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Announcements!

- ✱ Father Innocent just celebrated his 15th anniversary in the priesthood, on September 24th.
- ✱ Deacon Jim Gallagher's 17th Anniversary is November 22nd.

Congratulations!!

- ✱ October 4th is Respect Life Sunday
- ✱ WRAP Week is Oct 25th to Nov 1st, wear your white ribbons against pornography! Refer to site: <https://endsexualexploitation.org/wrap/>



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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,

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)

That's something we have all pledged to do within this organization, to serve. This pandemic, made many of us turn and listen to the SPIRIT, by rethinking how to serve our corporal and spiritual works of mercy within our community and church.

All courts and churches are rethinking how to deal with cash flow and ways to accomplish their financial goals. Our current fundraiser is 'Wreaths across America', but we will need to come up with some future fund raisers (Ways and Means committee) in order to meet our obligations afterwards.

I thank you all, who have contributed either by food donations or hands-on preparations to fill the Hope Center bags monthly. I know that many depend on them.

We will continue using ZOOM for our meetings and are thinking of continuing even when we can meet face to face, for the members who might not be able to make regular meetings.

I pray that we can accomplish many things despite the pandemic.

Blessings to all,
Charlotte Prieve, Regent



Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Mark Clancy

AMERICA and GOD

I love this country. America was founded on many Godly and Christian principles. We have sought God out from the beginning. The Declaration of Independence says, *“that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

This ideal is still sought after by the United States of America. The implementation is not perfect. We are not perfect. We have sinned. We need to repent of our sins, both as individuals and as a country. We have allowed over 61 million (61,000,000) future citizens to be killed before they were given the chance to be born. Pray to God to help America repent of our sin of killing these unborn children.

America needs to return to God. Many of the colonists came to America to escape religious persecution. Our rights come from God, all of our rights. Our rights do not come from the government or from other human beings.

As our election nears I make this appeal. Study the accomplishments and policies of the political candidates. Don't trust what someone else tells you. Do your own research. Read the source documents. That is the key. You don't need someone else's analysis. You can make your own decisions. Decide for yourself. Pray for wisdom from above. Ask God to help you.

Let us fall on our knees every day and beg Our Almighty Father to have mercy on us and to not withdraw His favor from this land. *“If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.”* (2 Chron 7:14)

The world needs us. The world needs an America that is good and close to God. Pray to God to send down His blessings upon us. Please pray for our country that we make the right decision in November. You have the power. Know what you are voting for. And remember, God is always our shield.

“Our soul waits for the LORD,
he is our help and shield.
For in him our hearts rejoice;
in his holy name we trust.
May your mercy, LORD, be upon us;
as we put our hope in you.” (Ps 33: 20-22)

Deacon Mark Clancy

Court Officers:

CDA Sisters,

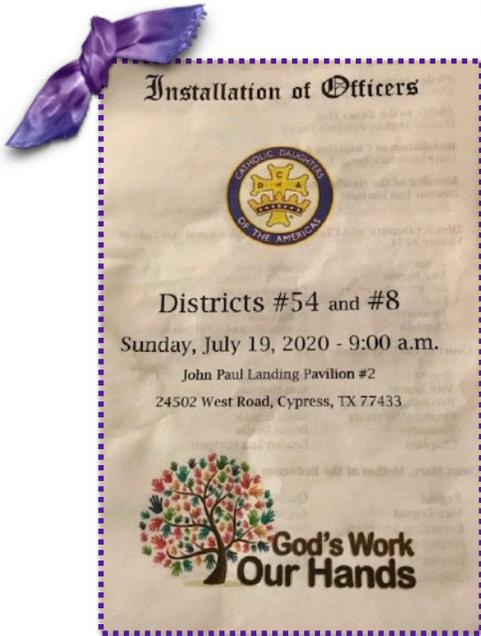
Officer installation was Sunday, July 19, 2020, at John Paul Landing (a park).

Five courts had their new officers take the pledge and receive a blessing from Deacon Tim Hartnett, Chaplain of the Court of the Holy Family #2597.

