



THE SPIRIT

Issue 24

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Hello everyone! Blessings for the Month of the Holy Souls!

Although we celebrate All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day at the beginning of the month. The whole month is dedicated to the souls in Purgatory. During this month, may we remember those in Purgatory who need our intercessory prayers to help them move on to union with our Lord in Heaven.

Additionally, we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, and celebrating with family and friends. Many will be traveling to other areas to be with family. Or, their family and friends will be traveling to visit locally. Whatever the circumstances may be, let's remember everyone in our prayers, so that they may have safe travels and a wonderfully happy Thanksgiving!

That is my prayer for all our Catholic Daughters: May your homes be filled with laughter and joy and may you all experience the peace and love of the Lord during this special season.

Priscilla

"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence." - St. John Paul II





Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

November 2019 Chaplain's Corner

Some moments in life are so special that you want to bottle them so you can experience them over and over again and share them with everyone you know.

We're starting a packed month that lends itself to my opening statement if we simply allow ourselves to experience the moment. We begin with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Then we will enjoy a grand finale with Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent on December 1. You may also have a birthday or anniversary to celebrate as well.

Some 450 years ago the word "celebrate" meant "to attend in great numbers." Today we think of a party, festivities, or a religious ceremony. We could not imagine a celebration without a festive atmosphere. We are human—flesh and blood. We need something tangible, something we can see, smell, taste, drink, or somehow experience.

What is a birthday without cake and candles? Thanksgiving without a turkey or ham, tamales or gumbo? What is Christmas without lights and a tree? **Boring, that's what.**

So, here are three considerations for us to grow spiritually during this month of celebrations:

First, look for a deeper meaning in things as you celebrate. That means we want to see how ordinary things speak to our souls. We pray that God will give us **eyes to see deeper** and hearts to hear the sacred in the simple. Remember; a tourist will **take a picture**, while a pilgrim will **have an experience**. Which do we have?

Second, ask yourself how each celebration can help you become a-better-version-of-yourself. We can't ask that question often enough in life. Our souls seek inspiration. Everything, every choice, every person, and every event in our lives has been given to us by God to help us grow closer to God.

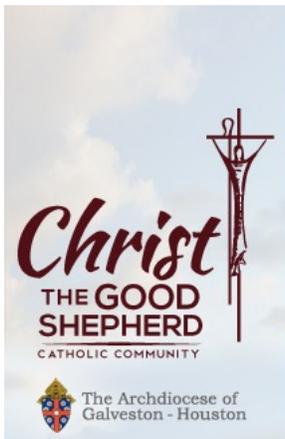
Third, these, and all celebrations can give life a rhythm, a cadence, a cycle of hope. We hope to be where the saints are. We give thanks for the gifts of the year. And, we ground our hope in the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

So, this month, let's focus on finding deeper meaning, becoming better people, and cultivating hope for the future. Celebrate November, for November is the time of the year we Celebrate those who came before us, those who are with us and those who will come after us.

Give thanks for all we have received and will receive from our living, present and loving God!

Blessings,

Dea. Dub. Chaplain



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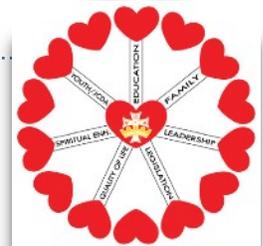
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Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - Karen Doolittle

October manna bag assembly and PBJ sandwich making is a quick project, we were finished in very short order and everyone was well on their way home or to their next commitment by 3:45.



October Third Saturday was fun, a lot of work and it was on the same day as the Parish Fall Festival. Lunch was the Knights hamburgers and hot dogs donated by Karen and Richard Gray and our Court furnished the toppings (romaine, onion, cheese). We also served coleslaw and large mandarins were served for dessert along with some cookies from HCH's pantry. Breakfast was the same as last month, scrambled eggs served on a warm white corn tortilla and topped with warmed salsa accompanied by bananas and large mandarins. We served 23 guests out of 37 that signed up!

Future dates to remember:

Manna Bag assembly and PBJ Sandwich making: Nov 14; Dec 19; Jan 16

Third Saturday: Nov 16; Dec 21; Jan 18

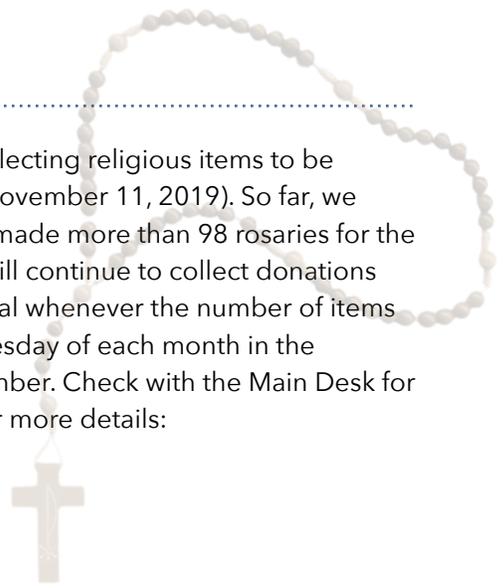
With winter right around the corner, Hope Center can always use sleeping bags for their guests, whether new or clean gently used. Bring to CDA meeting or one of the Thursday afternoon manna bag assembly gatherings or give Karen D or Patrice H a call for pickup and delivery.





