



Issue 10

# THE SPIRIT

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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## Court Regent's Message

Gloria Riley, Court Regent

*"Out of the ashes, there are roses" a quote from Father Innocent's sermon on Ash Wednesday Mass service. Father Innocent's sermon offered a different perspective on Lent's obligations by putting a positive view on Lenten practices. Even the title of The WORD among us, Lent 2018 issue, is "The Promise of Lent" and the articles contained a positive message. What a great concept - remove the negative connotations of Lent. Make your Lenten journey, a renewing and rewarding experience with God.*

*I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and may you and your loved ones see the blessing of God in your lives every day.*





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**Court News!**

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I read a devotion a few days ago from 'Blessed is She', and one of the statements really stuck with me... 'Be intentional with tending your relationship with Jesus today.' Our relationship with Jesus is not only internal. It is in every aspect of our lives. We are all disciples. Discipling involves modeling faith and godliness with our lives. Effective discipling imparts the reasons for believing in and living for Jesus (2 Timothy 2:2) Discipling is being 'intentional' in tending to your relationship with Jesus. This Lent I am working on being Intentional.

*"They'll know we are Christians, by our Love" - Inspired by John 13:35*

I struggled with a theme for this month's newsletter. There are too many activities taking place: Lent, important Saint Days, Easter. So, I thought of the butterfly. Butterfly is the power of air, the ability to float upon a breeze. It is breaking free of her 'cocoon'. It is letting go of old behavior and expanding into the next phase. It is resurrection! I pray you all have a wonderful Lenten transformation and resurrection, and a happy Easter!

**Legislation:**

Currently we do not have a Chairperson for this committee. Please consider this appointment, as it is a very important position. The Texas Rally for Life was held on January 27th. The rally commemorated the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, which made abortion legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. 'In the wake of this decision, legal abortion in our nation



has claimed the lives of more than 60 million unborn children and has hurt countless women and men.' Although the rally has already been held for this year, please stay up to date on activities and ways you can support here: <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/texas-rally-for-life/>

**Mass Cards Committee:**

The fee for Mass cards is \$5.00. \$2.50 will be given to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, and \$2.50 will be donated to an organization our parish supports. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund and a charity approved by our court. Please contact Peggy O'neil, 281-440-0286, or email at [cda2731masscards@gmail.com](mailto:cda2731masscards@gmail.com), with mass card requests and/or questions.

**Mass cards are always available at the meetings.**



**Websites:**

**CCGS Court 2731 website:** [www.catholicdaughters2731.com](http://www.catholicdaughters2731.com) Our website is now linked to the CGS website!! You will find the link under Ministries> <http://www.cgscddogh.org>