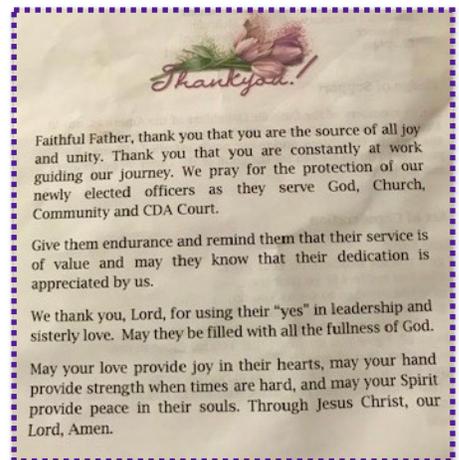
It was rather warm and humid for 9AM gathering and the need to wear face coverings.

The ceremony was moved along by our State Treasurer, Terrie L. Vacek, and concluded with a prayer at 10:15AM. Everyone was extremely glad to proceed to their cars and AC.

Charlotte A. Prieve, Regent



Left to Right: Patrice Hampton-Financial Secretary, Mary Roberts-Vice Regent, Christine Maniscalco-District Deputy, Charlotte Prieve-Regent, Terri Vacek-State Secretary, Caylin Jerome-Recording Secretary, and Katherine Lee-Treasurer



"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things". - St Mother Teresa

A Message from Mary Louise Roberts, Vice Regent



Hi, my name is Mary Roberts and I have just been elected Vice Regent for Court 2731, here at Christ The Good Shepherd. I just served two years as your Recording Secretary and it was an absolute pleasure. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, got to work with some fabulous women that are so giving and I am happy to call friends. Happy to say that I am a charter member of our court and this is the first time I have been associated with Catholic Daughters. I am so happy to be associated with such a wonderful organization.

My duties as your Vice Regent is to work with our Regent Charlotte Prieve in all matters of the court. I am very excited to work with Charlotte, we have worked together for two years on the board already. I look forward to working with all the ladies on our new board. It has been a challenge with Covid-19, but we are finding ways to continue our good works. I am in charge of membership, I am asking if anyone has some great ideas that we could use, I am ready to listen. We can all be a part of membership, just spread the word and please invite friends to join us.

I was so fortunate, to have been one of the delegates to our state convention. Such a fun road trip, then when we got there, we met ladies from all over the state. They were all super friendly and of course we learned so much from each other. I have loved working with The Hope Center Houston, I have worked with the manna bag preparation and also with serving lunch on Saturdays at the center. It is very humbling when you have the guest very thankful for the sandwich that you are providing for their lunch. They are all beautiful people and I am so happy that I have been involved with this ministry. I have loved serving desserts during lent at the Knights fish fries. There are many ways you can get involved, please find something you love to do and you will enjoy being a part of this wonderful organization.

I also take care of sending cards for our members birthdays and anniversaries. This is the Sunshine committee. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me.

I am married to James Roberts, and I am excited to say that next year we will be celebrating fifty years of marriage. We have three sons, they are Michael, Mark and Jason. We have Rebecca and Amy, two wonderful daughters in law. James and I have two very precious grandsons. My mom just celebrated her 96th birthday, on September 18th. I am so very blessed. God is great.

I am very happy to be a part of the Catholic Daughters at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Looking forward to having a successful year. It will be a pleasure to work with each of you, my sisters in Christ.

"Works of love are works of peace" - St Mother Teresa

A Message from Patrice Hampton, Financial Secretary



2020 has been quite the year as we all know worldwide thanks to COVID. What I had hoped would be a “wake-up” & “clean up your act” opportunity, is not showing signs of that being the end result, yet there are still almost 4 months left to hopefully see that change.

Having had so many commitments in the past with caring for my grandchildren & meetings impossible to attend, I had made up my mind that this year would be my year to be completely involved as I had always wanted to be. Then I got the call regarding this office - why not, I say??? Then there is major back surgery 8/4 ... enough said.

Our beautiful chapter at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church has 44 paid in full members. I am pleased that all membership personal information has been updated with a membership roster booklet, now in the works for each member.

