know about running a local Court, whether you're an officer or member. Local Court information can be found under Section 5.

Catholic Daughters Tools of the Trade Section 5

'To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.' - St Thomas Aquinas

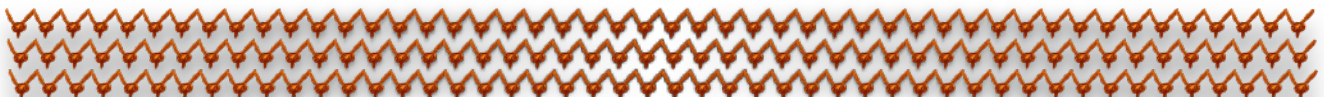


State News

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

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

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



On April 14-18, 2021 - the 52nd Biennial State Convention will take place in Texarkana, TX. There is a need for volunteers for: Registration, Hospitality, Credentials, Friday Fun Night, Music, Liturgy and more. Please pray on whether you would like to volunteer and contact Mary Jane Schuster, via text or email at: 469-556-1549, maryjaneschuster@hotmail.com

National News



SAVE THE DATE!

Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Downtown Sheraton Hotel

Dallas, Texas

July 15-19, 2020

'The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.' - Coretta Scott King

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



The block for rooms will be open October 15th, if you would like to attend and book a room.

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/>
<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

Two really good sources, to keep up to date on human rights and human dignity for
www.humanlifeaction.org/

Word of Life Flyer for October 2019: [Word of Life October 2019](#)

October is Respect Life month

We, as Catholic Daughters have 2 missions:

- 1 - Respect Life from the Womb to the Tomb
- 2 - Respect All of God's Creation

<https://www.respectlife.org/october>

Respect Life Sunday is October 6th!!

Be on the lookout for events and activities we can participate in, even if only in prayer. The USCCB site is a great source. Check out the website for more information. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

National CDA Website:

www.catholicdaughters.org



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

[Share Summer 2019](#)

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



National September 2019 Newsletter:

[National Quarterly September 2019](#)

Mary Jane and Guylaine's September Journey!

Dan and Guylaine Belley and T. Wayne and Mary Jane Brewster set off on a journey that was not only fun, but turned into a beautiful Pilgrimage. We started in New York City for three days, toured, visited historical sites, and got to be on a morning TV show. After that, we boarded a cruise ship going from NYC to Quebec City, Canada, with lots of great stops. We even had to outrun Hurricane Dorian and missed one of our ports, but happy to be safe. Besides the entertainment, excursions, and food, Daniel Belley also started us on a Novena to St. Joseph the Worker. We got together everyday and prayed for many special intentions and shared our faith. At the end of the cruise, our Pilgrimage continued with a few diversions. We took time out to Whale watch in Tadoussac, and we also stayed at the hotel where the G7 was held in 2018, the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu in La Malbaie. On our last day, we visited the World Famous Botanical Gardens in Montreal. Our pilgrimage included visiting five Basilica's and being led totally by the Holy Spirit and Daniel Belley.



Ceiling at St Anne de Beupre

Our first Basilica to visit was St. Anne de Beupre in Beupre on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river. It was absolutely beautiful and a meaningful visit. We learned that the native population had a very devout devotion to the Matriarch (grandmother) of the family. After they were converted to Christianity, they continued this devotion by naming their church after Jesus' grandmother, St. Anne de Beupre, which has continued to grow and is now a large Basilica honoring St. Anne. We also got to see a 1st class relic of St. Anne, a bone from her forearm.

O God, You bestowed
on St. Anne such
grace that she was
found worthy to
become the mother of
Mary, who brought
forth Your only
begotten Son.
Grant that we may be
helped by her
intercession.





