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Announcements!

We will not be holding general meetings in the months of July and August. Enjoy your Summer and see you in September!

The Monthly Rosary will take place in the church, July 8th and August 12th.

Manna Bags will be put together in the hall, July 15th and August 19th. Please be on the lookout for an email from Karen.



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



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"



Court Regent's Message

Charlotte Prieve, Court Regent

Ladies,

We started the year off with our Lenten project of supplying desserts for the Knights weekly fish fries. They in turn donated \$500 of their proceeds back to us. We happily donated it on to 'Loving Choice', a Diocesan approved pregnancy center.

The Knights then approached us to help with the annual Cahill Golf Tournament, their proceeds help seminarians. The court managed one hole and made \$800. (See pictures on page 10) We discussed at our June meeting, opportunities of helping a novice or a nun organization with our proceeds. One of our members who has a nun in the family, spoke that they do need financial assistance just like the seminarians. Ways and Means committee are exploring several options and will present them in the September meeting.

Thankful that the pandemic's restrictions are being lifted so that we can go to mass and gather again in groups. We have our room reservations at the church made, starting with September 2021 through June 2022.

We have a new Recording Secretary, Barbara Redlinger, who will start with the September meeting. Also, Gizelle Williams will be our Scrapbooking chair. Welcome them when you have an opportunity.

Be sure to read further down about the Hope Center and what is going on there. Thank you to all members for their work and donations.

Blessings,
Charlotte Prieve, Regent



Clergy Corner

By Deacon Mark Clancy



HE SPEAKS TODAY, THIS MOMENT

Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., an Old Testament biblical scholar who taught one of my priest friends in the seminary, wrote something important: “He speaks today, this moment.”

Do we really know how to pay attention to God? Every moment, God is there. He could be trying to tell you something. Maybe He wants to give you a special grace if you pay attention to the sometimes gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. Maybe He wants to give you some type of enlightenment on a particular issue in your life or He wants to give you understanding on a certain belief or the meaning of a passage of Sacred Scripture. Maybe He just wants to tell you that He loves you.

He’s definitely always there. We just have to listen to His voice. He could be in the rain, in the mountain, in the sunlight, in other people.

But how can we listen. How can we hear Him?

While in college, I remember another priest who once told me, “The present moment is pregnant with the presence of God.” Some of you mothers out there may be able to identify with this. In other words, God is closer to you at any moment, at THIS moment, than an unborn baby in the womb is close to his or her mother. “Yahweh called me before I was born, from my mother’s womb he pronounced my name,” said the prophet Isaiah (Is 49:1).

Can we find Jesus with us at every single moment? It seems like we should be able to experience Him like this. Perhaps this should be our goal.

The Holy Spirit can speak to us at any moment. He can tell us what God wants us to do at any time. To be in touch we need to “persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus ...” (Heb 12:2) Jesus is the Way. Get closer to Him by praying, doing acts of service, and making sacrifices.

We end with this from Evening Prayer, Volume III, Wednesday, Week III, The Liturgy of the Hours:

“Grant that those who labor for you may trust not in their own work but in your help. Remembering that the land is brought to flower not with human tears but with those of your Son, may the Church rely only upon your gifts.” Amen! Alleluia!

Deacon Mark Clancy

you are loved
forever

Romans 8:38-39





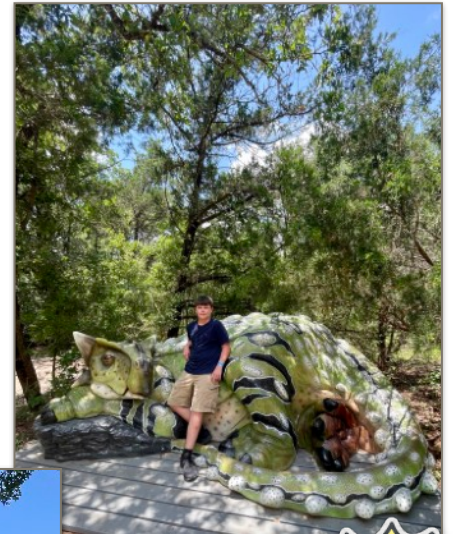
Court News!

Newsletter Editor:

Well, I am back home in Colorado, after spending 4 weeks in Spring with my parents. Our trip was packed with activities. Visits to the beach, NASA, Fredericksburg, surprise birthday party, mini-Cousin reunion in Salado, and many lunches, dinners with friends.