This is definitely a learning season for me - not just a ‘finally being able to get to meetings’ - it has been fun & I’m enjoying this position greatly.

Blessing to all,
Patrice Hampton

This is a favorite prayer of mine to begin each day:

As morning breaks I think of you, O Lord,
and my desire is to serve you joyfully.

With gladness, I consecrate this day to your Sacred Heart,
and offer whatever joys and sacrifices may come my way.

Thank you for the graces You will send - all the love, all the beauty, and the ways You will answer my prayers.

Today may I love my enemies & treat others as I would ask to be treated;

may I forgive seventy-times-seven and show mercy;

may I welcome the prodigal, have compassion for the Samaritan;

be a peace-maker and love my neighbor unconditionally.

Take all my heart, and mind, and strength, O Lord,

that this day may be truly lived for Your greater honor and glory and for the salvation of souls. Amen

(Author Unknown)

“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there thy cheerful beams.”

St. Augustine

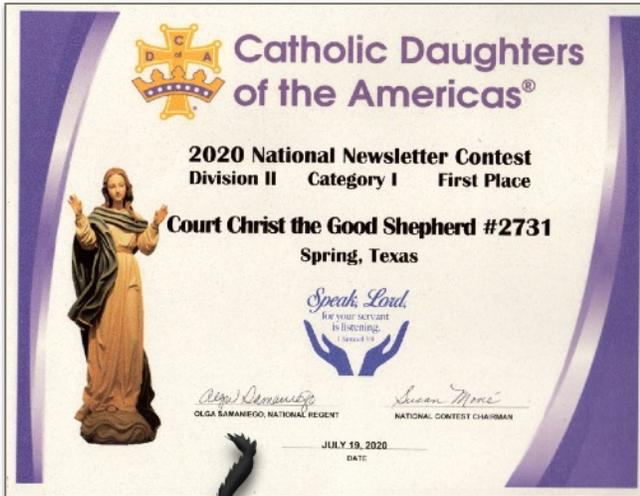
Court News!

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- See Certificate below for 1st place in the National Newsletter Contest!! Thank you to the court for participating by sending in articles, pictures, etc!! ALL members are invited to send articles of interest, travel, pictures, etc!! Especially Officers and Committee Chairs!



October Meeting Call-In Instructions

Thank you to all who joined our Zoom meeting last month! It was great to 'see' everyone. We will be experiencing our October meeting in the same fashion, via Zoom, on October 1st 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 4th Qtr 2020

October 2020

The Month of the Rosary

- 1st Gen. Meeting, Zoom
- 7th Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 15th Hope Center ministry-3:30 PM, Social Hall
- 15th Financial Review/ Board Meeting, 7 pm
- 18th Fall Festival Desserts
- 18th CDA day

November 2020

- 5th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, Zoom
- 19th Hope Center ministry-
- 19th CDA Board Meeting, 7pm
- State and National dues payable
- Wreaths Across America

December 2020

- 3RD CDA Social-7:00 PM, BE ANNOUNCED
- 8th Holy day of Obligation, Mary's Immaculate Conception
- 17th Hope Center ministry
- 19th *Wreaths Across America laid out
- First Call to State Convention letter
- COL forms are sent from state to courts



Anniversaries and Birthdays this Quarter!

October 2020

Birthdays: Shirley Varsel, 6; Christina Patetta, 25; Shuri Rodriguez, 17; Marla Clancy, 19; Norina Fisher, 23.

Anniversary: Ann Molloy, 12.

November 2020

Birthdays: Sheryl Andrews, 4; Yolanda Cadena, 5; Oge Rita Egbuna, 12; Dorothy Mullinax, 13; Phyllis Rourke, 10.

Anniversaries: Oge Rita Egbuna, 15; Janet Beall, 17; Gizelle Williams, 22.

December 2020

Birthdays: Sue Ann Denning, 24; Esther Lara, 20; Cathy Miller, 10; Maria Vitucci, 26.