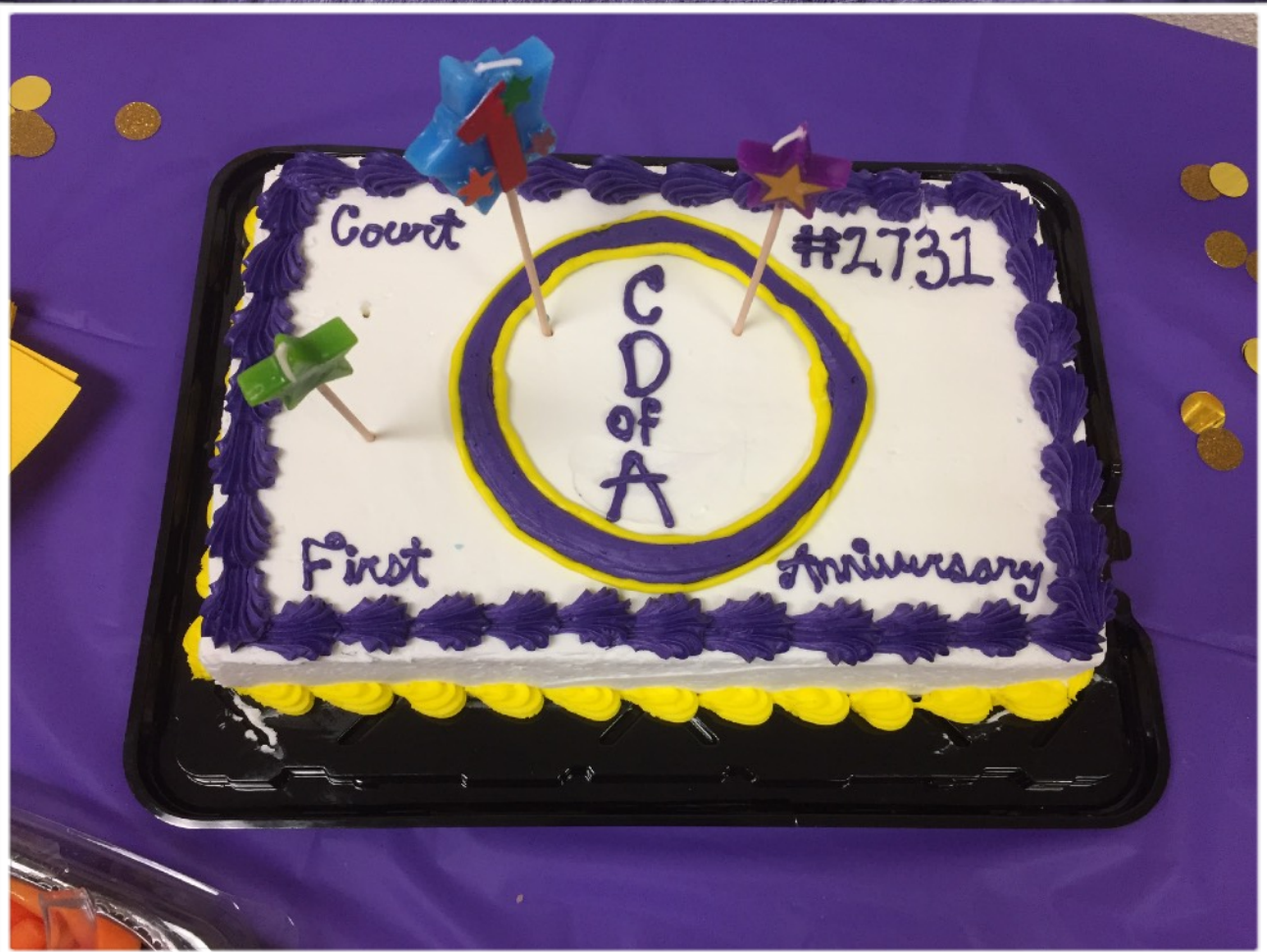
Texas CDA website: <http://www.texasda.org/#loaded>

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

## ◆ Our court's 1 year Anniversary!

Our court observed its one year anniversary with a mass and social on February 1st. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Innocent, with our chaplain Dcn. John Hagyard assisting. Fr. Innocent acknowledged our court and gave everyone a blessing. Afterwards, pictures were taken. Then, the court enjoyed a social during a brief monthly meeting. At the meeting, our newly framed Charter was unveiled! It will be placed next to the K of C's charter in the Parish Life Center. Everyone had a great time! If you missed it, come join us at the next meeting, we will be doing a lot of new and interesting things this next year!







Charlotte Prieve, our Vice Regent picked up the Vocation Cross at 9:00am mass on February 4th. She kept it for a week and she and the court prayed for vocations during that time. Thank you to all who prayed for vocations that week!



**Christ the Good Shepherd**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious God,

With grateful hearts we welcome the presence of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We accept the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the world by our baptismal commitment to Gospel living.

Bless us with discerning hearts. May we have the courage to give our lives in loving service through married life, the single life, the consecrated life, and ordained life.

