



# THE SPIRIT

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## Announcements!

- ✱ Texas Court Contest Winners:
  - ★ Quality of Life - 1st place
  - ★ Leadership - 2nd place
  - ★ Newsletter - 1st place
  - ★ Website - 1st place
  - ★ Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1st place

## Congratulations Court!!

- ✱ Catholic Daughters appreciates priests in the month of June. Please be sure to let Father James and Father Innocent know how important they are to our parish community and our Catholic Daughters Court!



## 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 rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24*



## Past Court Regent's Message

### Priscilla Hargraves, Past Court Regent

Hello everyone!

I pray you are all staying safe and well during this time.

I am sure you are aware that officers for the 2020-2022 biennium have been elected and take their seats as of June 1.

Your new officers are: Charlotte Prieve- Regent, Mary Roberts-Vice Regent, Caylin Jerome-Recording Secretary, Patrice Hampton-Financial Secretary; and Katherine Lee-Treasurer.

They are a great group of women and will be wonderful and innovative leaders for our CDA court! But remember, they cannot do it all! Our court is made up of 46 members, each one of us is an important part of the team. If you have been missing meetings due to the difficulty of attending, we are now having Zoom meetings. These will hopefully continue even after on-site meetings resume at CGS. So, if that has been a problem, just log in for the Zoom meeting. Also, many ladies have jobs outside the home or little ones to care for, so perhaps some of the court activities are difficult for you to participate. However, I am sure that everyone can pick out an activity that fits your current situation. We have daytime, evening, and weekend activities. As your situation changes, I encourage you to become involved with different court activities.

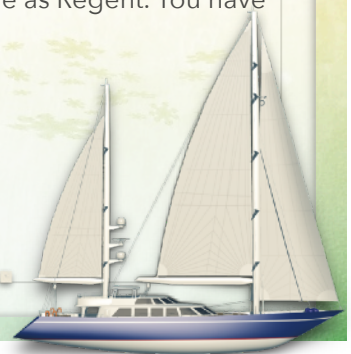
We have been a court for a little over three years. Together we have grown spiritually and as sisters in Christ and accomplished much for our parish and community. As our new court takes their seats, I encourage you to continue to work with them to build our Court, grow in spirituality, and offer our charitable service where it is requested and needed.

Thank you to all of you who have helped and supported me during my tenure as Regent. You have been a blessing and a source of great joy for me!

May God bless you all!

Priscilla

all I need  
is a few days  
at the beach.



"Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind. We are useless." - C.H. Spurgeon





## Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves



### June 2020 Chaplain's Corner

It is June; not quite the heart of the summer, but certainly a time when everything seems to be wrapping up. From COVID 19 restrictions being lax, school and religious education being curtailed, and many ministries put on hold until the fall (CDA included). Much is winding down, even after our times of shutdown and seclusion with the pandemic.

Last month, we celebrated the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. Pope Francis asked us to pray the rosary and even gave us some added prayers to attach to our devotion. This month, the month of June, we celebrate the month of the Sacred heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is a long practiced private devotion. It was officially approved in the 1800s. Devotion to the Sacred Heart encourages participation in Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration and to receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month. Of course, we do not know what this will look like this year, considering the COVID pandemic. However, the prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is as follows:

**"O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen."**

On the note of things coming to an end, I am sad to say this is my last Chaplains Corner. As things are winding down and coming to an end at this time of the year, so is my tenure as CDA Chaplain. It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as the Court's Chaplain for the past two plus years. I will always hold this time fondly in my heart. Know my prayer will be with you and your new Chaplain.

That being said, let me introduce you to your new Chaplain: Deacon Mark Clancy. He is excited about serving as your Chaplain, and I know Deacon Mark will be a profound spiritual presence for the Court. I will work with Deacon Mark, as the clergy at CGS always support one another, and hope to be with you on occasion.

Congratulations "Chaplain" Mark!

May The Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us all.

*Dea. Dub. Past Chaplain*

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." –  
*Numbers 6:24-26*





## Court News!

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Hi Everyone!

If you are on Facebook, please go to this link. Father James is periodically giving 'live' talks, among other great information you can get from the site. Also, there are 'live' daily masses:

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/christthegoodshepherdspring/)

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Have a great Summer!!

