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Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Issue 20

Happy Easter everyone!

I pray you have been enjoying Lent and are preparing for a blessed Easter!

I love April, and remember the ditty from my childhood, "April showers bring May flowers". So, even though I may get tired of dreary days, I happily endure them as I await expectantly for May's sunshine and flowers.

Sometimes we may feel like there is nothing but rain in our lives. We have so many problems, worries, and stress. When we feel like this, do we take those troubles to our Lord in prayer? Do we really trust that He will help us resolve whatever is troubling us? Have we been using Lent as an opportunity to become closer to our Lord and trust in His loving plan for us? Are we looking forward to a "life" change as we approach Easter?

Just as April showers ensure the growth of the flowers in May, our reliance on our Lord and our trust in His plan will lead us to resolution of our problems and the spiritual growth and joy He intends for us. We can depend on Him that our dark days of difficulty, adversity, or sorrow will lead to enlightenment, understanding and joy.

Enjoy the rain because we know it will lead to beautiful flowers.

May you have a blessed Easter!



Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

My Sisters in Christ,

Were you aware that in the Church the month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit? The term "spirit" translates from the Hebrew word ruah, which means "breath." (pneuma in Greek) Truly, as Catholics, the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, has been breathed into each of us, and is the life we have received from God. Do we turn to the Holy Spirit in our lives? Do we rely on the Holy Spirit for strength? Do we even allow the Holy Spirit to be a part of our very being? If we don't, we need to, as St. Paul advised, **"think of what is above, not of what is on earth."** (Col. 3:2)

I hope you are aware that we are completing Lent but will continue to celebrate the holiest time of the year in our Church. Easter Sunday, April 21, is the high point of the year for us as Catholics. We will, of course, continue to celebrate this holy time until Pentecost Sunday, which is June 9 this year. That is correct – our Easter season continues until then. St. Paul provided some prudent advice when he said, "think of what is above, not of what is on earth". Regardless of our opinions on what happens after resurrection, we can agree that it will be something "above" this life. Paul might be asking us if we put God first in all things. Life can become very encumbered with possessions, money, power, and even our egos.

Our goal should be to put God at the top of our lists. If that is not what we do, we may need to adjust our priorities. If we have not moved in that direction during Lent or in the past, now is the time to do it. We must constantly strive to not allow earthly things to become our gods.

It was St. Gregory the Great who said, **"God made us to be the gardeners of paradise."** Some stewardship people have maintained that God has given each of us a garden – and when we are judged, we only hear one question, **"What have you done with the garden I gave you?"**

What have we done? What are we doing? First, let us recognize and acknowledge that we are all gifted, admittedly in different and varied ways but gifted. Despite what we see as our gifts or how we measure them, we need to ensure that we are using them in ways that serve God and others – ways that show good discipleship and stewardship on our parts.

May God bless us and all we do!

Dcn. "Dub"





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New members; Ann Molloy, Joyce Taylor Smith and Caylin Jerome were sworn in at the March meeting. Please welcome them!!



Circle of Love:



1960 HOPE CENTER - Karen Doolittle

March Manna Bag assembly and PBJ Sandwich making seemed to come early, as the third weekend of the month saw us gathering for our project on the second Thursday! Confusing, yes!! We are currently committed to provide

Manna Bags and sandwiches for the THIRD weekend of the month, so we are extra careful when scheduling our prep day to make certain the Thursday we select is in concert with the third weekend. Hope this now makes sense.



We had a great team of members and were joined by two of our new members Caylin and Joyce. The process once again was very quick and we were not trying to 'beat the clock'. Everyone who shopped, helped with sandwich making and bag assembly please remember to reflect your total time on the Circle of Love form and the category is Quality of Life.

During the Ministry Fair, Outreach sought interest from parishioners to work with CDA in possibly preparing lunch on the third Saturday and serving it at Hope Center. Fifteen (15) parishioners expressed interest and between

Patrice Hampton, Priscilla Hargraves and myself we have been calling the interested parishioners. Stay tuned for updates.

Patrice Hampton going forward will Co-Chair the 1960 Hope Center Project with me. Patrice is a dedicated Hope Center volunteer and brings her love, passion and knowledge of Hope Center to our project. Welcome and thank you Patrice!





Events:

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The new program replacing Virtus is CMGConnect Safe Haven. All employees and volunteers in the archdiocese must take this online class when their current Virtus training expires (5 years), or if they have not taken the Virtus training at all. It is only one hour. CMGConnect can be accessed via the Archdiocesan website at <u>www.archgh.org/ocyp</u>, and use your Virtus ID and 1234 as the password. If you do not remember your user ID from Virtus, you may request it by contacting: Daphne Woods at 800-228-6108 ext. 2375 or <u>dwoods@catholicmutual.org</u>, or contacting CMG at <u>cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org</u>.

