



THE SPIRIT

Issue 21

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Hi Everyone!

I pray your Easter was a happy and blessed one! And, that you are enjoying the continuation of the Easter season! Hopefully, you are still doing the positive things you started during Lent! Just a suggestion: if you haven't attended the Chaplet of Mercy in the chapel on Sunday evenings at 6:15, you might want to add that to your "things to do" during the Easter season. The Chaplet is prayed in song every Sunday evening through Pentecost.

Also, as we all know, the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Additionally, she is the Patroness of the Catholic Daughters, and you will always see her statue displayed prominently at our meetings. She, who is the Mother of our Lord, and our spiritual mother as well, deserves our love and prayers. She is our Mediatrix and intercedes for us with her Son, our Lord.

This is a very busy and important month, with proms, graduations, and weddings. However, an important event to us as Catholic Daughters is our 51st Biennial State Convention, May 2nd - 5th in McAllen. There is a report in the "Events" section, page 8, in this newsletter. Additionally, a report concerning the Convention will be made at the May 9th General meeting, so plan to attend and learn what is going on in your State organization!

May God bless you with a wonderful, eventful May!





Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

Alleluia!!! Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia

During the Lenten season, we centered on the darkness of our lives. We were called to look at the shadows of our lives and reconcile those dark areas in the light of the living Christ. We celebrated Holy Week and experienced the Sacred Triduum in which the story of salvation was unfolded and experienced by us.

Then on Easter Sunday, we celebrated the miraculous resurrection and the start of the season of Easter. The Easter season is a time of renewal, resurrection **and hope**. Hope, in the cultural world of Jesus, was a word that left no doubt and a 100% expectation that **it definitively was going to happen**. This meaning is not what hope means in our world today. Today, hope lends itself to a desire for something that might happen. So, during these 50 days of Easter, we have hope, that through our belief, we have a **total expectation** that something better is on the way!

The Resurrection of Jesus provides an enormous injection of hope for our human spirit. These days, as in the past, we hear of the lives of innocents being taken or Christian martyrs dying for their faith in Christ. And, that is happening, not only in other countries, but here in our country as well.

Yet, we are sustained in the undisputed knowledge and hope of resurrection. Jesus rose as a sign to all who loved him and followed him. Through Jesus' rising from the dead, they became keenly aware that Jesus' resurrection was connected with the **hope** of Jesus' victory over death, sin and darkness.

Yet, even at Easter, we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts for the sick, the aging, the suffering and those in despair.

For us Christians, a new element has been introduced into our lives. That element lights up our lives with hope and everything becomes different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the Apostles.

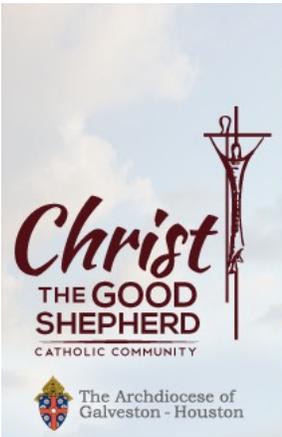
My sisters in Christ, we must always remember that faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our assurance of eternal life. And that undoubtable assurance enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a **deep sense** of peace (a word that means order), because love is stronger than fear, hope is stronger than despair.

So, let us enjoy the Easter spring after the winter of death. Let us enjoy a new, eternal spring that makes everything new, fresh and beautiful because the Lord of life has risen and given us the assurance of our resurrection to eternal life.

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Blessings,

Dean. Dub. Chaplain



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May the spirit of this holy occasion ... May the warmth of the season...
 And may the beauty of Springtime...
 Make your heart bloom with joy and happiness.

Have a blessed and joyous Easter Season!

Welcome new member, Diane Harrison!!





Circle of Love:

1960 HOPE CENTER - Karen Doolittle

Preparing PBJ sandwiches and Manna Bags for the guests of 1960 Hope Center in April presented a little challenge as Hope Center was closed on Good Friday which meant we could not deliver. We scheduled our delivery for Thursday morning and on Wednesday we had a group assembled at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall and Kitchen to begin work. With grateful thanks to Martha and Dianne in the Office, we were able to use the space even though the Social Hall was set up for Holy Week and Easter. The kitchen islands were lined with shrink wrap, and the sandwich making process began. Thick layers of peanut butter and jam graced each sandwich! Manna Bag assembly was a little cramped, but everyone was able to navigate around the tables without disturbing the chair setup. A huge thank you to all members and to the children and families of CJCN who donated food items and/or participated in preparing food for the guests of 1960 Hope Center. May 16, we will be back to Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall and Kitchen.