Anniversaries: Mary Giles, 7; Kathryn Kietur, 28; Patricia Kocan, 2; Katherine Lee, 15; Cathy Peplau, 8; Phyllis Rourke, 17.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!



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.

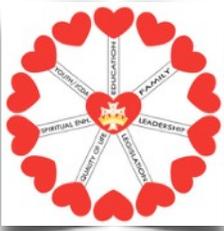
Mass cards are always available at the meetings.



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!





Circle of Love:

Visit Hope Ctr website



HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - Karen Doolittle

Questions, call, text or email Karen at 520-419-3652 or tenfoldone@gmail.com

COVID-19 did not totally stop our Court's ministry to the guests of Hope Center Houston! Yes, it has impacted our Third Saturday as Hope Center remains closed.

Hope Center continues to serve a hot meal to their guest's week days at noon, thanks to the generosity of BP who continues to provide the hot meal. Another organization delivered many cases of applesauce which also is given out with the hot meal. Our Court has helped cover the weekends with "double" manna bags and PBJ sandwiches which are assembled and delivered the week of the Third Saturday.

COVID-19 did cause us to redesign our assembly process which has worked like a charm and requires 6 or 7 members to complete. Five tables which are 6' in length are set up end to end with about 5 feet of separation between them. Items are placed on each table with room at the end to place a bag which would be the end of the table facing the next table in line. There is a member stationed at each table and the process is for that person to add the items on their table, place the bag at the end of the table, then the member from the next table picks up the bag, checks to make sure the items are in the bag that are on the table the bag came from, then go to their table and add the items and place the bag at the end for the member from the next table to pick up. This process has worked like a charm, and thank the Lord, we have had perfectly stocked bags!!! No items were left over which means we did not spend time checking bags to see which bag was missing what item.

Members who participate in the assembly process are masked, check in at the Admin Bldg. for a temperature check, then upon arrival in the Social Hall sanitize their hands, don a pair of disposable gloves and begin unpacking and counting items. We practice social distancing at all times. Once all items are counted, we circle and recite the Prayer for the Homeless. Upon completion, the delivery vehicle is loaded and the manna bags and sandwiches are delivered to Hope Center the following day, Friday, around 11 a.m.

Members are generous with their donations as some have adopted an item and provide the same item each month. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact Priscilla or Karen. When Hope Center reopens, we will post monthly pantry items and possibly other items needed that can be dropped off at the Social Hall on manna bag assembly day and delivered with the manna bags and sandwiches.

Thanks to each and every member for your on going support of this ministry for Hope Center Houston.



"But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish." - Psalm 9:18



"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy." - Proverbs 31:20

Rosary Ministry

Rosary Committee needs YOU!
We are fast approaching Veterans Day and the Holidays. The Rosary Committee would like to collect or make at least 250 rosaries for delivery to the VA Hospital before Thanksgiving. In order to achieve this goal, we need to have completed rosaries, medals or tokens **no later than the November CDA meeting!**

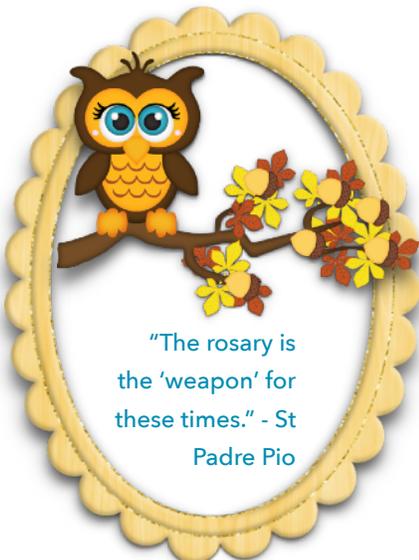
How can you help? Easy, pick at least one of the actions below:

1. Ask neighbors and/or friends if they have any rosaries or religious medals or tokens they would like to donate.
2. Help assemble Rosary Kits into bags.
3. Pick up some rosary kits to make at home - then make them.
4. Help collect completed rosaries and/or religious medals or tokens and get them to Sheryl.
5. If you know of someone or an organization who would appreciate rosaries, please let Sheryl Bihler-Lopez know.

