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Announcements!

For this remainder of this quarter:

The Monthly Rosary will be held Aug 8, and Sep 12, at 6pm by the Marian Windows.

Manna Bags Assembly will be put together in The Social Hall at 3:00pm on Aug 22, and Sep 19.

Evening Manna Bags at 7pm, Aug 5, and Sep 9.

Please be on the lookout for an email!

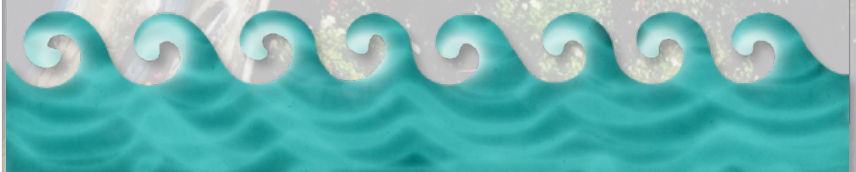


Mission Statement

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"*

**"Where God guides, He provides" -
Isaiah 58:11**





Court Regent Message

Patrice Hampton, Court Regent - Elect

The end of one term and the beginning of another ... how quickly the time passes! We elected 4 new amazing & dedicated new officers as I continue on as Regent for a 2nd term. We also have a wonderful new chaplain, Deacon Stacy Millsap, who was installed with us on June 1st & is already blessing & gracing us with his presence & faith. I'm so grateful for the ladies who have worked beside me for the past 2 years and look forward to working with our new

leadership team & Deacon Stacy. May God continue to bless and keep our Court in His loving care & with His divine guidance.

I'm so proud of the term just ending in that we doubled our membership & have been able to increase our support of local & state charities & projects along with our Parish & local charities.

I pray in this new term for an ever growing membership & even greater means to support those we have committed to. We work hard together building the bonds between our members & our commitment to others. Unity & Charity is definitely the motto we live by.

As summer comes upon us, along with hurricane season(👉), my prayer is for everyone to have a blessed, happy & safe two months with family & friends until we meet again in September. Though we have no meetings in July & August, we do plan to meet monthly, socially, to stay connected & we'll continue our monthly Rosary and bi-monthly manna bag assembling these two months as well.

May God bless and keep you & yours in the palms of His hands & within His loving care and wrapped in our Blessed Mother's mantle of love.

With love & a hug,
Patrice





Our Newsletter Editor:

Hello everyone!

It is with bitter sweet emotions this will be my last newsletter to publish. It has been a great 7 years publishing The Spirit! I want to thank you ALL for your participation, I could not have done it at all without YOU! I will still maintain the website, until someone wants to take that task over. So for my last 'Editor' letter (You will still be hearing from me!), I would like to share a story about Mom's visit in June.....

Mom flew up here to Colorado Springs in June, to stay for a week. We did not take many pictures unfortunately. However, I did take several of Mom next to a Drum Horse, taking part in the program Partnership with Horses. It is an extension of Hope Held by a Horse, a non profit that provides equine-assisted therapy to cancer survivors. We learn about horses, groom them, walk them. It's really cool!

Here is Mom with 'Aoife'. She is a Drum Horse. The Drum Horse is a relatively new breed, combining the Clydesdale, Shire, and Gypsy Horses to develop a Heavy Horse breed with natural athletic ability, a sensible attitude, and an ability to turn their hoof to almost anything. The best attributes of each of those individual breeds has created the Drum Horse we know today – a hybrid Draft Horse if you will. Named after a job they do; the Drum Horses are an important member of the King of Englands Band of the Lifeguards. They have had a long and illustrious role in the English Military and all Military Drum Horses carry the rank of Major. The development of the Drum horse as a breed started in the early 2000's when the American Drum Horse Association was formed. Aoife is a descendant of Galway Warrior, Queen Elizabeth's most beloved Drum Horse.



Aoife, Inge,
Suzanne
(President of Hope
Held by a Horse),
Cheryl (A coach
with Hope Held by
a Horse), and
Mom (Priscilla)



Court Happenings:

2024 - 2026 Court Officers Installation







Pictures are all from the new Court Officer Installation on June 1st. Our Honorable DD, Christine Maniscalco presided over the event. Our new Chaplain is Deacon Stacy Millsap, being pinned by Patrice Hampton.