'God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.' - Hebrews 6:10

Patrice, Priscilla and I met with Dr. Bob Butler, Executive Director of 1960 Hope Center, on April 23rd regarding expanding our project to open 1960 Hope Center and serve sandwiches on the third Saturday of each month. It was decided to start AFTER they move into their new location on Peakwood Dr. At present there is no concrete move date, either very late May or early to mid-June, so the decision is we would not begin until July at the earliest. In a few short weeks we will have a Planning Committee meeting to address what and how we will go forward with the expansion of our work of charity. In the meantime, if you have questions please address them to Patrice or Karen.



'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'
- 1 Peter 4:10



CJCN loading their donations!



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Congratulations to Margaret Williamson for 50 years membership with CDA!!



Margaret's daughter, Shirley Jauma, was in attendance



'I wish to thank the court for the nice reception they gave me for receiving my 50 year pin for belonging to CDA. It has been a privilege and honor to belong to such a wonderful organization. Thank you so much for honoring me.'

Margaret Williamson

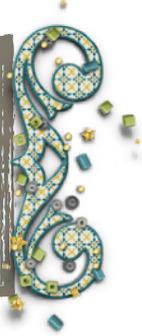


Sheryl Andrews received her 15th anniversary pin as well.



'We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.' - St Mother Teresa

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



TOOLS OF THE TRADE!

Everything anyone needs to know about running a local Court, whether you're an officer or member. Local Court information can be found under Section 5.

Catholic Daughters Tools of the Trade Section 5



Events:

“UNITY IN COMMUNITY”
PRESENTED BY JIM
McINGVALE

Hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 May 13th, 2019 7:00 pm
 Christ the Good Shepherd Social Hall
 Limited Seating

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 www.archgh.org/ocyp, 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 dwoods@catholicmutual.org, or contacting CMG at cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org



51st Biennial Texas State Convention

Report on the State CDA 51st Biennial Convention, May 2-5, 2019 in McAllen, TX

The convention was attended by Priscilla Hargraves, Regent; Charlotte Prieve, Vice Regent; and, Mary Roberts, Recording Secretary.

The convention agenda included daily Mass, speeches by the Honorable Mayor of McAllen, Jim Darling; his Excellency the Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, Bishop of the Diocese of Brownsville; and, Reverend Gregory T. Labus, State Chaplain.

State CDA business included presentation of the nominees for State office and for the 2021 State Nominating Committee. The elected officers for the 2019-2021 period were: Melody Brunt, State Regent; Rebecca Brown, First Vice Regent; Carolyn Richey, Second Vice Regent; Terrie Vacek, State Secretary; and, Virginia Olsovsky, State Treasurer. A new chaplain, Rev. Justin Braun from Texarkana, was also selected for the next biennium.

Other official business was conducted for the good of the order, the financial report for the biennium was given, reports on the State charitable projects were given, COL and contest awards presented. Our court was presented with several awards: first place in our division for Memorial Mass Enrollments (i.e. Mass card sales), first place in our division for "The Spirit" newsletter, and second place as a new court (under 5 years) for our website. We will also receive a certificate for our participation (one of only three courts) in the Read Across America program. WELL DONE, COURT CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD # 2731!!

The final order of business was the installation of new officers at the Installation Mass on Sunday morning.



New State officers:

Regent - Melodie Brunt
 1st Vice Regent - Rebecca Brown
 2nd Vice Regent - Carolyn Richey
 State secretary - Terrie Vacek
 State treasurer - Virginia Olsovsky
 State Chaplain - Reverend Justin Braun, from
 Texarkana



"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." — C.S. Lewis

Our Court received awards!!!