I was even honored to help fill Manna Bags in June, and see some sisters I have not seen in 15 months.

It was quite the trip!



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A Message from Patrice Hampton, Financial Secretary

Cannot believe it is news time again but at least we're moving away from the epidemic and resuming life even though with a new normal!

My two grandsons went to camp this week and my granddaughter and I are going to Cocoa Beach, FL where I grew up for a week ... cannot wait for 8 days on the beach, seeing old high school friends, staying with my best friend from HS, & just being "away" for a bit after so many months homebound this past year+.

Very excited that our parish is opening up our activity centers and we can have our September meeting up there - it will be so wonderful to all be together once again!!

Praying for an easy hurricane season this year though a worse one is predicted ... praying really hard for LA as they haven't fully recovered from their double hit last year.

Mostly praying for our country & its future, our future. I try not to worry how life will be when my grandkids grow up, & have given it all over to God. I know he will watch over & protect them.

Thankful to have had ZOOM to enable monthly meetings & for having survived two financial reviews so far! One year down & one more to go! Thankful for our treasurer who has made our jobs such fun & for the new friendship that has grown.

Blessings to all for a wonderful, healthy & safe summer,
Patrice Hampton

all i need
is a few days
at the beach.



Mass Cards Committee:

National Mass Card Sales have hit record sales at \$90,000 plus, in a two year period!! This shows how many mass intentions and prayers are being said for so many! Let's keep it going and enlarge our participants, so that everyone we know will be engulfed in prayer!



The fee for Mass cards is \$2.50. Mass cards can be used for celebrating just about anything! Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, illness, intentions, and many more! The Reverend Justin Braun, Texas State Chaplain, remembers the intentions listed in the mass enrollments on the 1st Friday of each month. When you enroll a loved one, you are not only giving them the gift of prayer, but also contributing to the Scholarship Fund!

Please contact Peggy O'Neil, 281-440-0286, or email at cda2731masscards@gmail.com, with mass card requests and/or questions. **Mass cards are always available at the meetings.**

NEEDS!

Our community of Sisters is growing and expanding. As we grow, volunteer positions become open for consideration. Won't you please consider volunteering for one of the open positions?

Committee Chairs Available: Family, Quality of Life, and Meeting Snacks/Refreshments (in September?).

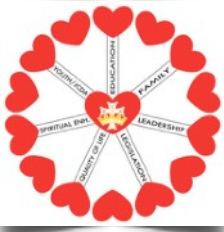


We are in need to fill these positions, as some of our Committee Chairs are doing double and triple duty to keep them going. Many hands make light work!



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

[Visit Hope Ctr website](#)



Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - *Karen Doolittle* SUMMER 2021

Manna bag assembly has returned to some semblance of normalcy basically without masks if vaccinated, without have temperatures taken upon arrival at CGS and without gloves!!! Hands got very sweaty wearing gloves for an hour, however, we survived each month. We have kept the COVID era assembly line process going as it works mostly without error—no more seeking which bag is missing an item!

Your generous support of this ministry to the guests of Hope Center Houston is AWESOME and greatly appreciated by the guests and staff. We continue to deliver 50 double manna bags and 50 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Hope Center is reintroducing a sit-down breakfast inside to a maximum of twenty guests each weekday morning. There are two shifts of 10 guests each. This 'Takeaway Breakfast' may include breakfast sandwiches are assembled and kept in their warming oven. Fruit, juice, coffee, Panera pastry, bagels, and assorted breads are typically available. Bagels and bread are toasted if the guest desires, by a volunteer, however, the guest is given jelly, butter, or peanut butter, or cream cheese each in individual serving cups along with a plastic knife to spread their topping. Coffee if other than served black is dressed by the volunteer, then given to the guest. You are catching the drift; the guest is handed prepared food and drink on a tray that they take to a designated table to rest and enjoy their breakfast.

Another breakfast option Hope Center is trying to develop volunteer interest in is serving at least once each week a HOT breakfast prepared offsite in a commercial kitchen then delivered or delivered and served. The number of servings to prepare is twenty (20) and should include fruit and dairy.

Details of both types of breakfast and what and how to donate are accessible on the Hope Center website under the tabs of TAKEAWAY BREAKFAST or HOT BREAKFAST.

