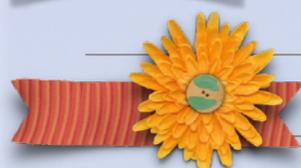




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Announcements!

For this quarter, the Monthly Rosary will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 6pm, by the Marian Windows.

Manna Bags this quarter, will be put together in the hall, October 14th, November 18th, and December 17th. Please be on the lookout for an email from Karen.



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



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"*



Court Regent's Message

Charlotte Prieve, Court Regent

Ladies,

The last 18 months in our dealing with the Covid virus within our community and our families has become part of all our faith journey. I've seen faith grow in our support of each other and our struggles to gather again in our church communities. I'm happy that we can meet in person for our CDA meetings again.

We've started two fund raisers, Wreaths across America and the sell of one pound bags of pecans.

We will have a booth at CGS Fall Festival, Oct. 16th 11am to 6pm, to sell both plus mass cards.

There will be a sign up genius for the festival sent out after the October meeting, please consider giving an hour of your time to help at the booth. The funds from the golf tournament have been sent to help with future Novices on their path to becoming nuns. I'm happy to announce that we have been asked to participate in the May 2022 golf tournament proceedings.

Hopefully, we can have our December social and be able to gather and visit with each other this year.

Prayers and blessings for all you Ladies,

Charlotte Prieve, Regent



Clergy Corner

MY PLACE FOR YOU



The Church is the communion of saints.

This has been brought to my attention recently by four events that occurred in the last two months .

The first three events were that three of my friends died.

The spouses that were left behind could ask the question, “Lord, why did this have to happen,” or “Why did this have to happen now?”

The fourth event may help us. First, a little background. Often, at Holy Mass, when we are praising God at the Holy, Holy, Holy, I think of all the angels and saints that are praising God at the same time in heaven. But this time was even more special. I had a strong sense of my mom praying the Holy, Holy, Holy with us. This may seem even more remarkable because my mom died 38 years ago. I had never had this strong sense before.

See, I look at the question of “Why did someone have to die?” in light of my experience of Jesus Christ and the death of my mom and dad. (My dad died 50 years ago this month.) The Infinite God is so far above me, yet, at the same time, He is so near to me. He is far above me and very, very close to me at the same time. But He knows what He is doing with me. “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” (Jer 29:11)

God’s plan for my mom and my dad has already been accomplished. God has a plan for you and me, also. He is working it out right now. He has gone to prepare a place for us. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (Jn 14:3)

All we need to do is trust. Come Lord Jesus!



Deacon Mark Clancy

Court News!



Newsletter Editor:

Hi Everyone!

I was really sorry to announce the newsletter would be a few days late this month. This is a service to you, and I really pride myself on being on time for you all, with good content. A little background: We moved from Castle Rock to Elizabeth, and the move did not go well at all. Our packers didn't finish packing us and didn't move all of our things. So, the next day we had to rent a 17' UHaul to finish the moving ourselves. Once we were in the Elizabeth house, we realized all our boxes were put in the garage, most unlabelled, and upside down! And we are having trouble finding everything. I emailed the owner about the conditions of both houses, with pictures, but of course he sent his apologies and not much else. Didn't really expect him to respond at all so that's good, I guess. At least we are totally moved now, and it's a beautiful house and lot, with a good 'feel' about it too!

Selling and Buying houses in August was crazy! Our house sold in 1 day, with multiple offers over asking price. Our 1st house we put under contract; the inspection returned fairly uninhabitable. It was a mess inside those walls! So, we were on the hunt again, multiple times we were overbid, by ridiculous amounts, until finally the one we have purchased, came up on the market, with no out-bidders! YAY. The owners were super nice, and the transaction was smooth and a positive one.

About Elizabeth! It is a pretty little town about 15 miles east of Castle Rock. The population is about 1700. It was originally a saw mill camp, and was incorporated in 1890. I have found it to be a very laid back town, with nice people. We started going to Our Lady of the Visitation, about 3 miles away in Kiowa, 4 weeks ago. I am so glad we did. Our son, Colton really likes it, loves his Faith Formation class and Youth Group. When he started classes at the Middle School this week, he already knew a few people from the church. I was so glad! He also still plays football with the Castle Rock team and is Chaplain's Aide for his Boy Scout Troop, so the transition has been a fairly smooth one for him, even though he misses his old friends.