### Dates to Remember

#### CDA Calendar for June 2020



4th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, via Zoom

18th Hope Ctr. Ministry, 3:00 PM, Soc. Hall

18th Officers' meeting, 6:30-9:00, rescheduled to 3rd Thursday in August (15th)

21st Father's Day

State newsletter to be distributed

Priest Appreciation

As this month is our last month of the year, and we will not meet or have a newsletter published for July and August, we have listed the 3 months here, and will update the website with them as they approach:

**June Birthdays:** Jo Alice Street (8th), Janet M Beall (9th), Gloria Riley (13th), Nancy Seheult (13th)

**June Anniversaries:** Sheryl Andrews (3rd), Peggy O'Neil (12th), Shuri Rodriguez (20th)

**July Birthdays:** Barbara Redlinger (1st), Sheryl Bihler-Lopez (18th), Jean Sanfelippo (26th)

**July Anniversaries:** Mary Ann Crawford (4th), Guylaine Belley (5th), Esther Lara (24th), Mary Roberts (17th)

**August Birthdays:** Katherine Lee (6th), Diane Harrison (17th)

**August Anniversaries:** Gloria Riley (12th), Barbara Redlinger (14th), Marieanne Suarez (21st) Joyce Taylor-Smith (24th)

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!**





## Texas State Contest Winners:

All our members should be immensely proud of our court and all that we do! The way that is exemplified is in the State and National contests. Our court won in the following categories in the Texas Contest:

Quality of Life won 1st place, due to our ministry to the guests of Hope Center Houston. Every month, our court members get together and make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and assemble manna bags with enough product to last 2 days. Before Covid 19, we were also providing a light breakfast and lunch every 3rd Saturday of the month. We started this service in August 2019. We are still making the manna bags, but currently are unable to provide this in-house service. Please be sure to read Karen Doolittle's article about this ministry.

Leadership won 2nd place, thanks to court members stepping up to lead various projects of the court. Projects lead by members were: a major presentation to the parish and surrounding faith communities; a retreat experience, opened up to all women of the parish, at a local monastery, meals for the homeless, making rosaries and delivering them to the Veterans' Hospital in Houston, a corporate Mass and luncheon for the district courts on CDA Sunday, honoring our veterans through the Wreaths Across America Campaign, accumulating and distributing many books to area Catholic schools, parishes and neighborhood libraries, and senior residential facilities and assisted living centers. One of the members not only hosted the "Our Lady of Fatima" statue in her home but also coordinated a public rosary in the parking lot of a major furniture store in Houston.

We have been publishing The Spirit, our court's newsletter for 3 years. It won 1st place this year in our category and has now won 1st place in State all 3 years! Thanks to all the contributions by the members! It is very important our members take a look at the newsletter, as it is a very good resource to spread the word about our court. Equally important is our website....

[catholicdaughters2731.com](http://catholicdaughters2731.com) Our court's website won 2nd place last year, in the 'new website' category and 1st place in the 'established' category this year. Please be sure to look at the website! Remember, our website can be accessed on the Christ the God Shepherd website as well. <https://www.cgscdogh.org/>

Memorial Scholarship Fund won 1st place, due to our court providing Mass cards by email, through the CDA mailbox in the parish office, and every month at the parish Community Weekend and other parish events.

**All the above activities and many others the court has participated in have been coordinated, planned, and participated in by members who have been allowed the opportunity to lead the way in court activities.**

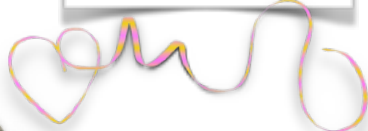
"He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen" - Deuteronomy 10:21





## Mass Cards Committee:

The fee for Mass cards is \$2.50. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. 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.**



## NEEDS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the positions: Scrapbook, Circle of Love, Family and Quality of Life, and Meeting Snacks/Refreshments. We are in need to fill these positions, as some of our committee chairs are doing double duty to keep them going. Many hands make light work!



"For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands." —Psalm 91:11-12



## Circle of Love:

[Visit Hope Ctr website](#)

## HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - Karen Doolittle

Thursday May 14, 10 Sisters gathered at the CGS Social Hall for manna bag assembly at 4:30p.m. Tables were set up all around the Social Hall, so our first task was to set 5 tables in a row at least 3 to 4 feet apart with 2 tables horizontal at the end and again several feet apart. Everyone wore masks and gloves and the table and food item setup was built in social distancing. The flow of the assembly line also had social distancing built in! 50 manna bags were assembled and we were completely finished before an hour was up, great team work!! A bonus this month were 50 face masks hand made by Diane Harrison and a great team of great friends who performed the following: Ann Marek helped with the assembly process and Ann Zdansky, Beth Hutton and Diane Greenbaum sewed pleats into place. A tremendous effort and a much-appreciated donation for the guests of Hope Center Houston! In addition to manna bags and face masks we also delivered over 50 PBJ sandwiches prepared by Priscilla Hargraves.