In addition to breakfast items, Hope Center needs are:

Money to support and keep the mission afloat—checks mailed directly to them, or click the donate button on their website

Tents (one person)

Sleeping bags

Backpacks

Adult tennis shoes especially sizes 10-13

Prayers for the guests, volunteers and staff

Golf for Hope Tournament is a golf tournament benefitting Hope Center Houston at Gleannloch Pines Golf Course located at 19393 Champion Forest Drive on Monday Sept 27th. If you are a golfer, register at <https://golfforhope2021.eventbrite.com>. Volunteer opportunities are available at the following signup: <https://signup.com/go/iRrxZGi>. Your participation as a participant or volunteer is greatly appreciated!

We thank you for your continued support of our Court's charity project.

Priscilla Hargraves and Karen Doolittle





"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35





Anniversaries and Birthdays this Quarter!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!!

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

July Anniversaries: 4th: Mary Ellen Crawford, 17th: Mary Roberts, 24th: Esther Lara

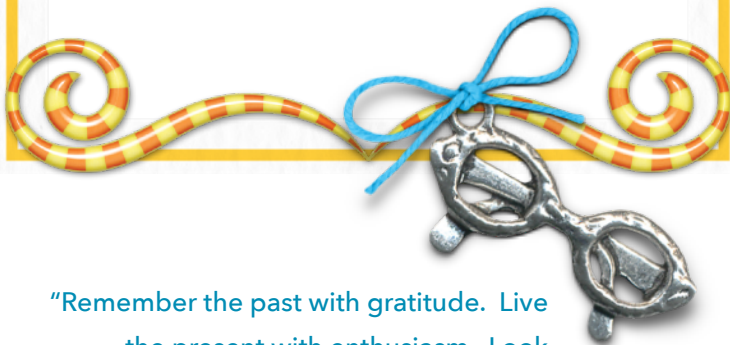
August Birthdays: 6th: Katherine Margaret Lee, 17th: Diane Harrison

August Anniversaries: 12th: Gloria Riley, 14th: Barbara Redlinger, 24th: Joyce Taylor-Smith

September Birthdays: 10th: Mary Giles, 12th: Peggy O'Neil, 19th: Patrice Hampton, 25th: Loretta Hughes, 28th: Pat Kocan

September Anniversaries: 5th: Diane Harrison

If you know of someone who is sick or has passed away, please email jmsanfelippo@comcast.net so that she can mail them or their family a card.
Thank you!



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

Love Is:

Bearing
Believing
Hoping
Enduring
Giving and receiving
Touches of tenderness
Patience and perseverance
Trusting and truth
A hug when needed
Comfortable silence
Sharing sorrows and joys
Smiles & laughter
Heart-to-heart talks
Letting go and holding on
Courage and commitment
Bending and mending
Forgiving and forgetting
Being just who you are
Unconditional
Weathering storms
Waiting for rainbows
Seeing miracles together

The presence of Jesus in all

By: Ellen M Cuomo



Dcn Dub Hargraves, Yolanda Cadena, Jean Sanfelippo, Bishop Cahill, Fr James, Patrice Hampton, Phyllis Rourke



HOLE
in ONE



Mary Roberts, Priscilla Hargraves, Phyllis Rourke, Karen Doolittle

Charity and devotion differ no more, the one from the other, than the flame from the fire. -St. Francis de Sales

Court Happenings!

This month we highlight Katherine Lee! She received her pilot license at almost 9 months pregnant! Truly an inspiration...



Then her precious little boy, "Nick" was baptized. I was honored to be there!