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"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." - Mark 11:24



A Message from Patrice Hampton, Financial Secretary

Not much has changed in my world since the last news letter other than we had our first CDA meeting at church since COVID struck but, unfortunately, I was unable to attend. 😞

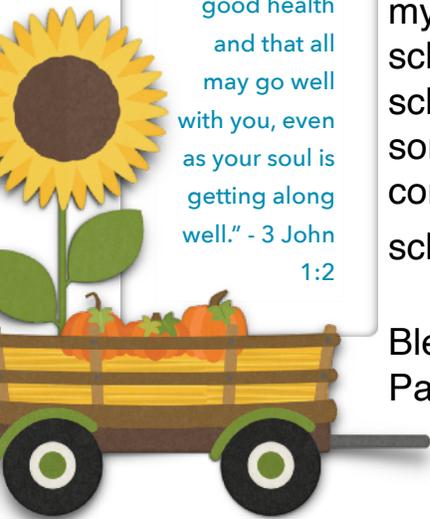
I am very happy to be able to work some ministries at Mass again & still long for the Cup and holy water, but grateful for Mass & the small ways I can help. I also look forward to our Fall Festival, Ministries Fair, & I am happy Community Weekend has been back for a couple of months now.

I pray we (our CDA chapter) can have successful fundraisers & be able to do all we like to do as a group, now that we are able to do more at our parish. I also pray for our country, our faith & the world we live in. To me, 2021 has been no better than 2020 was in many ways, but I believe God has it all under control.

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” - 3 John 1:2

I’m blessed that my children have kept their respective jobs & my grandchildren are happy to be back in their respective schools on campus &, despite COVID cases appearing in their schools, they have not contracted it & are happy to have a somewhat “normal” year so far. I’m blessed that I am able to continue my volunteer work at our homeless shelter & the kids school library ... it is nice to be out & about. 😊

Blessings & prayers for good health to all!
Patrice Hampton





A Message from Katherine Lee, Court Treasurer

In February 2020 (talk about timing!), I started flying lessons in order to earn my private pilot's license. Needless to say, that stopped a month later courtesy of COVID, but then in April, I got a text from my flight instructor. Apparently, the federal government considers flight training to be an essential activity in order to keep new pilots moving up the ranks; would I be interested in continuing instruction?

I had initially started flying because my husband, who already has his license, was considering purchasing a small plane, and I wanted to be able to land that plane if anything ever happened to him in the air. However, I'd gone from terrified initially (small planes are, in addition to being, well, small, very loud and bumpy to the new flyer!) to hooked fairly quickly, and decided after talking to my husband that I'd go for it and take advantage of his working from home and being able to watch the kids. In August training was going well...and then I found myself staring at a positive pregnancy test. Hmmm...

It seems the FAA sensibly stays out of the way of pregnant women who want to be pilots: their official stance is that as long as you haven't been told you can't fly; you feel physically up to it; and you aren't on any medications on their prohibited list, pregnant women can, indeed, fly planes! So I continued to throughout my pregnancy, to the (friendly!) amusement and occasional astonishment of the flight instructors and students at the flight school.

At the end of pilot training comes two exams. First, you take the written, FAA-administered exam. If you pass that, your flight instructor then recommends you for a checkride. The checkride is in two parts: the oral knowledge exam, in which a FAA-appointed Designated Pilot Examiner, or DPE, quizzes you everything flying, from regulations, to safety requirements, to laws governing flight, to flight systems—how does your attitude indicator work? What happens if your electrical system fails? Can you fly in restricted airspace, and if so, what is the procedure? Etc. If the DPE is satisfied with your performance during the oral exam, after a short break, you and the DPE go for the practical part of the exam, in which he or she flies with you and asks you to demonstrate takeoffs, landings, emergency procedures, navigation, and maneuvers.

Well, March rolled around, my c-section was scheduled for April 19, and while I had passed the written exam, I was still waiting on a checkride. You see, most of the DPEs are working pilots themselves, and you have to fit into their schedule. Furthermore, there was (and is) a shortage of DPEs because of COVID, and many are covering a pretty wide area. (Mine ended up driving in from Madisonville.) I was getting fairly nervous by the time that my flight instructor texted me to say "I got you a checkride! Wednesday morning!"