Remember, we need all rosaries or religious items for donation **no later than the November CDA meeting!**

God Bless, your sister in Christ,

Sheryl Bihler-Lopez
live2blade@gmail.com
775-230-5135 (business cell)



Words of Wisdom, by Sue Denning

WORDS OF WISDOM



From Sue

"You cannot become more like Jesus and at the same time stay as you are."

Mathew Kelly

Life is a series of problems. Either you are in one now, you have just come out of one or you're getting ready to go into another one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your *character* than your *comfort*. God is more interested in making your life *holy* than He is in making your life *happy*. The goal in life is to grow in character, in *Christ-likeness*.

I believe that life is kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are, there's always something bad that needs to be worked on. And, no matter how bad things are there's always something good you can thank God for.

You can focus on your *purpose*, or you can focus on your *problems*. The easiest way to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

God didn't put me on earth to fulfill the *to-do list*. He's more interested in what I *am* than what I *do*. That's why we are called human beings, not human doings.

Be *Christ-like*. Everyone you meet is having a difficult time.

--Rick Warren

Wreaths Across America

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

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

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/tx0739p

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

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

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



CGS Fall Festival and Silent Auction

Fall Festival will be a multi-week celebration in lieu of the one day festival, in the past. It will be held October 11, 18, 25, and 30th. It will include a Silent Auction. Start shopping online October 11!

Our court submitted items for a home altar. Thank you to all those who donated!

CGS OCTOBERFEST EVENTS

CGS Live Concert October 11, 18, 25 4:30pm-6:00pm Doors open at 4:00pm	Drive Thru Food: 5pm 10/11: BBQ Dinner 10/18: Latino Meal (starting 2pm) 10/25: Italian Dinner
Trunk or Treat: 10/30 Candy! Candy! Candy! CGS Costume Voting Food to Purchase	Be a Sponsor Contact Frank Scheaffer fscheaffer@sbcglobal.net 713-444-1984
Winner's Choice Raffle Virtual Drawing on 10/30	Silent Auction Online bidding starts 10/10
CGS T-Shirts for Sale: Custom Designed T-Shirt for \$10	
www.cgsc.org/octoberfest	info@cgsoctoberfest.com

Family sponsorship is also available for \$100. All family contributions will be displayed on a single large banner. Contact Frank Scheaffer for more information!

See this site for more information on all the activities of Octoberfest:

<https://www.cgsoctoberfest.com/>

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket! One raffle ticket is only \$10 and can be purchased online. There are some great prizes!!

"For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends." - John 15:13 (The Passion Translation)



State News and Events



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

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

Texas CDA website: <http://www.texasda.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."



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)

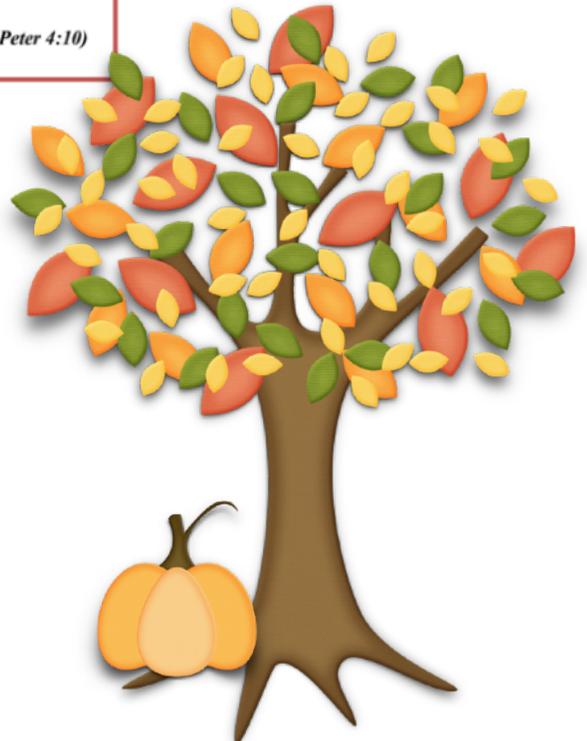


2021 Texas Rally for Life will be held on January 23rd at the Capitol in Austin, from 1pm - 4pm.
 Contact: rally@TexasAllianceforLife.org