Another altar with St. Joachim and St. Anne and young Mary

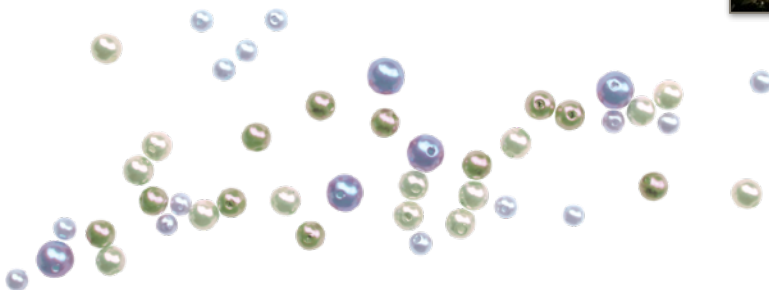


One of many altars at St. Anne de Beaupre

The second Basilica/Shrine we visited was Our Lady of the Cape in Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada. This Basilica/Shrine is also on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. When we arrived, we went straight to the little church, built in 1714, the oldest church kept in its integrity in Canada. They had daily Mass, and it was just across the plaza from the Basilica. It was a quaint little church and when we walked inside, we looked in awe at the beauty of it, and we also visited with the priest. We then walked across the plaza to Our Lady of the Cape Basilica/Shrine. It has the largest Canada Casavant Organ. It is one of the largest in Canada. Its console is serviced by 5425 pipes. The casework is in the shape of a maple leaf covering the back wall of the Basilica. The title of the Shrine refers specifically to a statue of the Blessed Mother which is currently located in the Old Shrine.



Our Lady of the Cape older church





Our Lady of the Cape Basilica/Shrine



Our Lady of the Cape Altar in front



Our Lady of the Cape Casavant Organ

The third Basilica/Cathedral we added to our schedule at the last minute was Mary, Queen of the World in Montreal. We saw it from our hotel and decided to walk to it, and we are so glad we did. They were starting Mass in 10 minutes and so we stayed. The Auxiliary Bishop celebrated the Mass and we had a chance to visit with him afterward. This minor Basilica/Cathedral is the seat of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Montreal, and is a replica of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is the third largest church in Quebec, and it houses the tombs of the Cardinals and Bishops in that area. In photo below: Dan/Guylaine Belley and Mary Jane/T. Wayne Brewster visiting with Bishop after Mass.