By this time, the standing joke at the flight school when I would waddle in for a flight was, "What happens if you go into labor during your checkride?" To which I replied, deadpan, "Contact ATC, declare an emergency, request an ambulance meet me at the airfield, and land the plane, but refuse to get into the ambulance unless I get that handshake!" You see, at the end of a checkride, if the student passes, it's a tradition that he or she gets a handshake from the DPE in front of the plane they flew, and I was determined to get that handshake before I had this baby!

The day of my checkride came, and when my DPE came in the room, she introduced herself and then said, "When your instructor initially reached out to get you a checkride ASAP, I kind of rolled my eyes because believe me, I hear all the time that a student needs a checkride 'immediately' for one reason or another. But when she explained, I figured I had to fit you into my schedule. You see, thirty years ago, I was nine months pregnant when I took my ATP (air transport pilot–required for someone wanting to fly for the airlines) checkride...and you should have seen the look on my DPE's face when I walked in!"

From then, it went very smoothly, and was honestly, rather surprisingly fun. Women still make up only 6% of pilots nationwide, and there's a strong feeling among women in aviation that while we don't cut each other slack just because we are women, we also have a strong sense of camaraderie and being "in this together." Wanda, my DPE, is a pilot for United, but was also an Army Reserve veteran, and has been a pilot for over half her life.

During the flight, I got to hear a lot of interesting stories and insights about flying over the last few decades. And, at the end...I passed. You can see how pleased I am in the checkride photo, though I was also a bit shaky from the adrenaline rush that hit as I finished my last landing!

My next goal is to continue to add certifications to my pilots license, and eventually do volunteer medical flights. Because we live in the biggest medical center in the world, a lot of people from around the US come here for treatment, and there are groups of pilots who volunteer their time to fly patients into Houston to get treatment for cancer, neurological issues, and so forth. Perhaps in a few years, I'll be one of them!



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

Mommy's Co-Pilot



Meet Miss Landry!

Grant & Missy Landry are one of our newest parishioners here at CGS **AND CDA**.

Pictured with Missy's Family are her husband of 40 years and her 4 grandchildren , Clara & Vincent age 3 & Cole and Hugo 1 -1/2 years old. They are blessed that their children, Corey and Jackie Trevino and Robert and Maria Houchins live close by in Tomball & Caldwell!

Grant, spent his career in the oil industry and Missy in retail management and in education are both recently retired .

They enjoy salt water fishing and spending time in Galveston with their family & friends. Both are originally from south Louisiana so they love mudbugs and cooking Cajun food! They have lived in the Houston area for 26 years and are residents of Spring for 20 years.

We are excited to have Missy transfer to our CDA here at CGS. Both Missy and Grant are part of the EMHC & hospitality teams and serve primarily at the Sat 5:30 pm mass.

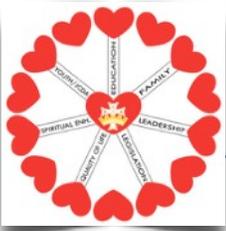
One of the highlights of Missy's faith journey was attending a pilgrimage in Medjugorje in the fall of 1991. Our Lady of Medjugorje granted them a miracle of their second born child , Maria Christie Landry Houchins. In Thanksgiving for this blessing they named Maria Christie after the blessed Mother and Jesus Christ. God is so good and they are thankful to Our Lady for Her intercession.

Their faith journey continues at CGS and are feeling blessed for the warm welcome from CDA ladies and the Liturgy Team. Please consider joining the Landry's in the church at CGS on the first Wednesday for the exposition of the blessed sacrament, adoration & rosary where they help assist the presider.

Grant and Missy are also active in Teams of Our Lady, Tomball Team 1 for the past 12 years 😊



[Visit Hope Ctr website](#)



Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - Karen Doolittle

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON 3 QUARTER UPDATE 2021

Your continuous generosity enables our Court to provide 50 ‘double’ manna bags once per month along with 50 PBJ sandwiches. The sandwiches are not inside the manna bag, but in a separate box that is placed near the front door of Hope Center, so that when staff is passing out lunches and manna bags for the weekend, the guest can take sandwiches to support the non-perishable items in the manna bags.