Stations of the Cross

From now through April 12th, the schedule for stations of the cross at CGS will be as follows:

6:30pm in the Prayer Garden (English)

7:30pm in the Church (English)

8:00pm in the Church (Spanish)

Evening Prayer

Every Sunday from March 10th though June 9th at 7pm.

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FISH FRY!

Prophetic Politics: Healing the Division of our Day

English Lent Mission – Mondays During Lent You are invited to join our community every Monday during Lent; March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8. We begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end no later than 8:30 p.m. Our presenter is Fr. Chris Valka, CSB.

Corporal Works of Mercy: Living Christianity Today Spanish Lent Mission – Wednesdays During Lent You are invited to join our community every Wednesday during Lent; March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10. We begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end no later than 8:30 p.m. Our presenters are the CGS clergy.

**Be sure to check out the Christ the Good Shepherd website for the Palm Sunday and Holy Week schedules! https://





Our Chaplain battering fish!

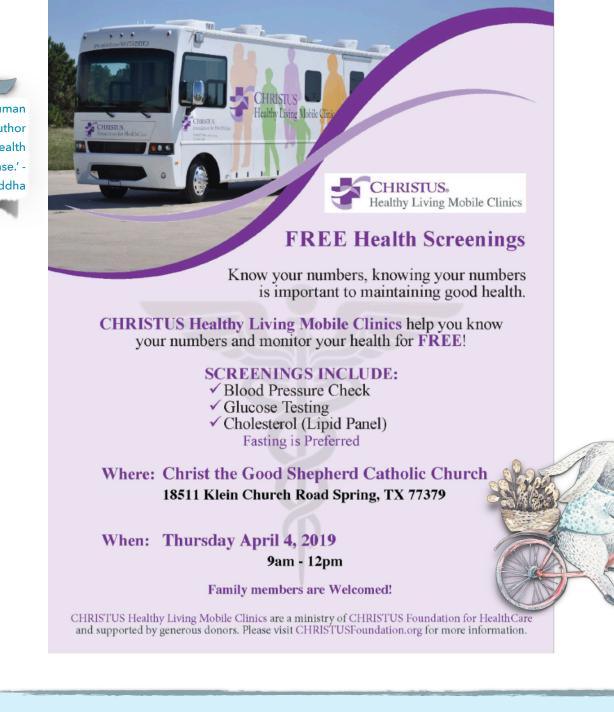




'Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live.' - Lee Strobel



'Every human being is the author of her own health or disease.' -Buddha



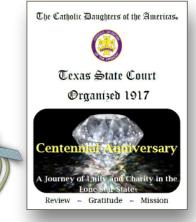
Jim McIngvale (also known as Mattress Mack) will be speaking at CGS on May 13, 2019 at 7pm. He will be talking about "Unity in Community". All religious communities in the surrounding area will be invited, so please plan to attend, and bring a friend! Priscilla Hargraves, Regent, is asking members to please consider helping with this event.



State News

The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a Spring 2019 Edition. Check out the link to read it: The Lone Star Messenger Spring 2019 Edition

To purchase: The Diamond Anniversary Texas CDA History Book, "A Journey of Unity and Charity in the Lone Star State", compiled by T. Vacek, April 2017, for \$15. This 145-page book contains the legacy of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Texas from 1903 through the next eleven decades. TEXAS STATE COURT SALES - Carolyn Ritchey, State Secretary, <u>musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com</u>



Texas CDA website: http://www.texascda.org/#loaded

Texas CDA Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/groups/texascda/



Update on Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo's Recovery from a Mild Stroke

March 20, 2019

WASHINGTON–The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has issued the following update on the recovery of Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Cardinal DiNardo suffered a mild stroke last Friday, March 15. We join with the archdiocese in continued prayers for the Cardinal's full recovery.

Archdiocesan Statement re: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo:

Following a mild stroke experienced last Friday evening while leading a Lenten observance of the Stations of the Cross, we are pleased to report that Cardinal DiNardo's condition has improved to the point that he was discharged from St. Joseph's Hospital today – and has entered a standard rehabilitation program which usually lasts in the neighborhood of two weeks. Based on recent trends, doctors expect the Cardinal to make a full recovery. "I could not be more grateful to the truly wonderful doctors and nurses at St. Joseph's for their expert care and compassion, which has helped hasten my way down the road to a full recovery," said Cardinal DiNardo. "I am also doubly thankful for the many kind wishes and especially the prayers that have been directed towards my healing, which I can assure you are making a true difference. I look forward to getting back to work soon and continuing the important work we have before us."

'Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.' - Jeremiah 17:14

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2019-2021 Officer Slate Texas State Court

The 2019 State Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term.