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



See flyer for the State Fundraiser:

JEWELRY FUNDRAISER

 Catholic Daughters of the Americas

SEPTEMBER 15—NOVEMBER 1, 2020
“SHOP FOR A CAUSE”

The CDA Texas State Court is hosting an online Park Lane Jewelry Fundraiser. CDA members, their family members and friends can go to www.parklanejewelry.com/store/start/fundraiser/2326 to purchase jewelry. Simply click and shop to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$30,000.00.

- 50% of all sales returned to the Texas State Court
- Payment Options: Apple Pay, Pay Pal & Secure Checkout (credit/debit card)
- Each item will be individually packaged
- Shipping Option: DIRECT SHIP
- Jewelry ships directly to you
- No sales tax
- **All orders ship Week of November 9, 2020**

Unable to go online? Call or text Kathy at 979-525-9395 or email her at kathydreamjob@yahoo.com to place your order or to schedule a "Zoom Show".

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JEWELRY SINCE 1955

Proceeds will go to:

- **American Wheelchair Mission**
- **Coalition for Life—Blue Bus**
- **Habit for Humanity, Texas**
- **Texas Disaster Relief Fund**
- **Eternal Word Television Network**
- **Annunciation Maternity Home**
- **Cameron Colonia**
- **Casa Juan Diego**
- **Missionaries of Charity**

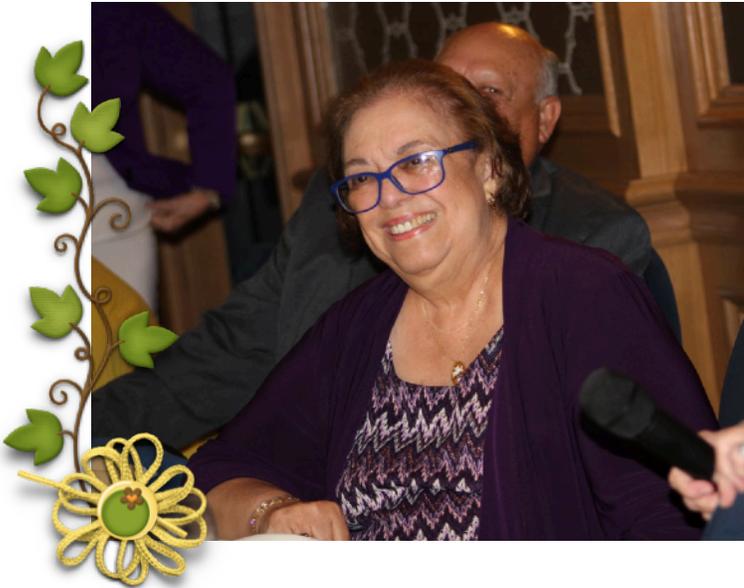
Start your Christmas shopping early. Visit www.parklanejewelry.com/store/start/fundraiser/2326 to shop for yourself, your family and friends. Jewelry will ship in time for Thanksgiving. Purchase to donate for the Convention Raffle or a purse stuffer for the Silent Auction.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7



National News

Immediate Past National Regent, Olga Samaniego, celebrated her "Going Out" party at the Houston Aquarium, on September 5th. Pictures from Facebook:



The National Board has posted workshop presentations on the national website. They are really good, check them out here:

<https://catholicdaughters.org/convention-workshop-presentations>

You should all have received your Fun "D" Calendar. All you need to do is fill it out, and sent the letter back in the return envelope enclosed. The 1st drawing will take place October 4th.

- The National March for Life will take place in Washington DC on January 29, 2021.
- SCHEDULE
- Thursday, January 28, 2021
 - March for Life Expo
 - Capitol Hill 101
- Friday, January 29, 2021
 - March for Life Expo
 - Pre-Rally Concert: 11am - 12pm
 - Rally Program and March: 12pm - 4pm
 - Rose Dinner Cocktail Hour: 6pm - 7pm
 - Rose Dinner: 7pm - 9pm



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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.