Our manna bags contain: three small boxes of different flavors of raisins; one sleeve of nuts; one can of Vienna sausage; one pudding cup; one fruit cup; one each of tuna salad and chicken salad or pouches of tuna or chicken; 2 packages of Ritz cheese crackers; 2 packages of regular size cookies; 2 small bags of assorted chips; one 16 oz bottle of water; one spoon wrapped in a napkin.

Upon delivery of manna bags, they go into their inventory, and within a few months or less they are moved out. The inventory has decreased a lot recently and there were a few shelves with no boxes of manna bags on them and a few shelves holding empty boxes. More guests have been showing up, which is good, because staff knows that there remain many people living in the woods, under bridges, etc.

Breakfast was being served and by the time I left there, they had served about 18 guests. Hope Center received a lot of food through a Title 8 distribution recently, and the picture of the breakfast tray shows two omelets, a slice of ham, and a fruit pack that was distributed by the program. In addition, there are juice pouches and some sort of liquid probiotic. Panera products continue to be received twice weekly, so everyone that wanted one had a toasted bagel and there was peanut butter, butter or jelly for the guests to apply. Coffee is served and cold bottles of water are also available for the guests.

Besides breakfast, the laundry was working, guests were showering and the Clothes Closet was open for those that needed some new clothes. Hope Center was active!!

Speaking of needs, Hope Center can use the following:

Men’s boxer underwear sizes M and L

Men’s jeans sizes 30,32,34 any length---Goodwill or any Thrift store merchandise is welcomed

Rain poncho’s---the small ones that are typically a dollar or less if more are purchased

Backpacks

Sleeping bags

Tents (the one-two person type for \$20+/-)

Travel size deodorant

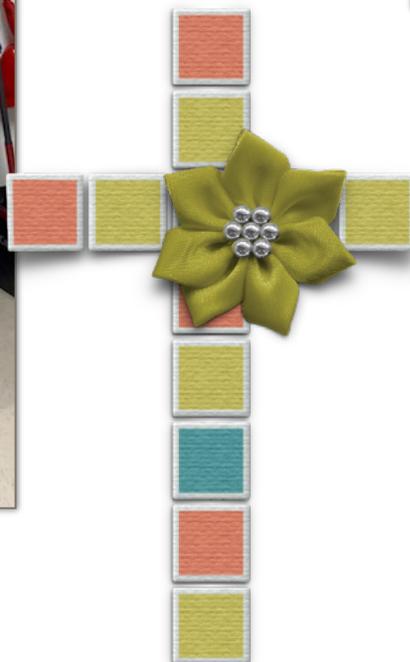
Priscilla Hargraves and Karen Doolittle





Robert volunteers to run the kitchen at the Hope Center. Board member, Stephanie, picks up food from Panera twice a week!

You can see the court's 'doubles' bags in the pic. Their manna bag inventory is not overflowing as it has been because more guests are showing up.





Anniversaries and Birthdays this Quarter!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!

October Birthdays: Shirley Varsel - 6th, Shuri Rodriguez - 17th, Marla Clancy - 19th, Norina Fisher - 23rd, Cristina Patetta - 25th.

October Anniversaries: Ann Molloy - 12th.

November Birthdays: Sheryl Andrews - 4th, Yolanda Cadena - 5th, Phyllis Rourke - 10th, Oge Rita Egbuna - 12th, Dorothy Ann Mullinax - 13th, Mary "Missy" Landry - 14th.

November Anniversaries: Oge Rita Egbuna - 15th, Jan Beall - 17th, Gizelle Williams - 22nd, Shirley Varsel - 25th.

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

December Anniversaries: Pat Kocan - 2nd, Mary Giles - 7th, Cathy Peplau - 8th, Katherine Lee - 15th, Phyllis Rourke - 17th, Kathryn Kietur - 28th.

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!