From L - R: Olivia Berger, Treasurer, Lori Maldonado, Vice Regent, Jean Philpot, Financial Secretary, Kathy Kietur, Recording Secretary and Patrice Hampton, Regent

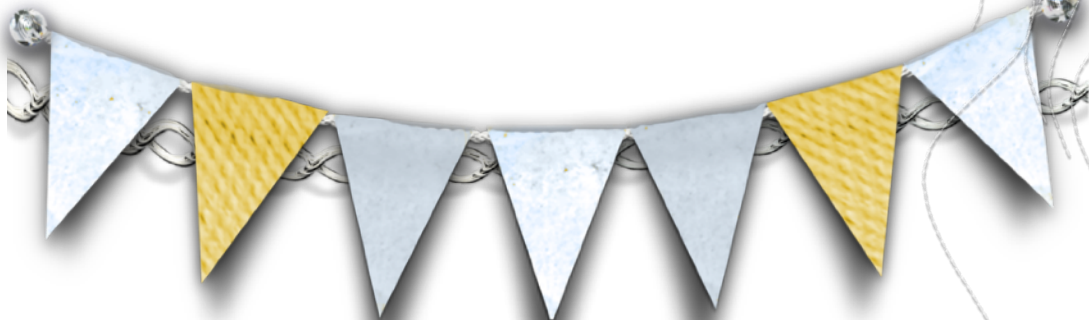


Giving Fr. DMM his ordination/CDA Priest Appreciation card

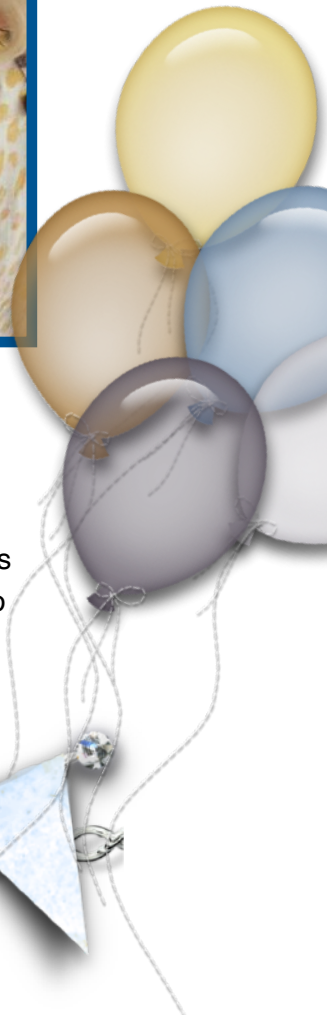


Kathy praying over Fr DMM

Father James Burkart and Father David Michael Moses were given Priest Appreciation Cards and checks by our Court Sisters. We appreciate you so much, Fathers! We are so blessed to have these awesome priests in our Parish!



"Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices." - Pope Francis





Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON SUMMER SEASON UPDATE 2024

- Karen Doolittle

The first day of summer is here although summer weather has been upon us for a number of weeks. Hope Center appreciates all the cases/packages of Capri Sun and the cases/packages of juice boxes plus a few extra cases of water. You may continue to donate juice boxes or Capri Sun throughout the summer by bringing to a manna bag assembly or dropping off with the receptionist at CGS with a note indicating for CDA, prior to a manna bag assembly. We began adding packets of Propel powder to each manna bag as of June's Thursday assembly and will continue doing this into October unless the forecast indicates a hot November! The little packets were added to the small baggie that contains the wet wipes, extra napkin and the wrapped plastic cutlery. Propel powder is an electrolyte and will help with the guest's hydration.

Summer manna bag assembly dates and times are:

Monday's at 7 p.m. July 1; Aug 5; Sept 9 (skipping Labor Day)

Thursday's at 3 p.m. July 18; Aug 22; Sept 19



Girls from two American Heritage Girls Troop's will continue to join us Monday evenings throughout the summer, and some students will join us during Thursday afternoons assembly.

On July 18 we will navigate our set-up tables between the VBS set-up in the Social Hall, be prepared, it will be fun!!

If you are interested in all of the manna bag dates through June 2026, please send an email to Karen D.

Wrapped plastic cutlery:

If take-out meals are more frequent at your home during the summer months, please save the wrapped plastic cutlery and bring to a manna bag assembly, or a Court summer social gathering or the September meeting. Hope Center welcomes the donation of your wrapped plastic cutlery!!