1st Place - in our division for the Memorial Mass Enrollments (Mass Cards) we sold, which contributed to the Memorial Scholarship Fund; Newsletter - 1st Place in our division; Website contest - 2nd Place for new court category; and received recognition for our participation in the Read Across America program.

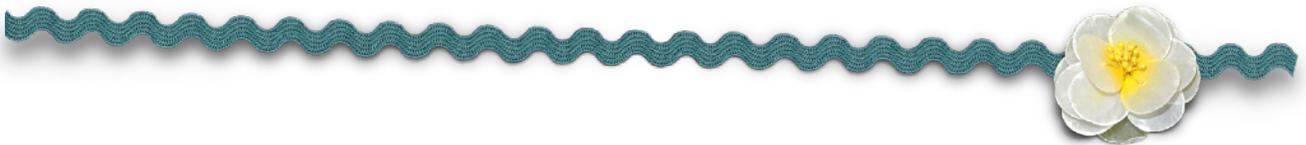
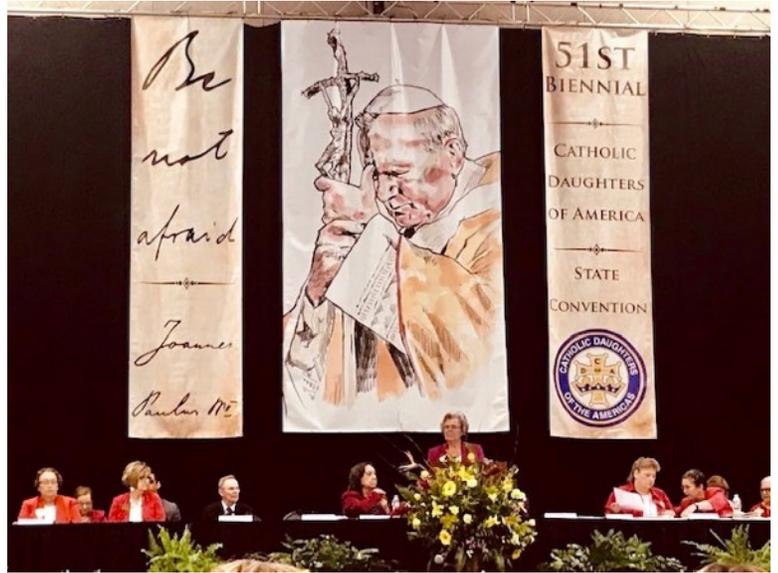


The opening mass took place at a beautiful campus!

Our officers for the last 2 years. They have served our State so well. We thank them for their service!



“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.” - Margaret J Wheatley

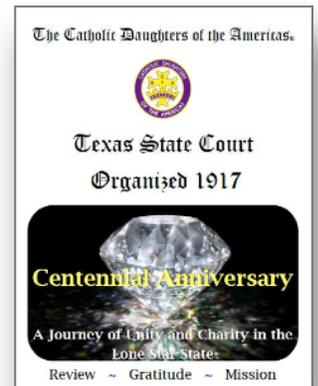


State News

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, musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com



Texas CDA website: <http://www.texascd.org/#loaded>
Texas CDA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/texascd/>

National News



SAVE THE DATE!

Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

HOST -- 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Downtown Sheraton Hotel

Dallas, Texas

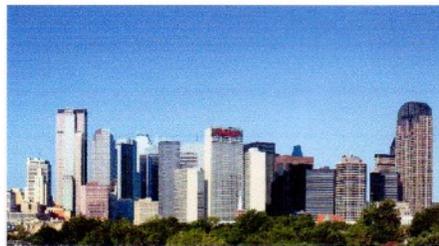
July 15-19, 2020

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. A table located in vendor section with sign-up sheets for various committee volunteers will be available at the State Convention in McAllen.



**OLGA
SAMANIEGO**
**National
Regent**

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 assy (weekend prior to opening of convention); Monitors; Pages; Color Guard/Banner Bearers; Exhibits; Setting up and resetting meeting rooms; Jugs of Lotto; raffle; Silent Auction; Walk/Run monitors.



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



Catholic Daughters of the Americas® National Projects



SOAR!
Support Our Aging Religious
Serving elderly sisters,
brothers and priests



**Habitat
for Humanity**
Helping to build hope, build lives,
one family at a time



**HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES**
Promotes and supports
the spiritual well-being
of the family

In order to maintain these 5 projects, each Court is asked to donate a minimum of

\$20 per project, per year.