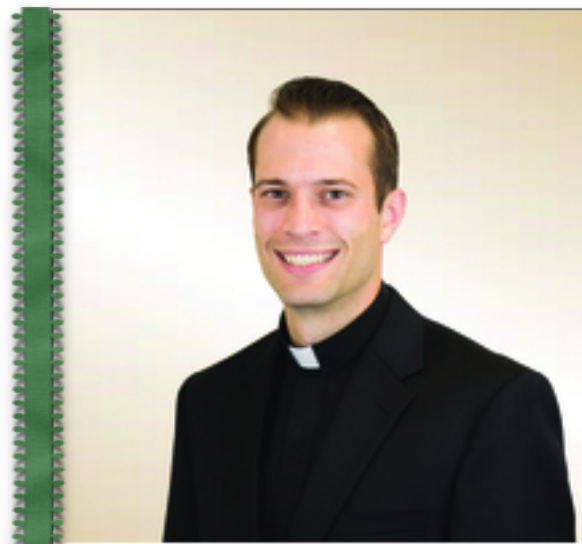
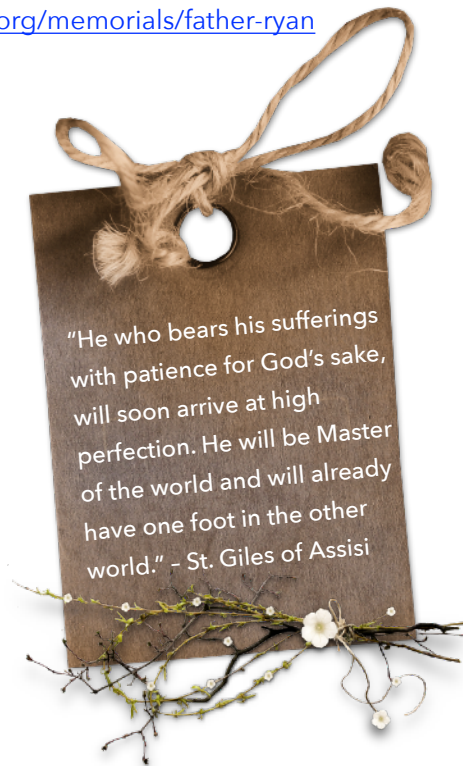
"The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child." - St. Maximilian Kolbe

In Memoriam:

In early December, a member of our CDA court, Nancy Seheult passed away. She was a Charter Member and helped at the information/Mass card table at both Community weekends and at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinners during Lent. She was a joyful person and always smiling. Her Memorial Service and Reception were held at CGS on June 22nd.



On June 21st, our community lost Fr Ryan Stawaisz to cancer. He had been a seminarian at St Anthony of Padua, most recently he was a Parochial Vicar at Prince of Peace. You can read about him and see him here: <https://pophouston.org/memorials/father-ryan>



all of these sorrows



State News and Events

The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a June 2021 Edition, see newsletter here: [The Lone Star Messenger June 2021 Edition.](#)

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

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

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."



2021 - 2023 State Officers

Pictured below, from left: Virginia Olsovsky - State Secretary, Carolyn Ritchey - First Vice State Regent, Rebecca Brown - State Regent, Terrie L. Vacek - Second Vice State Regent, and Dela Garza - State Treasurer.



State Contest Winners

The State Contest Winners were announced at the 52nd Biennial State Convention in Texarkana, TX on April 14-148, 2021. Our Court won in the following categories:

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| Circle of Love - Family | - 3rd place |
| Circle of Love - Quality of Life | - 3rd place |
| Circle of Love - Spiritual Enhancement | - 2nd place |
| Court Newsletter | - 1st place |
| Mass Enrollment | - 1st place |
| Website | - 1st place |

congratulations!

I can do all things
through
Christ
who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



National News



**CDA
Fall Retreats**

Faithful Women Set the World on Fire!

Sept. 17-19, 2021	Catholic Conference Center	Hickory, N.C.
Oct. 29-31, 2021	Holy Cross Retreat Center	Mesilla Park, N.M.
Nov. 12-14, 2021	St. Benedict's Abbey	Benet Lake, WI

Be inspired by the stories of women who lived out God's will in their life and brought love and hope to the world around them. Discover their struggles and triumphs. Let their lives teach you what it means to follow His will in your life. Let God whisper His will to you in a weekend with your CDA sisters.

Each retreat starts at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after breakfast on Sunday morning. Cost is \$300.00 and includes a shared double room and meals.

To download a copy of the registration form, please go to catholicdaughters.org or email Connie Dronette at connicda@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 20-24, 2022

Experience the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Convention in beautiful Puerto Rico

exciting liturgies • dynamic workshops
renewed friendships





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>

The Vatican: The Holy See and Vatican News

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

USCCB Month in Ministry: [This Month in Ministry](#)

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



Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. This year, Religious Freedom Week began on June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. To mark this important event, HLA/NCHLA invites you to [watch this informative video by the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne and South Bend](#). Bishop Rhoades also serves as Chair of the Doctrinal Committee and serves on the Religious Liberty Committee of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This week, the House Committee on Appropriations will mark-up the Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) and State, Foreign Operations (SFOPs) appropriations bills which currently exclude longstanding bipartisan policies that prevent taxpayer dollars from being spent on elective abortions. Three decades-old provisions which were eliminated from these appropriations bills prevent taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions in the District of Columbia, through foreign assistance, and for federal employee health plans that cover abortions.