June 18 at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall at CGS is our next scheduled date for manna bag assembly. Information regarding food items needed will be forthcoming within the week.

Our Third Saturday is still on hold as Hope Center Houston remains closed. They are serving a hot lunch weekdays that is donated by BP. The guests receive a to-go container with the lunch and a bottle of water and have the opportunity to sanitize their hands as they pick up their lunch.

Questions, call, text or email Karen at 520-419-3652 or [tenfoldone@gmail.com](mailto:tenfoldone@gmail.com)







"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" - Matthew 25:37-40



## Outgoing Court Officers



The last picture of 2018-2020 court officers at their board meeting May 21st, having removed their masks just for this picture!

## Financial Review



The Financial Review committee met May 21st also. They had a successful review of the court's finances! From left to right: Katherine Lee, Karen Doolittle - Chair, Pat Kocan, Kathy Peplau, Mary Giles

"How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together  
in unity!" - Psalm 133:1



## Words of Wisdom, by Sue Denning

### WORDS OF WISDOM



From Sue

#### IF ONLY I KNEW

We never know when life will be Dramatically changed...sometimes permanently. So we should give hugs and kisses and the words "I love you" often on our lips. The following are a few of many messages from "If Only I Knew, Gentle Reminders to Help You Treasure the People in Your Life: by Lance Wubbels.

IF ONLY I KNEW I had the chance to pray with you one more time, I would take your hand and welcome God's presence to surround us.

IF ONLY I KNEW I Could never share another day with you, I would make the most of every second.

IF ONLY I KNEW I was about to lose your smile, I would thank you for all the joy you have brought to my life.

IF ONLY I KNEW the love and strength and support you've always given me were about to end, I would run to your side and thank you for the million times you've made a difference ... the difference...in my life.

IF ONLY I KNEW I would never hear you voice gain, I would cherish your every word...every inflection of your voice...with all my heart.

IF ONLY I KNEW your hand would never hold mine again, I would wish this moment would never end.

IF ONLY I KNEW



## Upcoming Events

### June Meeting Call-In Instructions

Thank you to all who joined our Zoom meeting last month! It was great to 'see' everyone. We will be experiencing our June meeting in the same fashion, via Zoom, on June 4th at 7pm. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed prior to the meeting for all to log on. The meeting will be conducted by our new worthy Regent, Charlotte Prieve! Can't wait to see you all!

### Rosary Ministry

Our meetings are cancelled until further notice, until CGS reopens and allows meeting. Please hang on to any prayer cards, rosaries you are sent in the mail. These will all be appreciated when we start meeting again.

"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary." - St. Padre Pio



### June Manna Bags

June 18th, we will be meeting in the Social Hall to assemble Manna Bags for the Hope Center. We will meet at 3pm. Sandwiches are being assembled prior to getting together. Please bring your masks, we will still be social distancing. We will be providing gloves. See you there!

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."  
Proverbs 19:17



Reminder, our court takes a break July and August. Please watch your emails during the Summer. As the church reopens, we will be scheduling some activities during the Summer months.



## State News and Events

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 **Lone Star Messenger** has published a June 2020 Edition. Check out this link to read it: <http://www.lonestarmessenger.com/june-2020-edition>

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



## National News



Our National Regent, Olga Samaniego, presented a tearful 'live' Facebook speech today regarding the 58th Biennial Convention in Dallas in July. Some of the highlights of her speech were: As of today, the convention is cancelled. Some reasons given were: Texas is still experiencing a surge in Covid cases; the Sheraton Hotel is not completely open and did not know when they would be; not enough delegates registered, only about 100 registered with 275 needed for a quorum; the National CDA office is not open yet, so there was not enough time to get everything together.

The Sheraton will be refunding all money received, as this cancellation will fall under Force Majeure in the contract.