Hope Center Gate Fund update:

Brother Allen indicated that with our Court's dedicated donation of \$1500 to their Gate Fund and additional donated funds they are proceeding with the repair and upgrade of the main gate and that it should be restored before the end of the month!!

Your support of our Court's manna bag project for the guests/friends of Hope Center is greatly appreciated. Manna bag assemblies are great fellowship gatherings and the love pouring out of everyone in the Social Hall is filling each bag. Your love is traveling!!
THANK YOU!!



"The poor and the sick are the heart of God. In serving them we serve Jesus Christ." = St Camillus de Lellis





On April 20th, our Court provided the desserts for the Crawfish Boil. There were some delicious cakes, cookies (Oh My!), brownies and oranges!



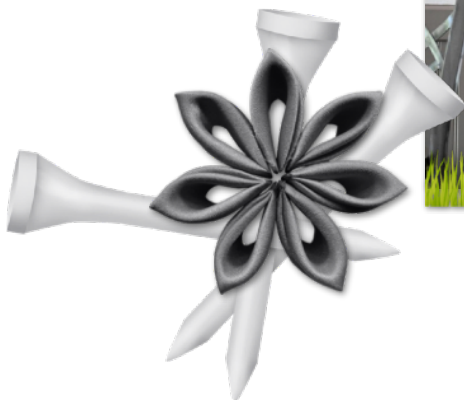


Annual Cahill Classic Charity Golf Tournament



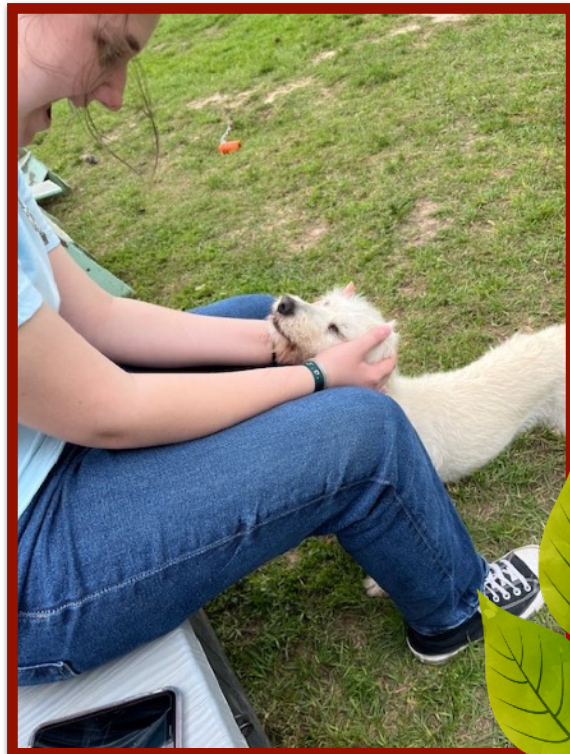
Our Court sponsored a hole at the Cahill Classic again this year. Also, some of our Sisters helped out at the event.

A big Thank You to the Knights for acknowledging the support Deacon Dub provided for the golf tournaments in the past!!





AHG girls putting together manna bags and volunteering at Camo Dog Rescue



Loving Choice Award!



CDA members and Fr James Burkart, at the Loving Choice Appreciation Lunch, where the Court received a plaque for our contributions to Loving Choice Pregnancy Center.



Mary Jane Brewster's Happenings

I was at the Priests vs Seminarians Basketball Game, buying some nachos and digging in my purse to find my money, which I did and I put \$20.00 down. My money sat there for a while and then the lady gave it back to me. I told her I had to pay for the nachos and she pointed behind me. There stood this very nice Rice University Policeman and she said he paid for my nachos. I was so taken back, that I didn't know what to do but thank him profusely and say I should be buying his food. I had to hunt him down after the game and make sure I introduced him to the people we were with, and of course, get a picture with him. He's been a police officer for around 40 years, retired and went to work for Rice University, so he could help his grandkids get through college. He changed my over all attitude just by buying my nachos. This proved to me that a small act of kindness can change many attitudes and many lives, and it's a good thing for me to practice. This man's thoughtfulness made a difference to many. Thank you Officer Atkinson.