Checks payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
with the Project(s) name(s) in the memo.
Send all checks to the National Office or follow your State guidelines.
You may submit one check to be divided among the National Projects and Charities.



**NATIONAL CENTER ON
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**
Exposing the connections
between all forms of sexual
exploitation



LABOURE
Building the Church,
one vocation at a time

National Charities

Each court is asked to donate to a few of the following worthy causes:

1. Apostleship of the Sea	5. Catholic Extension	8. Pontifical North American College
2. Catholic Relief Services	6. Missionaries of Charity	9. Tutwiler Clinic
3. Covenant House	7. National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC	10. Smile Train
4. Disaster Relief		

Please make all checks payable to: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** with the Charity(s) name(s) in the memo.
Send all checks to the National Office or follow your State guidelines.
You may submit one check to be divided among several charities/projects, be sure to attach a detailed note.

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>

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/> and <https://www.humanlife.org/>

To get the latest news in Human Life Action, see this link:

<https://www.humanlifeaction.org/blog/>

'A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern.'

- Pope Francis



Word of Life Flyer for May 2019: Word of Life May 2019

On May 2nd, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officially ruled to protect rights of Healthcare professionals and medical students who decline to participate in abortions, assisted suicide or sterilization because they violate their conscience, religious belief or moral convictions.

The new rule protects the right of diverse faith-based health care institutions from participation in procedures like **abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide**. Also, and importantly, the new rules will also ensure that churches and others who oppose abortion **are not compelled to cover elective abortion in their health plans**.



Women's Health:

Women's Health Initiatives: May is National Women's Health Month and May 12 - 18, 2019, is National Women's Health Week

About National Women's Health Week

During National Women's Health Week each year, millions of women take steps to improve their health. The week serves as a reminder for women to make their health a priority and build positive health habits for life. The 20th annual National Women's Health Week kicks off on Mother's Day, May 12, and is celebrated through May 18, 2019. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health leads National Women's Health Week to encourage all women to be as healthy as possible.

What steps can I take for better health?

To improve your physical and mental health, you can:

- Visit a doctor or nurse for a well-woman visit (checkup), **preventive screenings, and vaccines**.
- Get active.
- Eat healthy.
- Pay attention to **mental health**, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.
- Practice safe behaviors, such as quitting smoking, not texting while driving, and taking steps to protect yourself from sexually transmitted infections.

Why should I take these steps?

These steps are the foundation for a lifetime of good health. They can help you be as healthy as possible.

How can I participate in National Women's Health Week?

The Office on Women's Health invites you to:

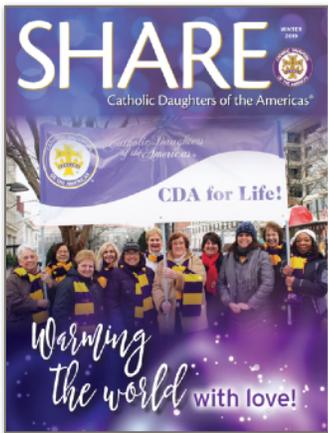
- Take one or all of the steps above for good health. Learn more about **healthy living by age**.

- Spread the word using our [social media and promotional tools](#). Use **#NWHW** in any social media messages you share.
- Organize events or activities in your community.



National CDA Website:

www.catholicdaughters.org



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

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



National March 2019 Newsletter:

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

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 Americas."



Anniversaries!

- Jean Sanfelippo - May 1
- Mary Jane Brewster - May 4
- Candice Tyrrell - May 6
- Marla Clancy - May 31

Birthday!

- Karen Doolittle - May 29

Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for May 2019

2nd 5th State CDA convention, McAllen

9th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209

11th-12th Community weekend, CDA information and Mass card sales after all Masses

13th Jim McIngvale presentation-7:00 PM, Social Hall

16th Manna bag prep 3:00-5:00, Social Hall

16th Officers' meeting 6:30 PM, Library

State and National Dues payable



He is RISEN!! Alleluia! Alleluia!