Melodie Brunt, State Regent Rebecca Brown, First Vice State Regent Theresa Beltran, Second Vice State Regent State Secretary, Vacant State Treasurer, Vacant

The offices of State Secretary and State Treasurer are vacant. Please pray about the possibility of running for these positions.

We know that Mary, Our Patroness and her son, Jesus will light the way for us. Will it be you?

Nominees from the floor must submit to the State Regent prior to the convening of the first meeting of the Convention, a statement of eligibility, a statement of endorsement signed by a majority of the Local Officers present at the convention, and a written consent to serve signed by the candidate.

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Legislation:

Resources:

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

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

Two really good sources, to keep up to date on human rights and human dignity for ALL: <u>https://www.humanlifeaction.org/</u> and <u>https://www.humanlife.org/</u> To sign the petition to allow the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to be voted on, please see <u>https://www.humanlifeaction.org/</u> <u>take-action/action-alerts/</u>

Word for Life Flyer for April 2019: Word of Life April 2019



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Catholic members of Congress follow party, not religion, on abortion votes

Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, says political party, not religion is the best predictor of the way a Catholic member of Congress will vote on abortion. He explained that the 163 Catholics in the new Congress are split on abortion: almost all Republicans are pro-life, and almost all Democrats are abortion-rights advocates.

For incumbents, the organization checked voting records as scored by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) and National Right to Life. Typically, those who received a 100 percent NARAL score garnered a 0 percent rating from National Right to Life (which would be most Democrats), and vice versa (which would be most Republicans). For Freshmen, the organization checked their stated positions on abortion and the endorsements they received from pro-life and abortion-rights groups.

There were a few notable exceptions: **Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-IL**, NARAL score 51; National Right to Life score 75. **Sen. Susan Collins, R-ME**, NARAL score 45; National Right to Life score 42. **Rep. Walter B. Jones, R-NC**, NARAL score 51; National Right to Life score 85. To see the entire list and check on your House and Senate members, go to https:// www.catholicleague.org/wp-content/ uploads/2019/01/Catholic-members-of-116th-Congress-FINAL-2.pdf



The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit meets in June

For many years, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have supported the work of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE). In the last two-year fiscal cycle, Catholic Daughters donated more than \$50,000 to foster the organization.

Formerly called Morality in Media (White Ribbon Campaign), NCOSE is partnering with organizations worldwide to host another Global Summit on ways to stop pornography, prostitution, human trafficking and exploitation.

The content of the meeting is described as "heavy" for those unfamiliar with the details of the topic, but the information presented will help connect the many groups working on this issue. To register or find more information on the issue, go to www.endsexualexploitation.org/ cesesummit2019.

March for Life speeches proclaim the latest positive news in pro-life work

The March for Life and associated conferences are filled with updates on the latest news in the pro-life movement. Here are a few highlights: <u>Planned Parenthood's sale of baby body parts</u>

David Daleiden uncovered Planned Parenthood's business model of selling aborted baby body parts and manipulating abortion procedures in order to maximize the income from the sale of body parts. He has recently released a special report on his website CenterForMedicalProgress.org. Planned Parenthood has several legal cases against him that came to trial in February and should be decided soon. The cases document Planned Parenthood's illegal activity in selling human body parts. To support his legal defense, donate at his website or at ThomasMoreSociety.org.

Success with adult stem cell treatments

Using embryonic stem cells to treat diseases has been condemned as unethical because it involves using aborted babies. In most cases the treatments have failed. Dr. David Prentice reported that two million people, however, have been treated with adult stem cells. Learn about the successes of adult stem cells treatments at StemCellResearchFacts.org.

Hope for families with a Down Syndrome child

In the United States 67% of women pregnant with a Down Syndrome baby abort the child. Rick Smith and his wife, parents of a Down Syndrome child, founded the Hope Advocate Process to connect expectant parents and OB/ GYN doctors with parents of Down Syndrome children to give them hope. Learn more at HopeStory.org.

Lozier Institute provides key pro-life research

The Charlotte Lozier Institute research began in 2011 to provide deeper understanding of the value of human life and the policies and practices that will protect life and women's health. The studies use the best science. psychology medicine. sociology and to counteract abortion. euthanasia. human exploitation and physical disease. Find their information at LozierInstitute.org.



Sidewalk Advocates for Life provide training

Former Planned Parenthood Director Abby Johnson has said that Planned Parenthood documented up to a 75% cancellation rate at facilities where people were praying and peacefully reaching out to women entering abortion facilities. Sidewalk Advocates for Life provides a simple, research-proven sidewalk advocacy program that teaches people how to effectively offer loving, life-affirming help to those pregnant mothers going for an abortion. Learn more at SidewalkAdvocates.org.

Unplanned movie released nationwide March 29

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. Abby Johnson went to work at Planned Parenthood because she wanted to help women. After being involved in 22,000 abortions, one day she saw something that changed everything, leading her to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in the United States. Go to Unplannedfilm.com to host a buy-out event.