As we approach the holiday season we all know we should be grateful every day, but especially now. How do we do that? We all have our own ideas, traditions, etc. Most of all... keep it simple, inclusionary, and with God in mind. The pace of life can make a blur of what is important. Somehow, we should always make time to take part in **New Beginnings** and express **Gratitude**. There are moments in all of our lives when we appreciate someone so much that we just want to stop and applaud them. William Ward said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

Is there a family member, friend, or mentor whose wisdom or guidance may have changed the trajectory of your life? Is there a colleague who stood with you, a volunteer who served with you? Is there an employer or teacher who moved mountains for you and created opportunities? Is there "anyone" who laughed or cried with you in time of need? The list goes on...

Sometimes it is difficult to express how we feel about someone but there is one thing we can do. We can let them know that we are **Grateful**. If you have done so infrequently in the past or not at all... make it a new beginning. Tell "whomever" face-to-face, in writing, at a lunch or dinner that you are **Grateful**. It is never too late to bring joy or just be kind.

Adapted from Dan Zandra

For all who work and serve at CCGS Court 2731, thank you for all you have done to make our lives more blessed. We are Grateful.



Court Happenings!

Our court will have a table at the Fall Festival, where we will be selling Mass cards, and hopefully rosaries too! A SignUp Genius will be emailed after the October meeting, to sign up for a time to volunteer. Please consider giving some of your time, to share information about our wonderful Court and Organization!

Thank you for donating items to our court's silent auction item!!

Fall Festival



Come and enjoy a wonderful day
with your family and friends!

Saturday, October 16th
11:00am-6:00pm

International Foods, Refreshments, Bake Sale,
Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts Vendors,
Raffle, Rockwall Climbing, Paintball,
Pumpkin Patch, Kids Games
and more!



<https://www.cgsc.org/fall-festival>





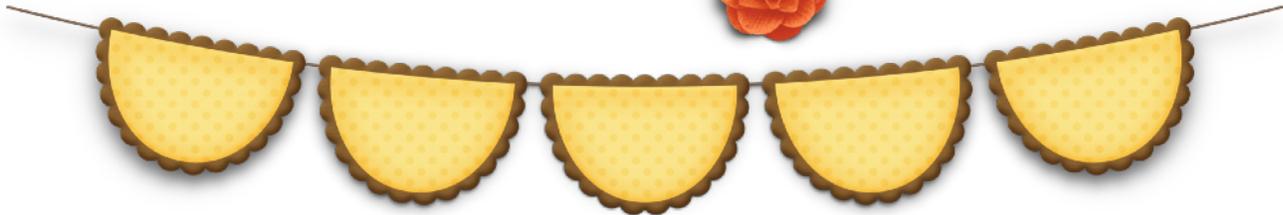
Community Weekend:



We will be selling Mass cards at Community Weekend, the fee is \$2.50. Mass cards can be used for celebrating just about anything! Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, illness, intentions, and many more! The Reverend Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Texas State Chaplain, remembers the intentions listed in the mass enrollments on the 1st Friday of each month. When you enroll a loved one, you are not only giving them the gift of prayer, but also contributing to the Scholarship Fund!

If you are not able to attend the Community Weekend, but would like to purchase a mass card (s), 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.**

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." - Mark 11:24



We will also be selling our rosaries, and our two fundraisers we have going on this Fall:

- ✿ We are selling bags of Pecans. We all sampled them and they are VERY good!
- ✿ Wreaths Across America - <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159910>. This is the website, if you would like to purchase online. The wreaths will be placed on the graves in December



My family saw Tony Melendez at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, in Alvin TX years ago. He was amazing, and soon after, he played for Pope John Paul II. I highly recommend seeing him play live! In case you didn't know, he plays with his feet y'all!!



Christ the Good Shepherd Presents

Tony Melendez
SUNDAY OCTOBER 16 - 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of praise, worship, and adoration!

Tickets are free of charge, come support the CGS Fall Festival!