Fr. David Michael Moses is the Parochial Vicar at Christ the Good Shepherd, and a wonderful “young” priest. He is signing autographs after the Basketball game, and the kids love him and follow him on social media. I call him a “Youth Magnet”, and he is making changes in the lives of our youth and young adults, and yes, even some in our “mature generation”. He’s was ordained a priest 5 years ago, and has many talents. He even puts on the Concert for Life every year and has a band of priest musicians who play with him. He is being sought out by other organizations who want him to come talk to their youth, or play music, or work his magic as only he can do. God has blessed Fr. David Michael with talent, charisma, and many opportunities to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. We’re praying for you Fr. David Michael.



Deacon Mark Clancy has been our Chaplain for a number of years and has decided to retire. He is standing with Patrice Hampton, our Regent, in this photo. Deacon Mark has served at our church for many years and has always been very kind to all the parishioners. He has also been so generous with his time and writing a "Chaplain's Letter" for every newsletter, besides all his other "Diaconate Duties". His wife, Marla, is a member of our Catholic Daughters Court and the two of them make a very good pair. He has made himself available to the people of the church, and of course our CDA Court. We will miss him as our Chaplain, but we will still get to visit with him when we see him around the church. We wish Deacon Mark, and wife Marla, many blessings as they move into their retired lives. May God continue to Bless you today and always.



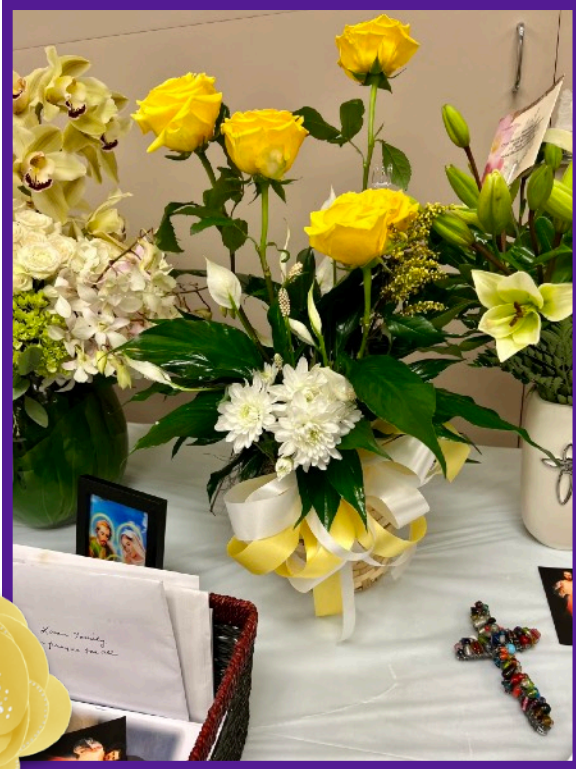
"God's blessings on you and
thank you for all you do in
the service of God."

Fish Fry

Last Fish Fry of the Season was Spring themed!



Pat Kocan's Funeral Reception after John's Funeral



John Kocan prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet everyday, so in honor of him, the church prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet before his funeral Mass. The reception was held immediately after.



Events Coming Up:

Women's Day of Reflection



Women of Faith

NEW DATE!!!
August 31st, 2024
Social Hall
8:30 am - 12:45 pm



Speaker:
Marangely Gonzalez

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Fee: \$25.00
Includes light Breakfast and Lunch



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Fall Festival 10-19-2024
Family • Faith • Food • Fun

Save the Date

Gala Dinner & Live Auction 11-09-2024



Texas News and Events

See **Lone Star Messenger** MARCH 2024 Edition below:

[March 2024 Lone Star](#)

Link for the June 2024 Lone Star is broken...

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."



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God guides,
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Texas CDA website: <http://www.texasda.org>.