Please send your \$20 donation* per calendar made payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

along with this completed entry form in the enclosed envelope to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
P.O. Box 61145
Raleigh, NC 27661

GOOD LUCK!

How the Charity Calendar Works...

The entry form portion of the calendar must be completely filled out, clipped off and returned to Catholic Daughters of the Americas, P.O. Box 61145, Raleigh, NC 27661 along with your \$20 donation*. Your entry will be included in all future drawings. (Yes, you can win more than once.) A check will be mailed to all winners. Please be certain your entry form is legible so we can mail your winning check.

There are 266 drawings. The odds of winning at least one of the calendar prizes (minimum amount is \$30) are dependent on the number of entries received. Entries must be received 1 week prior to be included in a drawing.

Each week five (or six) entries will be drawn. Checks will be mailed from the National Office to the lucky winners.

Holiday Drawings: On eleven holidays, the winner receives a \$100 or \$250 cash prize.

Grand Prize Drawing: On October 17, 2021, an entry will be drawn for the luckiest winner of the year, in the amount of \$1,000.

Any individual or court can enter. They also make great gifts. Please be sure your name, address, city, state, zip code and phone number are legible. Make checks payable to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Allow 4-6 weeks for check processing.

In the event that we do not receive enough donations to meet the designated cash prizes all entry donations will be refunded.

You may send your entry form at any time. The sooner you send it, the more chances you have to win. Please do not return unused/blank entry forms.

The proceeds from these calendars will be used for charitable donations and operating expenses.

*No donation is required for entry into the drawings, but any gift you make to support our ministries will be greatly accepted and will help to make the drawings a success!

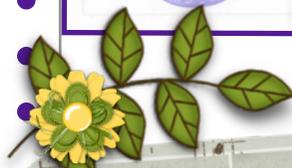


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"Fun" D Calendar

October 2020-21

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"Charity is the root of all good works." - St Augustine

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/>

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

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

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

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

✦ Please refer to the USCCB site for guidance on formation of a Catholic conscience.



“Remember, Vote for life. It may be your own! - Mother Angelica

Texas early voting is October 13 to October 30!

Election Day is November 3rd. No matter your opinion, please just vote. Let your voice be heard!

Refer to this link for Texas voting information: <https://www.votetexas.gov/faq/early-voting.html>



*Legislative News:***October is Respect Life Month**

In July, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of 'Recognizing the Right of the Church to Choose Its Own Leaders'. Two consolidated cases, Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru and St James School v. Biel, petitioned the court to allow the right of Catholic schools, free of government interference, to choose teachers who will teach and model the Catholic faith. Archbishop Thomas G Wenski of Miami, Chairman of the USCCB its this statement:

"Education is a central aspect of the Church's mission. Indeed, teaching is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. James schools continue the Catholic tradition of offering Christian education. As institutions carrying out a ministry of the Church, Catholic schools have a right, recognized by the Constitution, to select people who will perform ministry. The government has no authority to second-guess those ministerial decisions. We welcome the Supreme Court's decision, which rightly acknowledged this limit on state authority. This decision means that the Church can continue to serve her neighbors with integrity."



Also in July, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of 'Preserving the Religious Liberty of Little Sisters'. The Little Sisters of the Poor petitioned the court to defend their community against attempts to force Catholic religious groups to cooperate with immoral activities. Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, have issued a statement addressing the case:

"This is a saga that did not need to occur. Contraception is not health care, and the government should never have mandated that employers provide it in the first place. Yet even after it had, there were multiple opportunities for government officials to do the right thing and exempt conscientious objectors. Time after time, administrators and attorneys refused to respect the rights of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Catholic faith they exemplify, to operate in accordance with the truth about sex and the human person. Even after the federal government expanded religious exemptions to the HHS contraceptive mandate, Pennsylvania and other states chose to continue this attack on conscience..."