Three deadliest words in the world: It's a girl

The United Nations estimates as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today because of sex-selection abortions targeting girls. In India, China and other parts of the world, girls are killed, aborted and abandoned simply because they are girls. This documentary, *It's a Girl*, is a gripping call to conscience on the negative consequences of eliminating women. The film is available for screening. To find out more, go to itsagirlmovie.com.

Where There Is Darkness highlights mercy

Where There is Darkness, a true crime documentary, tells the story of Fr. Rene Robert, who devoted his life to those in need, but who was brutally murdered by someone he tried to help. After 28-year-old Stephen Murray confessed to the crime, prosecutors announced they would seek the death penalty, but then came a voice from beyond the grave...the voice of Fr. Rene. Learn more of the story and how to see it at WhereTherelsDarkness.com

Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair Approved: Olga Samaniego, National Regent

Women's Health:

Women's Health Initiatives: This month is Women's Eye Health and Safety Month, Prevent Blindness.

https://www.preventblindness.org/womens-eye-health-and-safety-awarenessmonth



Women at Higher Risk than Men for Most Eye Diseases, Yet One in Four Has Not Had an Eye Exam in Last Two Years

-Survey Reveals Cost as Major Reason Why Women Forego Exams, Even For Those with Vision Insurance-

According to the recent Prevent Blindness study, **The Future of Vision: Forecasting the Prevalence and Costs of Vision Problems,** women make up the majority of the 4.4 million Americans age 40 and older who are visually impaired or blind. More women than men have age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma. These numbers will only continue to increase in the years to come.

Although there are no cures for these diseases, many of the effects may be lessened through early detection and treatment. A recent online survey on behalf of Prevent Blindness found, however, that one in four women had not received an eye exam in the past two years. Cost was cited as the number one reason for both those who did and did not have vision insurance. Other reasons cited were transportation issues and simply being "too busy" to make an appointment.

The recent survey results are alarming combined with the results from the Prevent Blindness survey conducted last year by Harris Poll which found that:

- Less than 10 percent of American women realize that women are at a greater risk of suffering permanent vision loss than men
- 86 percent incorrectly believe that men and women are at equal risk
- 5 percent believe that men are at greater risk

Prevent Blindness has designated April as Women's Eye Health and Safety Month in an effort to educate women about the steps they can take today to help preserve vision in the future.

The group also created the program, **See Jane See: Women's Healthy Eyes Now,** to provide free education and resources on everything from eye disease to cosmetic safety to vision changes during pregnancy. Valuable information and new data on a range of topics related to women's vision health at every life stage can be found at **SeeJaneSee.org.** In addition, the site also features a section written by leading experts on topics from everything from the importance of eye exams to the effects of smoking on vision.

"Healthy vision is something we often take for granted until it starts to slip away," said Debbie Goss, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. "We want to encourage women to put themselves on a path toward a lifetime of healthy vision by making an appointment for a dilated eye exam today!"

Prevent Blindness also recommends:

Quitting smoking

- Taking supplements (as approved by a medical professional)
- · Learning of any family history of eye disease
- Expectant mothers should be aware of possible vision changes during pregnancy
- All women who are pregnant or who are planning to become pregnant and have been diagnosed with diabetes should get a full, dilated eye exam
- · Wear UV-blocking sunglasses and a brimmed hat outdoors
- Use cosmetics safely
- Use contact lenses safely

For more information on women's eye health, including fact sheets on eye diseases, pregnancy and vision, the safe use of cosmetics, as well as financial assistance, please visit **www.preventblindnesstexas.org**, **www.SeeJaneSee.org**, or call 1-888-98-SIGHT.

About Prevent Blindness Texas

Founded in 1956, Prevent Blindness is the state's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness Texas touches the lives of thousands of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the Texas public. Through a network of regional offices and volunteers, we are committed to eliminating preventable blindness in Texas. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-888-98-SIGHT or visit us on our **website**, **Facebook**, or **Twitter**.





Please consider volunteering for one the following open positions: PUBLICITY - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members CIRCLE OF LOVE - Chairperson, plus members SCRAPBOOK - Chairperson, plus members



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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"

The theme for the 2017 -2019 term is:

"Be Not Afraid:" -

St John Paul the Great



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 Catholic

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Priscilla Hargraves	29 th	

'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.' - Pablo Picasso





National CDA Website:

www.catholicdaughters.org





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Click link below to see the Winter issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail: <u>http://books.midstatesgroup.com/books/okcm/</u>

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

National March 2019 Newsletter:

https://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2019_03/ QuarterlyNewsletter_March2019.pdf



National March 2019 Newsletter Flyer:

https://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2019_03/ QuarterlyNewsletter_March2019_Flyers.pdf







'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' -John 11:25-26