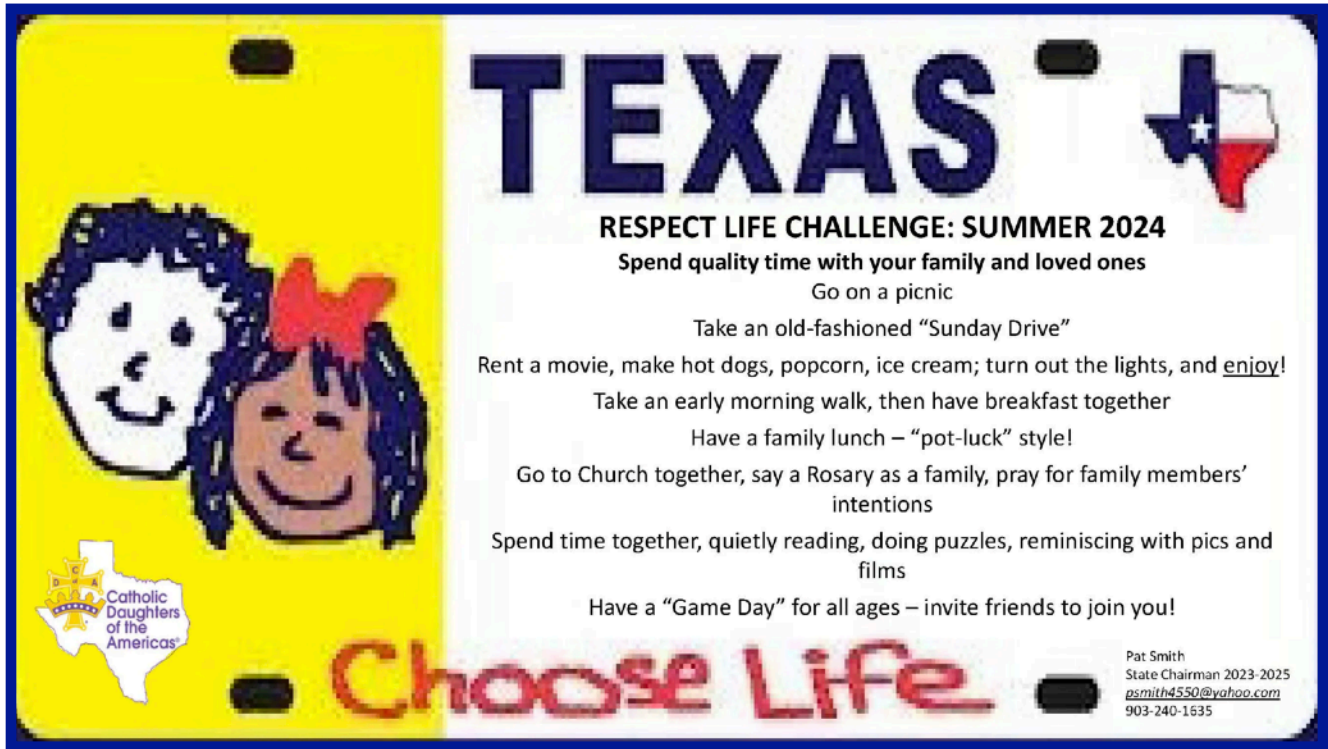
This year, we are selling Wreaths Across America all year! Please see link to donate:


www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0739P




Save the Date

54th Biennial Texas State Convention
April 23 -27, 2025
Sheraton Dallas Hotel



TEXAS 

RESPECT LIFE CHALLENGE: SUMMER 2024
Spend quality time with your family and loved ones
Go on a picnic
Take an old-fashioned "Sunday Drive"
Rent a movie, make hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream; turn out the lights, and enjoy!
Take an early morning walk, then have breakfast together
Have a family lunch – "pot-luck" style!
Go to Church together, say a Rosary as a family, pray for family members' intentions
Spend time together, quietly reading, doing puzzles, reminiscing with pics and films
Have a "Game Day" for all ages – invite friends to join you!

 **Choose Life**

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State Chairman 2023-2025
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Texas State Contest NEWS!! - Patrice Hampton

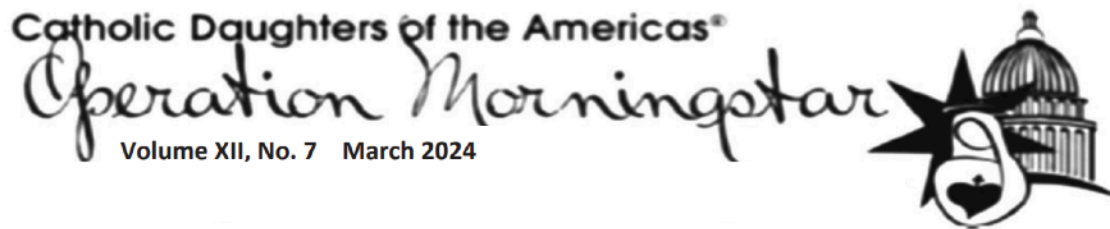
Our court won 1st Place in the State contests: Gizelle Williams for the Newsletter, Mary Roberts for the Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Beth Hutton & Jackie Vail for Respect Life!!