The number of chemical abortions has risen dramatically. Chemical abortions now account for 39% of all abortions, even though the national abortion rate has decreased by 8% since 2014. Currently, the chemical abortion pill, Mifeprex, has a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) label on it by the FDA, indicating it is a dangerous drug with known serious risks. Chemical abortions, when compared to surgical abortions, have a higher complication rate and result in a higher rate of emergency room visits. If the REMS requirements are removed, as the abortion industry is seeking to do, patients won't need ultrasound or medical examination before receiving this drug, and a single health care provider could mail out chemical abortion pills to women and young girls across the country, bypassing protections like parental involvement, waiting periods, and informed consent. **The Support and Value Expectant (SAVE) Moms & Babies Act ([H.R. 4399](#) / [S. 3072](#))** could help improve regulation of chemical abortion pills. The SAVE Moms & Babies Act would codify current FDA (Food and Drug Administration) safety regulations requiring physicians to dispense the pills, prevent providers from dispensing these drugs remotely, by mail, or via tele-medicine, and prevent the FDA from approving new chemical abortion drugs or from making labeling changes to existing abortion drugs.

National Center on Sexual Exploitation issued the Mid-Year Report in August. You can read it here:

<http://endsexualexploitation.org/wp-content/uploads/NCOSE-Mid-Year-Report-2020.pdf>



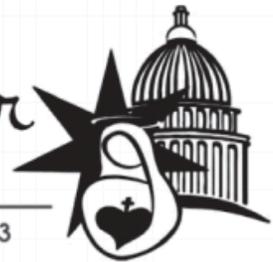
Trafficking activity in Texas, and Houston specifically, is a major concern statewide. According to the Texas Attorney General's office, there are 79,000 victims of youth and minor sex trafficking in Texas at any given time. The Texas legislature continues to develop aggressive regulations to hold building owners and landlords responsible for trafficking activity that occurs on-site. During the 2019 legislative session, lawmakers proposed Texas Senate Bill 498, which would hold building owners and landlords liable for failing to stop trafficking activity on their premises. While the bill didn't pass before the legislative session ended, advocates plan to push for its passage again in the upcoming session.

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We as Catholic Daughters are living in extraordinary times unlike any we have ever experienced. Staying alive, keeping our families and loved ones safe in this time of the coronavirus pandemic is challenging. For some, inability to physically attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive the greatest treasure on the face of the earth, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, has caused great sorrow. There are many churches that have been live streaming the Mass and there are networks that carry many religious programs like EWTN. If you are financially able to contribute to your church, the need is great.

One would not know that there is something we can celebrate! Women were given the right to vote on August 18, 2020 and this was a 72 year struggle led by wonderful women like Susan B. Anthony who believed in the inherent dignity of every human person. It is vitally important for us as United States of America citizens to perform our civic duty and vote. Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas exhorted Catholics to vote "with a well formed conscience" for candidates who "respect LIFE, morality, marriage, family and our basic freedoms".

"If you're not a thorn in somebody's side, you're not doing Christianity right." - Mother Angelica



There is a beautiful prayer to Our Blessed Mother written by Monsignor William Blacett entitled:

A PRAYER TO MARY AT ELECTION TIME

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
we entrust the United States of America to your loving care
and beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son.

Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation

We cry to you from the depths of our hearts

And seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

Open our minds to the great worth of human life

And to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion

And threaten the sanctity of family life.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's laws the foundation on which this nation was founded,
and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.

To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word Incarnate

Despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

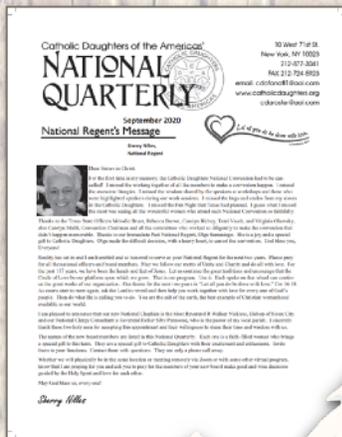




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