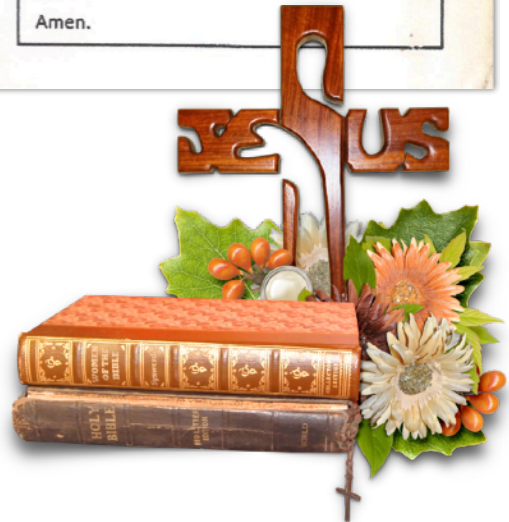
Inspire men and women to respond generously and embrace the gift of their vocation. We unite our prayers with the whole Church, with the communion of saints, with Jesus and the Spirit in praise and thanksgiving now and forever.

We entrust our prayer to our Mother Mary, who with Joseph, fostered our Savior's vocation.

Amen.



**Serra Clubs, District 10  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**



Please see Serra 10 December 2017 Newsletter **(You will recognize a few faces!)**:

<http://serra10.com/documents/2018/2/Newsletter%20-%202012-2017%20-%20Serra%20Club%20of%20North%20Houston.pdf>

"And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" - Luke 9:23

Consider attending the Pilgrimage to EWTN in Alabama...

**Serra Pilgrimage**

**Exciting Serra Pilgrimage  
April 7-12, 2018 with Daily Mass**

- St. Joseph Abbey/Seminary, Covington, LA
- Caritas of Birmingham, Rosary in Field
- EWTN – Taping "Jim and Joy Show," Irondale, AL
- Our Lady of Angels Monastery: OLAM Nuns,  
Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, Hanceville, AL
- Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine, Hanceville, AL
- St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL
- Blessed Seelos Shrine & Church, New Orleans, LA

• 30 PILGRIMS . \$691+HOTEL TAXES

• 20 PILGRIMS.. \$811+HOTEL TAXES

• Leaving on bus from CGS

• Contact Lynn Lewis at [Lynilu2@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynilu2@yahoo.com)



**More detailed Itinerary:**

SERRA PILGRIMAGE  
APRIL 7- 12, 2018  
DEPARTS FROM CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

THIS SCHEDULE IS 90% COMPLETE.. (WILL FWD FINAL SOON)

FINAL COST WILL BE CALCULATED WHEN WE HAVE OUR FINAL NUMBER OF TRAVELERS... (TO SPLIT BUS RENTAL)

COST INCLUDES : BUS RENTAL, HOTEL (TAXES EXTRA),  
ALL MEALS EXCEPT FOR SUNDAY DINNER  
CURRENT ESTIMATE /PERSON BASED 30 PILGRIMS . \$691+HOTEL TAXES  
20 PILGRIMS.. \$811+HOTEL TAXES

WE WILL RESERVE BLOCK OF ROOMS AND GIVE YOU HOTEL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL PAYMENTS DIRECTLY ..INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW

TOILETS AVAILABLE / WATER BOTTLES PROVIDED ON BUS (56 SEATER)  
EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS!!!



## DAY 1...SAT APRIL 7TH

CGS/HOUSTON - COVINGTON/ LA (ST JOSEPH ABBEY/ SEMINARY)  
 ...START LOADING BUS @ 9:15AM .. CGS..(KOLACHES PROVIDED)  
 ...BUS TRAVEL (DEPARTS CGS 10:00AM / BOXED LUNCH / 6 HRS)  
 ...ARRIVAL 4:00PM / VESPERS @ ABBEY 5:00PM  
 ...DINNER /SPIRITUAL TALK  
 ...DIVINE OFFICE