We can be very grateful and proud of these accomplishments & a huge thank you to all our Committee Chairs for all your hard work!!



National News

Legislation:



Bishops set Priorities at the Polls for Catholics to Follow

At their November meeting, the Catholic bishops of the United States said life issues are their top priority for the upcoming election.

They wrote, "The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our

common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person."

The bishops also guide voters "to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is 'a judgment of reason' by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong. (Catechism #1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling." Conscience—properly formed according to God's revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth. The truth is something we receive, not something we make."

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/2023-Nov-15%20FCFC%20action%20item%20text%20final.pdf>

WHO Pandemic Treaty called 'greatest threat to freedom in human history'

Lifesite News reports that Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and several other members of Congress held a press conference February 5 to warn that the proposed World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Treaty is the "greatest threat to freedom in human history." It would severely restrict free speech, threatening the sanctity of life, national sovereignty and individual liberty.

The treaty calls abortion an essential health care service, forcing countries to abandon their regulations on the procedure. In the event of any "health crisis," the WHO could decide what is "disinformation." Members of Congress said the heavy-handed wording to silence all dissent is modeled on the Chinese Communist Party and is in direct conflict with the U.S. Constitution.

The final vote on the treaty is set for May 27. Contact the White House and members of U.S. House and Senate to voice opposition.

Mother Cabrini Movie Opens in March

Opening March 8, *Cabrini* is the life story of one of the United States' most famous saints, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. Despite ill health and political intrigue, she persevered to start hospitals, schools and orphanages, aiding the poorest of the poor in New York City and eventually, across the country.

Tickets are available online for this Angel Studios production.

**Written by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair;
Approved: Emily Guilherme, National Regent**

US Conference of Catholic Bishops provides election guidelines to preserve tax-exempt status

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops re-issued election guidelines to parishes and Catholic organizations that have tax-exempt status. Although church organizations such as Catholic Daughters are prohibited from participating in political campaign activity, political activities are entirely appropriate for individual citizens.

Catholic organizations are encouraged to share Church teaching on issues, especially life from conception to natural death, human rights, marriage, conscience protection, fetal stem cell research, ethical vaccine development, human trafficking, immigration, justice, peace and an array of other important issues.

Voter Participation: Church organizations may encourage members to participate in the electoral process: to register, vote, become informed on a broad range of issues, and become active in the political life of the community. They can also sponsor non-partisan voter registration and "get out the vote" drives.

Ballot Measures: Supporting or opposing ballot measures, including referenda, initiatives, constitutional amendments, and similar procedures is allowed and is not political campaign activity. Church organizations can take positions on such measures and work to support or oppose them.

Voter Education: Church organizations can and should engage in non-partisan voter education. They may distribute the results of candidate polls or surveys as long as they meet these three criteria:
1) are consistent with church teaching,
2) cover a wide range of issues important to voters,
3) exhibit no bias for or against any candidate or political party.

Non-Partisanship: The Church does not and will not engage in partisan politics.

Specific guidelines:

- **Do not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or groups of candidates,** or take any action that reasonably could be construed as endorsing or opposing anyone or any group.
- **Do not authorize distribution of partisan political materials** or biased voter education materials (those that support or oppose—or exhibit bias for or against—any candidate or party) on church property, in publications, on websites, or at activities.
- **Do not invite or permit only selected candidates to address your members.** If inviting candidates, it is important that all candidates be invited.

DO:

- Address the moral and human dimensions of issues.
- Share church teaching.
- Apply Catholic values to legislation and issues.
- Conduct a non-partisan voter registration drive on church property.
- Distribute unbiased candidate questionnaires covering issues of concern to Catholic teaching.
- Support or oppose ballot measures.

DON'T:

- Endorse or oppose candidates for political office.
- Distribute partisan campaign literature.
- Arrange for groups to work for a candidate.
- Invite only selected candidates to your meeting.
- Conduct voter registration slanted toward one party.
- Distribute a biased candidate survey.

The entire document is available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/dos-and-donts-guidelines-during-election-season.cfm>



Share Spring 2024

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Trail MOUNTAINS

Spring 2024 is upon us and in most of us an awe, our local courts will be holding elections for new officers. If you haven't yet prayed about standing for a position in your local court, I strongly encourage you to do so. I have what your mother might be, "Why, not?" I shall I say, "Oh, YES!" We are called to be servant leaders in our faith, called to be like Jesus who tells us to "seek first the Kingdom of God and then all these things will be added to you." It is not for the faint of heart to be called to be a servant leader for your Court.