Rosary Committee

The Rosary Committee has been busy making bead/cord rosaries and collecting religious items to be delivered to the VA Hospital in Houston, TX on or around Veterans Day (November 11, 2019). So far, we have collected more than 100 religious items and rosaries. We have also made more than 98 rosaries for the VA Hospital. Help us keep the momentum going - but also note that we will continue to collect donations and crafting rosaries throughout the year. We will deliver to the VA Hospital whenever the number of items reaches 100. The Rosary Committee will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm, except the months of November and December. Check with the Main Desk for the room number as it may change. Please contact Sheryl Bihler-Lopez for more details: live2blade@gmail.com or 775-230-5135 (business cell).



Small sampling of completed rosaries



Caylin's first two FULLY COMPLETED rosaries



Over 90 Rosaries completed!



"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary."

- St. Padre Pio



CDA Day

On October 20, the Catholic Daughters celebrated their organization as being one of Unity and Charity. Our Catholic Daughters' court, with the assistance of our District Deputy, Christine Maniscalco, and Spiritual Enhancement Chair, Mary Jane Brewster, offered celebration to the entire District #54.

We started the day with 10:45am mass, presided by Fr Innocent Okhifo and Deacon Jim Gallagher. We all sat together and participated together. Then

members from our court and the court from Prince of Peace, and Christ the Redeemer joined us for lunch at Clementine's Restaurant; where the banquet room had been reserved, and we were provided a catered lunch. A great celebration was had by all.

If you were unable to attend mass with us that morning, here is the blessing Fr Innocent gave the CDA.

Lord, grant your daughters the strength, wisdom and vitality to accomplish the mission you have given them as Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Give them, through you love and the love of their patron, Our Blessed Mother, the ability to touch each person you send into their lives with your caring presence.

Keep them always faithful to their motto of "Unity and Charity" as they serve you through the needs and service of your mystical body.

Bless them as they generously bring your light and your love to those they serve
(+) The Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

This was our 1st opportunity to join the other courts in our districts! Look forward to more activities for our district courts to participate in together.





October 12th we prayed the rosary at Gallery Furniture. This was not a CDA function, though the members were invited to join in. One of our members, Joyce Taylor-Smith organized it with America Needs Fatima. People were praying all across the US and 18 other countries. She talked to Jim McIngvale and he approved our praying in his parking lot. This is a project that the CDA could take on next year!



Fall Festival

On October 9th, Christ the Good Shepherd held their Annual Fall Festival. There was Paintballs, Rock-climbing, Face-painting, Native American Dancing, Square Dancing, Dunking Booth (in which Fr James participated in!), food, and many other booths! Some have said this was the best year yet!! (pictures courtesy of Facebook posts)

A GREAT DAY



Fall Festival



Upcoming Events

THE NORTHWEST HOUSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &
HOPE CENTER HOUSTON INVITE YOU TO

Grand Opening & Building Blessing

HOPE

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON®

November 14, 2019

4:00 pm

821 Peakwood Drive
Houston, TX 77090

JOIN US FOR A BUILDING TOUR,
REFRESHMENTS, AND FELLOWSHIP

*R.S.V.P. by November 1, 2019 to
Debbie@HopeCenterHouston.org, (832) 965-5511*



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

of the Americas, Court 2731,
Is selling Wreaths to go in the
Houston National Cemetery to
remember and honor our
veterans in December.

Wreaths are \$15 each and may
be ordered online at:

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/159910/Overview>

**ENDS NOVEMBER 25, 2019
DELIVERED TO CEMETERY
DEC. 14TH.**



5TH ANNUAL...

Refugee



THANKSGIVING

SAVE THE DATE!

As we celebrate the
"Year of the Family",
St. Ignatius of Loyola and
Christ the Good Shepherd
are hosting the Refugee Thanksgiving
on November 23rd at the Christus Center.