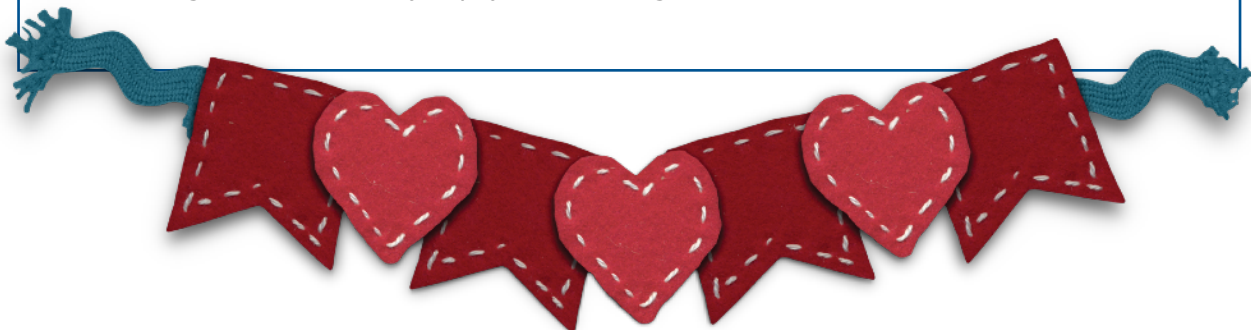
TAKE ACTION

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Bishop David J. Malloy, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a statement expressing deep concerns, saying:

“The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations should not eliminate the long-standing, bipartisan provisions that prevent taxpayer funding of abortions... I call on the Appropriations Committee and all members of Congress to protect taxpayers from having to pay for the evil of abortion, and to instead use our tax dollars for the common good and welfare of all.”

The full statement can be read [here](#).

Over the next few weeks, the House Appropriations Committee will be voting on several other appropriations bills, including the Labor/Health and Human Services bill that is expected to eliminate the Hyde Amendment. Without the Hyde Amendment and Hyde-related policies, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Don't let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life.



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Freedom of Religion

We are a Resurrection people who share the Good News that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and has conquered sin and death. We believe in the power of prayer and know that one of our American Freedoms is the First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has sent out an action alert regarding the deceptively named and dangerous legislation entitled: The Equality Act. A one hour national briefing sponsored by the Archdioceses of Los Angeles and New York, the Dioceses of Arlington and Green Bay, together with the Catholic Conferences of Colorado and Virginia in collaboration with Catholic dioceses throughout the country is well worth your time and please share this with your family and friends: <https://nyrespectlife.flocknote.com/note/11564973/video/484014869>

Basically, HR 5 would force Catholic Hospitals, Churches, Schools, and Institutions to accept transgendered surgery, homosexual marriages or be accused of discrimination and be sued until the Catholic organization is closed. Also, pregnancy would be included with abortion as a natural outcome meaning anyone who supports the protection of LIFE in the womb would be discriminating against the right to an abortion(S). So hence, another lawsuit. There is no conscience clause in this evil legislation and girls' sports would be forced to compete with transgendered males.

Sister Lucia from the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima stated that we would be living in "diabolical disorientation" and we need to fervently pray the Rosary daily. We also need to pray to Our Lady of America to intercede for us and to protect our religious freedom in our beloved country. <https://ourladyofamerica.com/>

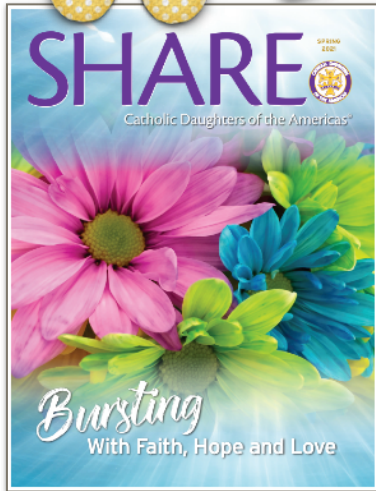
Please call your United States Senators as their constituents and respectfully ask them to vote no on this dangerous bill.

God Bless You and God Bless the United States of America.

<https://nyrespectlife.flocknote.com/note/11564973/video/484014869>

Eileen and Harold Peterson enjoy Easter with their five grandchildren (From left to right) Brayden (2), Colette (3), Anderson (6), Sophie (5 months) Daniel (18 months).





SHARE Magazine, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

[Share Spring 2021](#)

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

National Quarterly Newsletter:

[National Quarterly April 2021](#)

The beautiful National CDA Website:

www.catholicdaughters.org