## DAY 2...DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY..APRIL 8TH

COVINGTON - BIRMINGHAM /AL  
 ...BREAKFAST @ 8:30AM  
 ...LOAD BUS 10:00AM  
 ...MASS @ ABBEY 11:00AM  
 ...DEPART @ 12:00 NOON / BOXED LUNCH / 6HRS)  
 ...ARRIVAL BIRMINGHAM @ 6:00PM  
 ...DINNER (OPTIONS AVAILABLE )  
 ...DIVINE OFFICE

## HAMPTON INN.. 280 EAST/ EAGLE POINT

## DAY 3...MON APRIL 9TH

CARITAS / EWTN / ST BERNARD ABBEY (CULLMAN / AL)  
 ...BREAKFAST @ 8:00AM  
 ...DEPART 9:15AM FOR CARITAS (10 MIN)  
 ...ROSARY IN THE FIELD @10:00AM  
 ...DEPART FOR EWTN @ 11:00AM  
 ...LUNCH @EWTN @11:30AM  
 ...12:15 WALK OVER TO EWTN STUDIO...AUDIENCE FOR JIM AND JOY SHOW  
 ...1:00-2:00PM JIM AND JOY SHOW TAPING  
 ...2:00-2:30 EWTN STORE..FREE TIME  
 ...2:45 EWTN TOUR  
 ...3:30PM DEPART FOR ST BERNARD ABBEY(CUMMAN /AL)  
 ...5:00 MASS @ABBNEY  
 ...DINNER  
 ...DIVINE OFFICE

## DAY 4...TUES APRIL 10TH

OUR LADY OF ANGELS MONASTERY / BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE/  
 ST BERNARD ABBEY  
 ...BREAKFAST  
 ...TOUR BLESSED SACRAMENT SHRINE ( HANCEVILLE)  
 ...12:00 MASS  
 ...LUNCH  
 ...DEPART FOR ST BERNARD ABBEY  
 ...TBD  
 ...VESPERS  
 ...DINNER

## DAY 5...WED APRIL 11TH

ST BERNARD / COVINGTON/LA ( ST JOSEPH ABBEY/ SEMINARY)  
 ..BREAKFAST  
 ..LOAD BUS  
 ..9:00AM DEPART FOR COVINGTON/ LA ( BOXED LUNCH/ 6HRS)  
 ..3:00PM ARRIVAL ST JOSEPH ABBEY / SEMINARY)  
 ..TBD  
 ..5:00PM VESPERS@ABBNEY  
 ...DINNER WITH SEMINARIANS FROM ARCH GAL/HOUSTON  
 ...DIVINE OFFICE

DAY 6...THURSDAY APRIL 12TH  
 COVINGTON / BLESSED SEELOS SHRINE / HOME  
 ...8:00AM MASS  
 ...8:30AM BREAKFAST  
 ...9:00AM LOAD BUS  
 ...9:30AM AM DEPART FOR NEW ORLEANS ( BLESSED SEELOS SHRINE)  
 ...11:00AM ARRIVAL / TOUR  
 ...12:30PM DEPART FOR CGS ( BOXED LUNCH )  
 ...6:30PM ESTIMATED ARRIVAL CGS



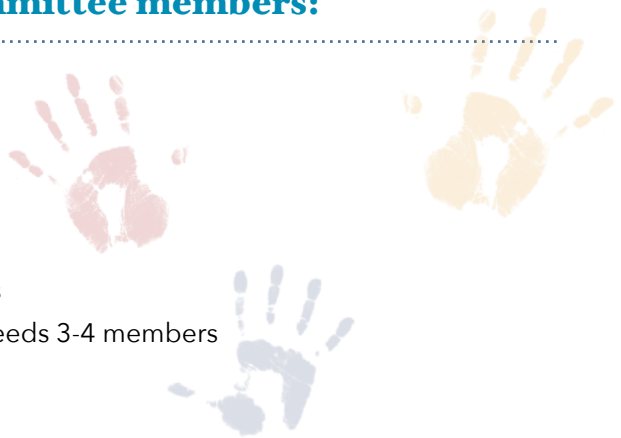
HOPE YOU ALL PRAYER FULLY CONSIDER JOINING US....  
 MAY YOUR HEART ALWAYS FIND JOY.....  
 SUSAN STAWAISZ  
 713-503-9396  
 PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR

### Opportunities! Needs a Chair and/or committee members:

- ✦ **PUBLICITY** - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- ✦ **LEGISLATION** - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- ✦ **CIRCLE OF LOVE** - Chairperson, plus members
- ✦ **FUNDRAISING** - Chairperson, plus members

#### Need Members:

MEETING PRAYERS - Mary Jane Brewster, needs 1-2 members  
 MEMBERSHIP / TELEPHONE - Vice Regent Charlotte Prieve, needs 3-4 members  
 STANDING RULES - Sheryl Andrews, needs 2 members



### Circle of Love:

We will be collecting items at each meeting to provide the 1960 Hope Center. Items needed are socks, men’s belts, disposable razors, deodorant, gold bond powder, backpacks... If you would like to see a complete list, please see this link to the Hope Center Donate site: <https://www.1960hopecenter.com/donate> Priscilla Hargraves will have a basket available at the meetings to drop your donations.



*Your donation is greatly appreciated! Thank you.*

Each month, we will be publishing a full page description of one spoke of the Circle of Love seven point program. This month, please see 'Education':

*"Teach me, O Lord, your way that I may walk in your truth." Psalm 86:11*

*"Your aspire to great things? Begin with the little ones." - St. Augustine*

#### INTRODUCTION

It has often been said that education literally means, “a drawing out” of a person’s talent as well as a “putting in” of knowledge or instruction. Education is a key ingredient which significantly impacts the long-term success of our organization. Education helps bring us to fulfillment, gives us resilience and helps improve attitudes. People learn in different ways, and we need to find out what motivates our members to want to continue to learn. Societal needs, values, and changing life styles are some factors that influence the need to educate. Education is a self-enlightening process; it is an important component of life.

The Education Contest/Scholarship portion of our national program provides an opportunity for our young people to share their God-given talents and for adults to advance in their endeavors to better themselves in their educational process. It will help to impact careers and to impact the overall quality of life.



## I. SCHOLARSHIPS

### A. Local and State (Elementary and High School levels)

1. Criteria Based on other attributes besides scholastic achievements. Example: Most improved – Christian services and Qualities – Leadership abilities and service to community.
2. Publicity –Present awards at public ceremony.
3. Establish scholarship in the name of a Past State Regent (living or deceased).