Visit cgsec.church/concert for tickets and more information

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU'RE INVITED!
TRUNK OR TREAT
Treaters through 5th grade only please

Friday, October 29, 2021
6:30pm-8:00pm

Wear your fun, fantastic and saintly costume.
NO ghouls, goblins, monsters or demons

A fun evening with decorated trunks, games, food, and lots of candy!
Food sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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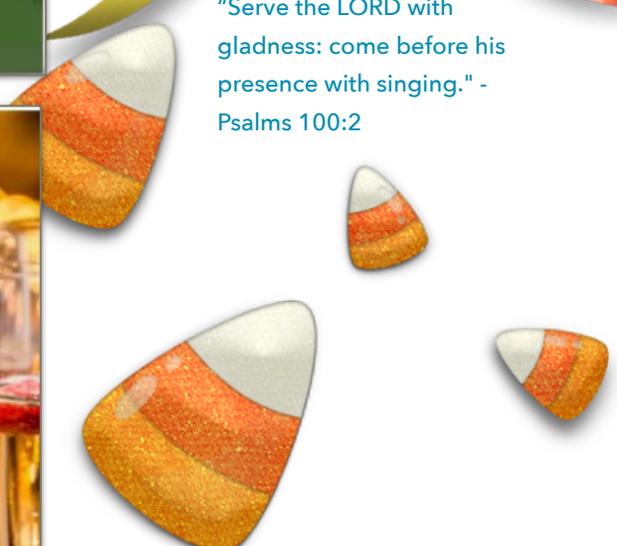
Save the Date!

Gala Dinner & Live Auction
Saturday, November 13, 2021
6:30pm
Parish Social Hall

Tickets are available for sale after Mass



"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." - Psalms 100:2





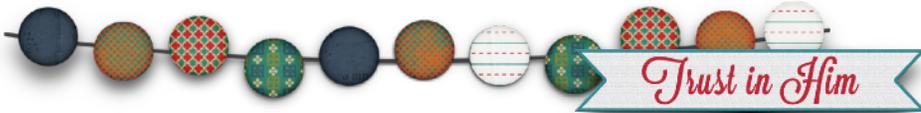
State News and Events

The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a September 2021 Edition, see newsletter here: [The Lone Star Messenger September 2021 Edition.](#)

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."

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

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



2022 Texas Rally for Life

Event Date January 22, 2022
Event Time 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location The Capitol in Austin



Details at:
TexasRallyforLife.org

Save the Date

The next Texas Rally for Life will be Saturday, January 22, 2022

National News




**CDA
Fall Retreats**

Faithful Women Set the World on Fire!

Sept. 17-19, 2021	Catholic Conference Center	Hickory, N.C.
Oct. 29-31, 2021	Holy Cross Retreat Center	Mesilla Park, N.M.
Nov. 12-14, 2021	St. Benedict's Abbey	Benet Lake, WI

Be inspired by the stories of women who lived out God's will in their life and brought love and hope to the world around them. Discover their struggles and triumphs. Let their lives teach you what it means to follow His will in your life. Let God whisper His will to you in a weekend with your CDA sisters.

Each retreat starts at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after breakfast on Sunday morning. Cost is \$300.00 and includes a shared double room and meals.

To download a copy of the registration form, please go to catholicdaughters.org or email [Connie Dronette at conniecda@yahoo.com](mailto:ConnieDronette@yahoo.com)



SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 20-24, 2022

Experience the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Convention in beautiful Puerto Rico

exciting liturgies • dynamic workshops
renewed friendships





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>

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

USCCB Month in Ministry: [This Month in Ministry](#)

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

40 Days for Life began
September 22, and runs
until October 31.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>



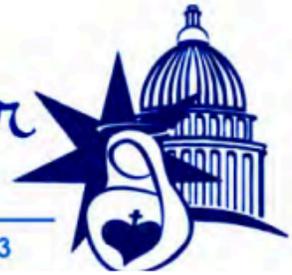
"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." - Proverbs 19:21

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**HELP
HYDE
SURVIVE**

The Hyde Amendment is a bipartisan provision that has been part of the federal appropriations for 45 years (since 1976). This has the overwhelming support of the American people.

Most Americans do not want their hard earned taxpayer dollars paying for abortions. For most this is a moral and religious issue.

The House just passed appropriation legislation that DID NOT INCLUDE THE HYDE AMENDMENT. Now, we must earnestly fast and pray that the United States Senate will be able to restore this LIFE-saving legislation.

The Hyde Amendment has been credited with saving 2.5 million lives since 1976. Without it abortion will be a "basic service" that all states must fund to be part of Medicaid.

What can you do? Prayer is primary. Call your US Senators and respectfully ask for the Hyde to be included in the final appropriations bill. If possible, visit their local office and follow up with an e-mail.