This is the first time a National Convention has ever been cancelled, therefore the Executive board has sought advice from the national lawyer. It was decided each court will receive the number of ballots for the delegates elected in the mail, by June 10th. The ballots should be mailed back very quickly so the board can count the votes by mid-July. All State Regents will receive a letter of instructions.

The Executive board will also meet the first weekend of June to make decisions on various convention business topics and inform the State Courts of those decisions.

She ended her speech with these parting words:

**Faith without works is dead. Be women of action. Show your sisterhood. Stand up for the oppressed. Be an example to the rest of the world on how to treat each other.**

To read the full letter, see this link: <https://catholicdaughters.org/convention>

*The following are the National Nominees:*

- National Regent Elect Nominee** – Emily Guilherme, CA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice National Regent Nominee** – Susan Moné, AZ
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice National Regent Nominee** – Essie Walker, NC
- National Secretary/Treasurer Nominees** – Carol Miller Bogacz, WV
- National Director Nominees:**
  - Connie Dronette, LA
  - Carolyn Malik, TX
  - Ivone da Silveira, Puerto Rico







## 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>

Some states have started petitions to prohibit abortion after the 22nd week, unless a medical condition exists that could pose the option. Check with your state to see if you are able to be proactive in this endeavor, and our country can work towards ending late-term abortions.



Check out: [The Vatican: The Holy See](#) and [Vatican News](#)



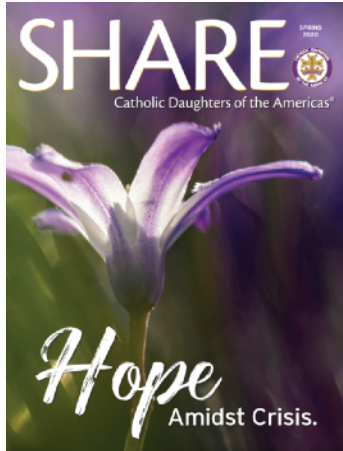
Human Life Take Action page: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/>

Word of Life Flyer for June 2020: [Word of Life June 2020](#)

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

"When some lives, including those of the unborn, are subjected to the personal choices of others, no other value or right will be long guaranteed." - St John Paul II





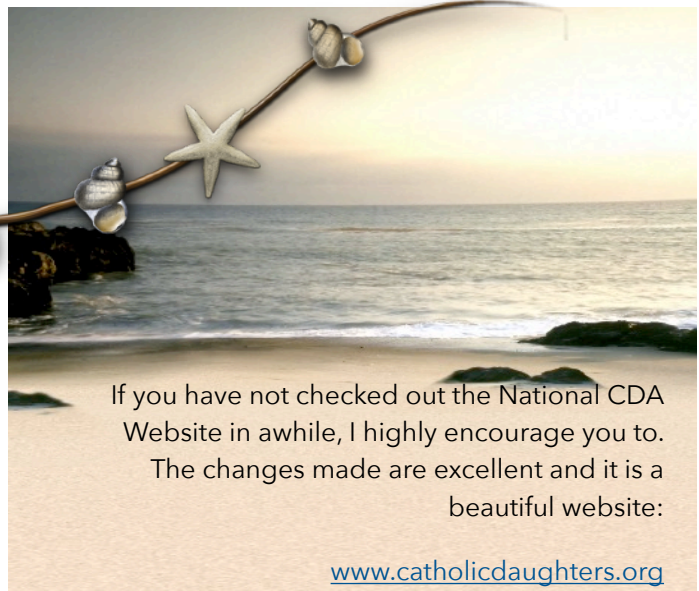
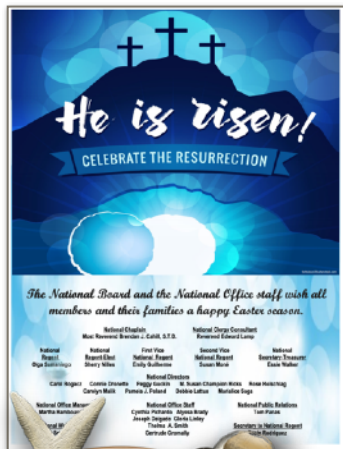
Click link below to see the Spring 2020 issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

[Share Spring 2020](#)

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

June's National Quarterly Newsletter has not been published yet, but here is the March issue in case you missed it:

[National Quarterly March 2020](#)



If you have not checked out the National CDA Website in awhile, I highly encourage you to. The changes made are excellent and it is a beautiful website:

[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)