### B. National

1. National Graduate
2. Youth/JCDA

## II. EDUCATION CONTEST

### A. Categories (need not sponsor all categories) Education - 1

1. Art
2. Computer Art
3. Poetry
4. Essay
5. Music
6. Photography

## III. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### A. Youth – Offer assistance with

1. Catechesis
2. Field Trips
3. Retreats

### B. Adult–Participants in

1. Study groups
2. Retreats/Marriage Encounters
3. Formation Programs
  - a. Encyclicals

### b. Pastoral letters

4. Catholic Daughter Conventions
5. Catholic Daughter Workshops

### C. Family–Encourage and participate in

1. Visit historical places
2. Visit Shrines/museums

## IV. LITERACY – Volunteer in

### A. Local literacy programs

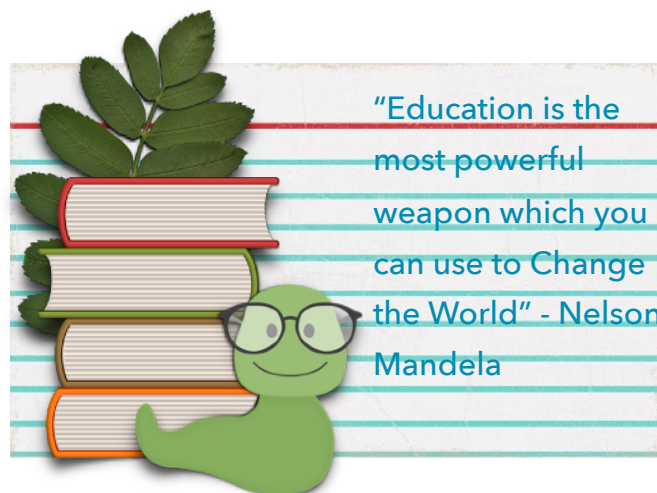
### B. Tutoring in schools

## V. SUGGESTED PROGRAMS

### A. Spiritual

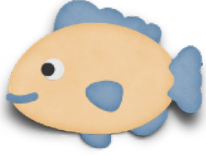
### B. Informative Topics

1. Legal



2. Medical
3. Safety

Education brings up questions and also devises ways to find satisfactory answers to the questions. Education leads to a higher participation in a whole range of social activities.



## Fish Fry

Last Friday, February 16th, was the 1st Lenten Fish Fry of the season. Over 270 people showed to purchase a plate! Desserts were provided by our court and the K of C wives.

## Local News

**“Calling All Catholics: Laugh, Lose the Guilt, and Stand Strong”  
LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
to see Dr. Ray Guarendi on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**“BACK TO THE FAMILY” - “BACK TO THE CHURCH”**

**Dr. Ray Guarendi**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018  
8:00am-3:30pm**



**8:00am-Mass, 8:45am-Registration (light breakfast available)**

**Morning Session-“Laughter: The Sanity of Family”**

**Afternoon Session-“The Logic of Being Catholic”**

**Tickets are \$30, includes Lunch**

**To purchase tickets, go to:**

**<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/665>**

**For more information, e-mail: [cgs.ticketing@gmail.com](mailto:cgs.ticketing@gmail.com)**

**Hosted by Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Spring, TX**

Also, taking place on March 3rd, is the Houston Catholic Women's Conference. If you would like to go, the registration amount at this time is at full price. However, this is a wonderful conference. You will not be disappointed. If you would like to carpool, please contact Priscilla Hargraves at 512.376.1488

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**Mother of the Eucharist**



**Sally Robb**



**Anna Nuzzo**

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## Houston Catholic Women's Conference

*"Do whatever He tells you"*

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

(check in begins at 8 a.m.)

THE CATHEDRAL OF  
 OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SHRINE

7809 Shadyvilla Lane  
 Houston, Texas 77055

- Early Registration *before* February 14 - \$55.00
- Early Registration Buddy Pass *before* February 14 - \$85.00
- Registration *after* February 14 - \$65.00
- Registration at the Door *if available* - \$75.00 (includes lunch)

**Register online:**

[www.HoustonCWC.com](http://www.HoustonCWC.com)

**or by mail:**

P.O. Box 443, Barker, Texas 77413

limited seating

**For more information visit:** [www.HoustonCWC.com](http://www.HoustonCWC.com)

Sponsored by Catholic Women of Houston  
 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



Please consider attending the Designer Diva Fashion Show. It is not only a great time, but proceeds benefit the State Circle of Love - Family Project. Also, if we could send a couple models from our court, that would be great! The below flyer includes information on this event and CDA Day at the Park, an Astros game and reception, taking place on June 24, 2018.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Present

### Fashion -the American Way A **RED**, WHITE AND **BLUE** RUNWAY SHOW

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Designer Diva Resale Shop  
2 p.m.

Tickets \$20 person  
Must be 13 years or older

Proceeds will benefit State Circle of Love -Family Project  
CDA Day at the Park  
Astros game and reception.  
June 24, 2018

For tickets: Dela 832-724-2000 or Josie 281 550-8860

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Fr. James is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination!  
Please attend mass May 19, 2018 at 10am with a celebration to follow in the Social Hall.