Mary, Queen of the World minor Basilica/
Cathedral from our hotel

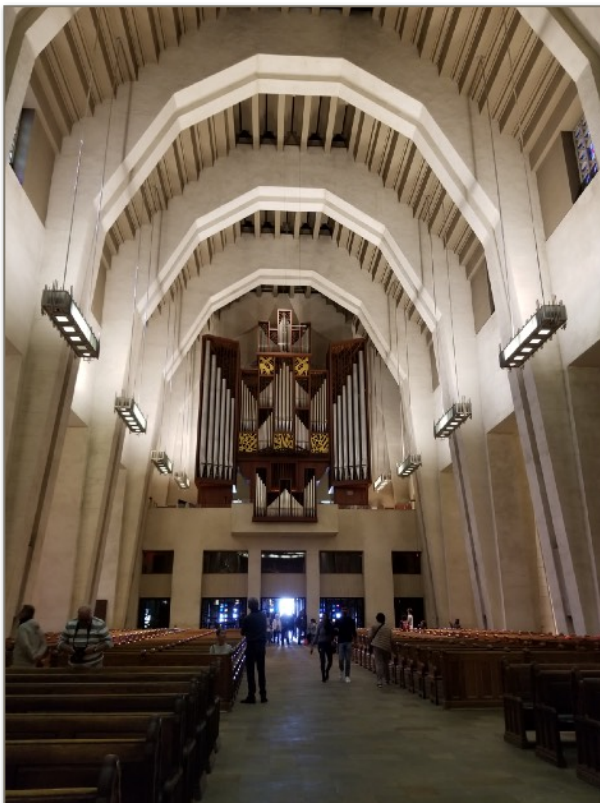


Mary, Queen of the World tombs

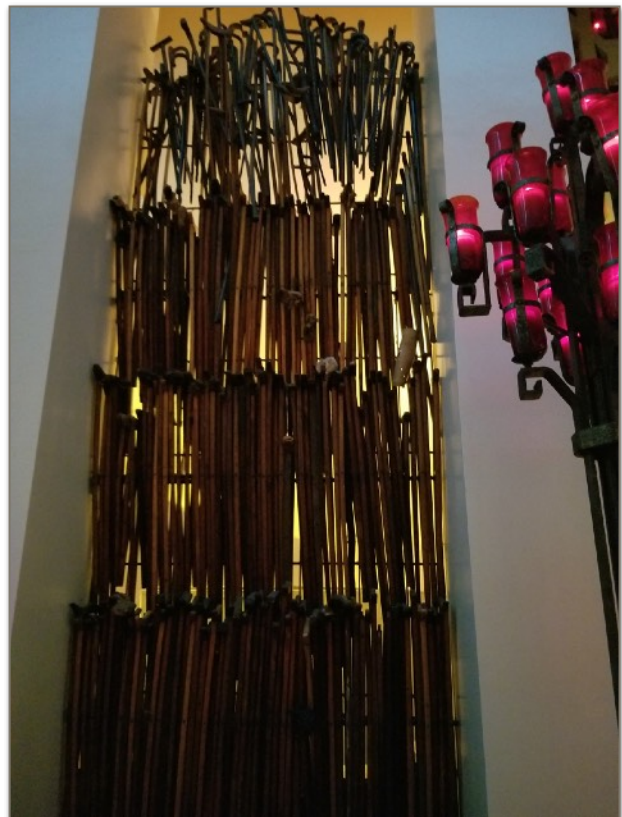


Looking forward to main altar in St. Joseph's Oratory

Our fourth Basilica to visit was St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. It is a Roman Catholic minor Basilica and national shrine on Mount Royal's Westmount Summit in Montreal. It is Canada's largest church and claims to have one of the largest domes in the world. Many pilgrimages visit here because of St. Brother Andre Bessette. He was a very devout man, but was frail and uneducated. He was a doorman at the College of Notre Dame and he wanted to serve God, but the priests felt he could not become a priest, so he remained a brother. They wanted to move him out so they sent him up to a little church on the mount to do as he wished. After a while they noticed many people going up to see him. He had been healing them and the word spread about the miracles. The priests finally decided to go up and join him after they heard about him. You can find rows and rows of crutches hanging in the Basilica lower level. He is considered a very special saint and today and revered by many. There is a 1st class relic at the Oratory, St. Brother Andre's incorrupt heart. At one time it was stolen for ransom. The ransom was paid and his incorrupt heart is now back in its place at the Oratory.



Looking backward toward the pipe organ



Some of the crutches of those healed by St. Brother Andre



Smaller chapel on lower level where we finished our Novena to St. Joseph the Worker



Saint Brother Andre Bissette

Our last Basilica to visit was Notre Dame in Montreal. This was another "WOW" Basilica when we walked in. It was declared a minor Basilica by Pope John Paul II in 1982, the Notre Dame Basilica was originally Notre Dame Church, a smaller, humbler place of worship that was first dedicated in 1682, this after a decade of building efforts culminated in its eventual consecration under the care of the Catholic Church's Sulpician Order, the group that founded Ville Marie, the city of Montreal's first and by extension oldest borough. The Architect of the church was John O'Donnell, a protestant, who loved the church so much that he asked to be buried there and at this time, he is the only person buried in the Basilica. The stained glass chronicles the history of the city. After the tour and the overwhelming awe, we took some time to visit the Adoration Chapel within the Basilica, and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



T. Wayne Brewster/Daniel and Guylaine Belley in front of Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal





The awe inspiring main front altar of the Basilica, and the pipe organ in the back.



'In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love.' - St Teresa of Calcutta



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"*

***Speak, Lord,
for your
servant is
listening - 1
Samuel 3:9***



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: Marla Clancy, 19th, Norina Fisher, 23rd, Mary Fullerton, 2nd, Shuri Rodriguez, 17th, Shirley Varsel, 6th.

Anniversaries: Ann Malloy, 12th.



Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for October 2019

3rd Gen. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209

12-13th CDA Highlighted ministry for Community Weekend

17th Hope Ctr. Ministry, 3:00 PM, Soc. Hall

17th Bd. meeting & Financial Review, 6:30 PM, B 207-209

19th Meal at Hope Ctr., 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

19th CGS Fall Festival

20th CDA Day

26th Make a Difference Day

10/29-11/2 White Ribbons Against Pornography Week



Happy
Halloween