As always, communication with your elected representatives is as their CONSTITUENT.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

Eileen Peterson
CDA National Legislation Chair



Abortion is Not Health Care': Members of Congress Speak Out Against Proposed Abortion Billing Rule

The senators accused the rule of being an attempt to “increase taxpayer funding for abortion on demand, to the financial benefit of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.”

U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. (photo: Unsplash)

Christine Roussele/CNA Nation August 2, 2021

WASHINGTON — More than 25 Republican senators wrote to the Biden administration this week warning that a proposed rule would allow federal dollars to subsidize abortion coverage. “Abortion is not health care, and American taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize it,” the senators said in the letter. **The members included Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., and Steve Daines, R-Mont., chair of the Senate Pro-Life Caucus.**



Under the 2010 Affordable Care Act, insurance providers of “qualified health plans” [QHP] on the exchanges had to collect separate premium payments for elective abortion coverage, to ensure federal subsidies did not pay for abortions. The rule was meant to implement the Hyde Amendment, federal policy since 1976 which prohibits funding of abortions in Medicaid.

However, a 2014 Government Accountability Office report found that many insurers were not properly separating billing of abortion coverage from coverage of other drugs and procedures in the plans.

In 2019, the Trump administration required health plans under the Affordable Care Act to have separate billing and separate accounts for elective abortion coverage premiums. Three federal courts halted the rule from going into effect.

The proposed rule-change of the Biden administration would allow abortion coverage to be billed together with other items, in insurance plans on exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. The new proposed rule, published on July 1, would require only a single bill and payment of federally-covered services, including abortion coverage.

Some pro-life leaders have warned for years of the possibility of federal dollars subsidizing abortion coverage in these plans, if the billing is not done separately.

“The Biden administration’s proposed rule would prop the door wide open for Obamacare insurance plans to use taxpayer funds to cover abortions—a move that violates federal law,” said Matt Bowman, senior counsel with the legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, on Wednesday.

“In construing ‘separate’ to mean ‘together,’ the Proposed Rule would illegally allow insurance companies to collect combined payments for elective abortion coverage, rather than separate payments as the law requires,” the senators said.

The senators noted that this rule would “undermine consumer transparency” and could potentially result in consumers “pay(ing) for abortions in violation of their consciences or religious beliefs.”

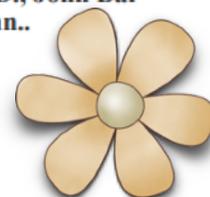
The senators accused the rule of being an attempt to “increase taxpayer funding for abortion on demand, to the financial benefit of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.”

Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest chain of abortion providers.

“Separate billing requirements for healthcare plans are the best way to ensure that popular laws preventing tax-funded elective abortion are respected,” Bowman said.

The other senators who signed the July 28 letter were: Senators Mike Rounds, R-S.D., Roger Wicker, R-Miss., James Lankford, R-Okla., Jerry Moran, R-Kan., John Boozman, R-Ark., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., James Inhofe, R-Okla., Mike Braun, R-Ind., Ben Sasse, R-Neb., Deb Fischer, R-Neb., Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Jim Risch, R-Idaho, John Thune, R-S.D., Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., Todd Young, R-Ind., Josh Hawley, R-Mo., John Cornyn, R-Texas, John Hoeven, R-N.D., John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Roger Marshall, R-Kan., Tom Cotton, R-Ark., and Bill Hagerty, R-Tenn..

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Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for 4th Quarter 2021

OCTOBER

- 7th - CDA Meeting
- 14th - Hope Center 3:30pm, Social Hall
- 15th - CDA DAY!
- 16th - CGS Fall Festival
- 21st - CDA Officer Meeting/Financial Review
(Set April's date for Review)
- 30th - Membership cut-off for Nat'l & State dues

NOVEMBER

- 4th - CDA Meeting
- 18th - Officer Meeting
- 18th - Hope Center 3:30pm, Social Hall
State and National dues payable

DECEMBER

- 2nd - Social
- 8th - Mary's Assumption
- 17th - Hope Center 3:30pm, Social Hall
Officer's meeting by email
- First Call to State Convention Letter
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