### State News:

The 3rd Biennial Pray & Play Project was held February 17-18th.

This is a State Project coordinated by the Missions of Mercy (MOM) State Chairman, Cathy Bittner and State Co-Chairman, Benji Pardee.

All proceeds go the Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects. The Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects include Casa Juan Diego in Houston, Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Cameron Park After School Tutorial Project -- Proyecto Juan Diego in Brownsville, and Missionaries of Charity in Dallas. These projects are located throughout the state to allow all courts the opportunity to help with a MOM project in close proximity to their area of the state.

There were many fun activities, including ***Holy Rollin' Bowling, Games & Brains*** and a ***Jumbo Raffle!***

Olga Samaniego, National Regent Elect and Past State Regent, was the Retreat Master speaking on ***"Be Not Afraid! St. John Paul the Great,*** which is the theme for this term.



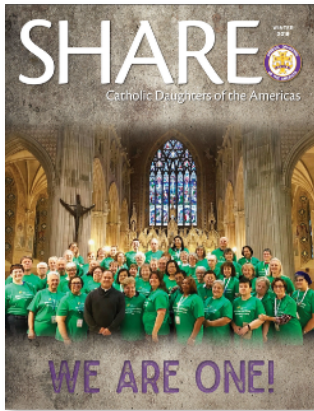
*"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."* - St.

Catherine of Siena

### National News



**National Convention** will be held July 17 - 22, 2018 in Sioux City, South Dakota. Our court will not be sponsoring attendance, however anyone can attend who would like to. No one in our court has chosen to attend so far. However, if anyone changes their mind, the deadline for advance registration is June 15, 2018.



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

[http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/colorfx/share\\_winter2018/](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/colorfx/share_winter2018/)

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

\*\*\*Our Texas Officers are featured on page 32!



National December 2017 Newsletter:

[http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr\\_Newsletter/2017\\_12/QuarterlyNewsletter\\_December2017.pdf](http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2017_12/QuarterlyNewsletter_December2017.pdf)

National CDA Website:  
[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven.: - St. Rose of Lima



# Prayers of the Month

*March 2018 is the Month of St. Joseph*  
**Foster Father of Jesus Christ**



*O Joseph, virgin-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of his grace and striving dutifully in life, may be crowned by him at the hour of death.*

Please see this link, it has some excellent information on it: <https://www.thoughtco.com/prayers-for-march-542767>

Find daily prayers, daily readings and saints of the day, here: <http://www.catholic.org/calendar/march.php>



### 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"*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**  
Anne Shepherd-Knapp  
Veronica Arnold



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."



**The theme for the 2017 - 2019 term is:**  
**"Be Not Afraid:" -**  
**St John Paul the Great**

"Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest." - John Michael Talbot



## Dates to Remember

### CDA Calendar for March 2018

The month of March is devoted to St. Joseph

Thursday 3-1-2018	6:00 PM Nominating committee meeting in CGS library 7:00 PM CDA General Meeting in Room A206-A209 Special guests include Fr. Innocent and Bob Kammer Circle of Love Reports deadline
Saturday 3-3-2018	8:00 AM-3:30 PM at CGS ACTS fundraiser: Dr. Ray Guarendi "Back to the Family", "Back to the Church". Fee \$30.00, includes lunch.
Thursday 3-15-2018	Court Officers' Meeting, 7:00 PM in CGS library Schedule the Financial Review for April with the District Deputy Mass Card Sales at Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays during Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent. They started February 16th. On February 23rd, our court led the service.

Our court will be at the Community weekend at least twice in the year. Dates to be determined. Community weekends take place on the 2nd weekend of the month.

### Annual Dues are DUE in February

Please see Priscilla or make arrangements with her to pay your dues. Dues remain \$25 for February through January 2019. The dues and fundraisers allow the CDA to contribute our fair share to the National and State organizations, as well as, to fund our charities in the parish and community.

***Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Christ the Good Shepard #2731  
Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2018***

*Call to Order by Gloria Riley, Regent at 8:10 PM.*

*Opening ceremony*

- *Opening Prayer by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Opening Ode led by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Pledge to US Flag and Texas Flag said by members*
- *Silent Roll Call of Officers by Sheryl Andrews - all were present*

*Good of the Order Book – Mary Jane Brewster passed among the members*

*Introduction of Guests – Deacon John Hagyaire*

*Installation of New Members – No new members this month*

*Reading of Minutes by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary **January Minutes were put in the Newsletter and everyone agreed that there were no changes. The Minutes were inadvertently not voted on during the meeting. The January Minutes will have to be voted on at the March meeting.***

*Reading of Correspondence by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – There was no correspondence presented to be read*

*Treasurer's Report by Veronica Arnold (see attached)*

*Bills were presented to the Court by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – No Bills were presented this month*

### ***Committees***

***Newsletter*** – Chairperson: Gizelle Williams, members: Jo Alice Street and Priscilla Hargraves. The Newsletter deadline is two Mondays preceding the next meeting.

***Sunshine Report:*** *Mary Roberts will be Chairperson of this committee.*

***Budget Report*** – *A copy of the final Budget is attached to the Minutes.*

### ***Old Business***

- A. Mary Jane Brewster reminded everyone that on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Mass Vice Regent, Charlotte Prieve will pick up the traveling crucifix and pray for vocation. She will be emailing prayers and reading to pray the next week for vocations. We will be praying the Prayer for Vocations at the end of the meeting tonight. Charlotte Prieve, Priscilla Hargraves and Gloria Riley accepted the cross at Mass.
- B. Mary Jane Brewster said on February 23<sup>rd</sup> the Catholic Daughters will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. We will need readers for all stations except the first two and the last two, which Deacon John will be reading. We can use 5-10 people. We need to meet by 7:15 pm. Gloria Riley suggested signing up for the Stations of the Cross next year so that we can prepare better for it.

- C. On February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> there will be the Biennial Pray and Play Weekend in Ennis, Texas if anyone is interested in going.
- D. There is no double room availability for the CDA general meetings on the second Tuesday from March through June, 2018. Right now we will just keep the meetings on the first Thursday of the month.

### ***New Business***

- A. Priscilla Hargraves presented two projects we should think about for the Hope Center.
1. We bring Hope Center needs to each meeting and Priscilla Hargraves will have a basket at the meeting in order to put the items in. Items will include, socks, warm things, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. She will then take it to the Hope Center along with anyone else that would like to go with her. **A Motion was made by Mary Roberts to bring items to the meetings to put in a basket to be taken to the Hope Center. Marieanne Suarez seconded the Motion. It was voted on and APPROVED.**
  2. The Hope Center is not open on the weekends. Priscilla Hargraves was asked that we, as a group, get together on a Thursday to make sandwich bags to take to the Hope Center on Friday so the Hope Center can hand them out on Friday afternoons that way will people have something to eat over the weekend. We will vote on this project at the March meeting.
- B. Charlotte Prieve talked about making rosaries at the March meeting. We will learn how to make them during the last half of the meeting. Marieanne Suarez and Charlotte Prieve will show everyone how to make them. **A Motion was made by Marieanne Suarez to make rosaries during the last half of the March meeting. Karen Doolittle seconded the Motion. It was voted on and APPROVED.**
- C. Volunteers are needed for the Knights of Columbus fish fry and to sell Mass cards during the fish fry. A sign up sheet is on the table for member to sign up to help.
- D. Deborah Maly said that one of her courts is having a Bunco Night fundraiser. We can go if we like to see how it runs.
- E. RCIA is asking the CDA for help in making sandwiches during the day of the Easter vigil.

Priscilla Hargraves said Circle of Love reports are due.

*Closing Prayer, Ode and Prayer for Vocation by Mary Jane Brewster*

*Meeting ended at 8:51 pm*

**Happy  
Easter**