Fortunately, serving as a Court leader doesn't require giving up your own mission, yet we must answer the call to service. You may consider serving as a Court officer with regularity or for a limited time. I tell you that line is not of God. We need to see above that line and step out in faith to be a servant leader. Half serious or doubting? Remember that St. John tells us, "There is no love in law, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and no one who fears is not perfect in love." (1 John 4:18). Do not let the spirit of fear keep you away from doing something incredible for your Court.

Local courts hold a special place in my heart. I remember when I joined Catholic Daughters in Corona, California. Court 59, South of the City. I was overwhelmed by the number of amazing women who were full of joy and welcome. I joined in February and by May the court had elected me as Financial Secretary. It was daunting, and I felt overwhelmed for a different reason. I worried that I would fail my Court or fail our Lord. I felt afraid to know that my Court and our God would not allow that to happen. As I look back on it, and as I look at you, I see your heart and encourage you. God put people in my path that would help me succeed. I went from Financial Secretary to Court Regent in just a couple years and then on to my State Court, and ultimately the National Court. I know you will have a journey that God will see when He called me to join this incredible organization.

The relationships in this network, the intimate moments I've had with the Lord and other Catholic Daughters on pilgrimages and at Conventions, these moments are both beautiful and awe-inspiring. When my time as National Regent is finished, I will return to Court 59, South. They were the beginning of my CDA journey, and they will be the end of my journey. Now, I'm not saying that your journey will be identical to mine. God will use you exactly where you are needed most. I am forever grateful to Him and His grace for bringing me to part of this phenomenal organization and allowing me to serve all of you. My prayer is that you be like our Blessed Mother and give a Fiat, a Fiat that "Yes" to our Lord and our love YES reaching our Lord into the world through Catholic Daughters of the Americas. If you need any more encouragement because you're afraid you're not ready or equipped to serve, remember these words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful." Let us be faithful servant leaders. You can do it, I know you can.

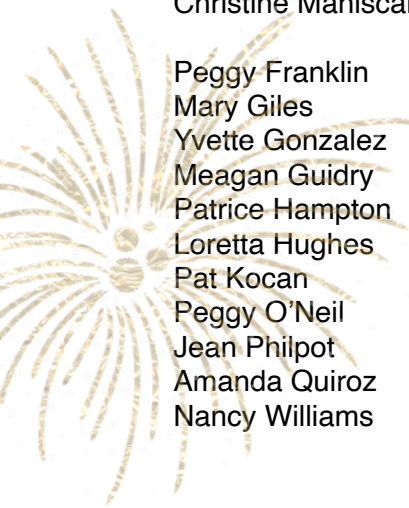
National Quarterly

Birthdays:

Sheryl Bihler-Lopez	Jul 18
Barbara Redlinger	Jul 1
Jean Sanfelippo	Jul 26
Olivia Berger	Aug 10
Elizabeth Broussard	Aug 2
Tricia Bullard	Aug 5
Diane Harrison	Aug 17
Katherine Lee	Aug 6
Christine Maniscalco	Aug 30
Peggy Franklin	Sep 5
Mary Giles	Sep 10
Yvette Gonzalez	Sep 24
Meagan Guidry	Sep 16
Patrice Hampton	Sep 19
Loretta Hughes	Sep 25
Pat Kocan	Sep 28
Peggy O'Neil	Sep 12
Jean Philpot	Sep 10
Amanda Quiroz	Sep 6
Nancy Williams	Sep 13

Anniversaries:

Mary Ellen Crawford	Jul 4
Meagan Guidry	Jul 24
Mary Louise Roberts	Jul 17
Patrice Rodriguez	Jul 19
Margaret Williamson	Jul 24
Jennifer Windsor	Jul 24
Marinela Castano	Aug 17
Elsa Hernandez	Aug 2
Barbara Redlinger	Aug 14
Gloria Riley	Aug 12
Karen Ringholz	Aug 2
Joyce Taylor Smith	Aug 24
Diane Harrison	Sep 5
Beth Hutton	Sep 7
Maggie Zanco	Sep 14



Happy birthday celebration for Maggie Zanco, Missy Landry & Lorena Ortiz



**Have a great
Summer!! See you in
September!**