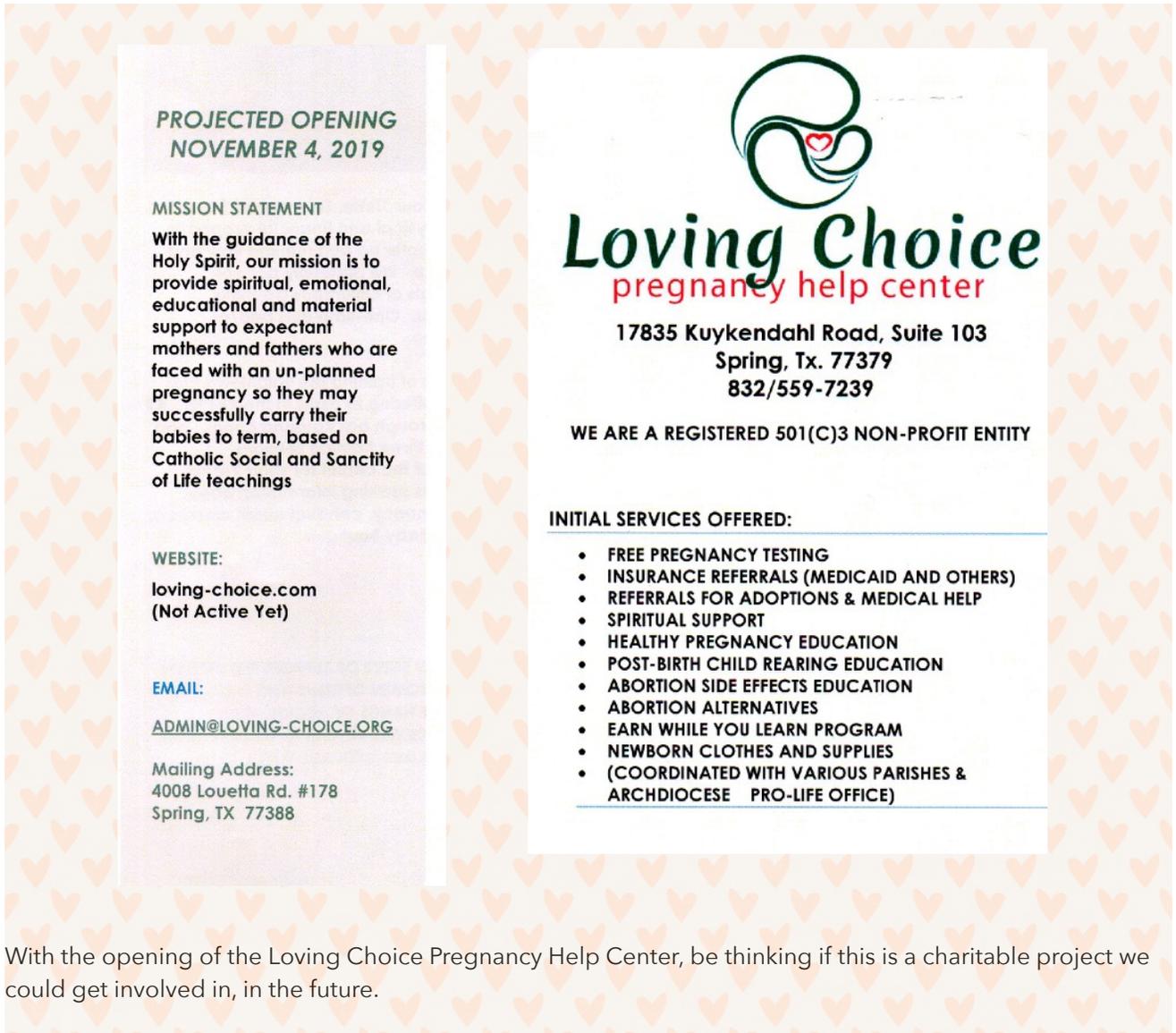
We need volunteers for:
Planning Team-Day Volunteers-Cooks



For more information:

outreach@silcc.org
Millafranco@cgscc.church
www.silcc.org/refugees-thanksgiving





**PROJECTED OPENING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

MISSION STATEMENT

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to provide spiritual, emotional, educational and material support to expectant mothers and fathers who are faced with an un-planned pregnancy so they may successfully carry their babies to term, based on Catholic Social and Sanctity of Life teachings

WEBSITE:

loving-choice.com
(Not Active Yet)

EMAIL:

ADMIN@LOVING-CHOICE.ORG

Mailing Address:
4008 Louetta Rd. #178
Spring, TX 77388



Loving Choice
pregnancy help center

17835 Kuykendahl Road, Suite 103
Spring, Tx. 77379
832/559-7239

WE ARE A REGISTERED 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ENTITY

INITIAL SERVICES OFFERED:

- FREE PREGNANCY TESTING
- INSURANCE REFERRALS (MEDICAID AND OTHERS)
- REFERRALS FOR ADOPTIONS & MEDICAL HELP
- SPIRITUAL SUPPORT
- HEALTHY PREGNANCY EDUCATION
- POST-BIRTH CHILD REARING EDUCATION
- ABORTION SIDE EFFECTS EDUCATION
- ABORTION ALTERNATIVES
- EARN WHILE YOU LEARN PROGRAM
- NEWBORN CLOTHES AND SUPPLIES
- (COORDINATED WITH VARIOUS PARISHES & ARCHDIOCESE PRO-LIFE OFFICE)

With the opening of the Loving Choice Pregnancy Help Center, be thinking if this is a charitable project we could get involved in, in the future.

Advent Penance Service

Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community

12/18/2019

Reconciliation begins at 7PM

If you like to volunteer as a reconciliation hostess, please contact Cristina Patetta at cristina.patetta@cgscchurch or call 346-236-6466





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.texasda.org/#loaded>

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



On April 14-18, 2021 - the 52nd Biennial State Convention will take place in Texarkana, TX. here 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

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.

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.



OLGA SAMANIEGO

National Regent



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





Legislation:

Resources:

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

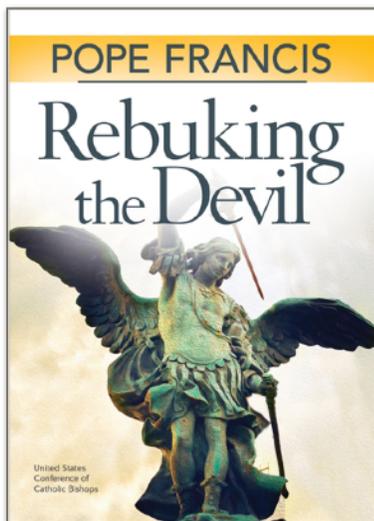
To locate your state and national legislatures: Texas: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and National: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>

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

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

Pope Francis has a new book in publication: 'Rebuking the Devil'

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



Please do not forget our Catholic Bishops site, if is full of information: <http://www.usccb.org/>

And [The Vatican: The Holy See](#)



"Teach us to give and not count the cost." - St. Ignatius de Loyola



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:

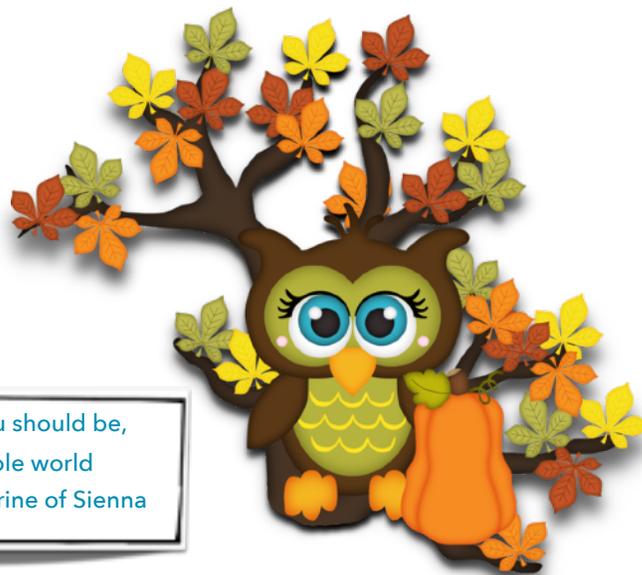
[Share Summer 2019](#)

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



National September 2019 Newsletter:

[National Quarterly September 2019](#)



"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" - St. Catherine of Sienna

Mission Statement

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

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

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



The Texas State Court was organized January 25, 1917. Our Mission Statement is a reflection of the CDA motto of Unity and Charity; "The members of the Texas State and Local Courts love Christ and His Church. We are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through active participation in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas."



Birthdays

Sheryl Andrews - Nov 4
 Yolanda Cadena - Nov 5
 Phyllis Rourke - Nov 10
 Oge Rita Egbuna - Nov 12
 Dorothy Ann Mullinax - Nov 13

Anniversaries

Oge Rita Egbuna - Nov 15
 Janet Beall - Nov 17
 Gizelle Williams - Nov 22
 Shirley Varsel - Nov 25



Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for November 2019

- 1st All Saints Day
- 7th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209
- 9-10th Community Weekend
- 14th Hope Center ministry-3:00 PM, Soc. Hall
- 14th Bd. meeting, 6:30 PM, Library
- 16th Meal at Hope Ctr., 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
- 28th Thanksgiving
- State and National dues payable



happy
thanksgiving!

