



# The Spirit

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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 dignity for all.*

*\*Be women of faith*

*\*Encourage spiritual growth*

*\*Increase membership*

*\*Promote the motto of “Unity and Charity”*

## Announcements

Next meeting is on **Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7pm**

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***Remember the Fall Festival on Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>***



## Court Regent Message

Patrice Hampton, Court Regent - Elect

As a new term gets underway this fall, the future is bright, and our court is phenomenal. I have stepped aside for a bit for personal reasons but hope to be back in a month or so. Our September meeting is always the “longest” meeting with the most to cover, but I know our officers with our Vice Regent, Lori Maldonado, at the helm, will take of all and my absence will not be noticed—thank you to all. Our new officers are a fantastic group of ladies.

Having doubled our membership in the past 2 years, our goal is to continue that growth, get more members involved in all functions, activities, and commitments, and to build our committees to increase ways to serve our community, district & state/national charities.

Wishing all courts a wonderful term filled with great success and productivity as they build friendships and make happy memories.

Blessings & prayers,  
Patrice Hampton  
Regent

## Court Chaplain Message

Deacon Stacy Millsap, Court Chaplain

It's Fall, y'all! Okay, to be fair, it's only Fall on the calendar. We certainly can't tell by the weather. Nonetheless, if you're like me, you're looking forward to that first morning when we take the dog outside and duck back inside for a jacket or a sweater. I think it's wonderful how God has given us the various seasons of the year in a cycle. If you just stop for a minute and think about it, we might notice how much care he took and thought he put into his creation. All of this, for the sole purpose of providing us a place to live, love, grow, and prepare ourselves for an eternity with the Holy Trinity.

As we make our way through whatever time we've been given here on this earth, God continually brings new opportunities our way. Opportunities to experience new things. Opportunities to make new friends. Opportunities to serve him and those around us in new and rewarding ways.

On a personal level, God has given me pause to give thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Court Chaplain. Who knew that I could ever become a Catholic Daughter! But once again, with God, all things are possible. I have been overwhelmed with your outgoing spirit of welcoming, and for that, I am very grateful. I have also been quite impressed with all the varied ways you serve the greater community. Even though I am here to serve you, I hope you understand what an inspiration you are to me!

I look forward to this season of my life wherein I have been given the opportunity to grow in service with you.

Be blessed!  
---Deacon Stacy Millsap



## Court Happenings

### Cahill Golf Tournament – May 3, 2024

Every year, CDA members volunteer to assist with the Knights of Columbus' Bishop Cahill Golf Tournament which benefits the Knights of Columbus charities.

### Baby Bottle Banks – May 12 through June 16, 2024

On Mothers' Day, CDA members volunteer to distribute baby bottle banks after all the masses on Mothers' Day. Parishioners are asked to collect their loose change and any donations in the baby bottle bank (box) and return them on Fathers' Day. The funds are a means to collect donations for Loving Choice—a local pregnancy center.



### Ice Cream Social – August 11, 2024

On Sunday, August 11 CGS held an ice cream social as a “Back to School” event with the help of CDA. CDA provided ice cream toppings and volunteers for the celebration. Many youth attended to enjoy ice cream with various toppings.



### Vacation Bible School – Summer 2024

This year, Vacation Bible School (VBS) needed assistance in preparations. CDA volunteers were there to lend a hand by sharing their skills making signs which were used at VBS.



### Manna Bag Assembly – Summer 2024

Twice monthly—on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons—CDA volunteers gather to assemble manna bags. Sometimes other groups such as American Heritage Girls or individuals seeking volunteer hours for confirmation join to assist with this project. Once assembled, these bags are delivered to the Hope Center which is a local homeless center for distribution. Dates for future manna bag assembly meetings are below.

- Mondays at 7pm – 10/7, 11/4, 12/9, 1/6, 2/10, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, and 6/2
- Thursdays at 3pm – 10/17, 11/14, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/24, 5/15, and 6/12



Manna Bag Assembly – Summer 2024 (continued)

Volunteers assemble bags in the Social Hall of CGS.





## More Manna Bag Assembly



## CGS Ministry Fair

CDA members attended the ministry fair to recruit new members.



## Mass Cards

On an ongoing basis, CDA offers mass cards which provide scholarships for relatives of CDA members. Scholarships can be used for attendance at college or a catholic high school. Mass cards can be purchased at any CDA meeting or at Houston Catholic Books & Gifts located at 7902 Louetta Road.

## Praying the Rosary

On the second Thursday of the month, CDA joins together at 6pm by the Marian windows to pray the rosary.



## Legislative Updates

### Elections in 2024

November 5 is voting day from 7am to 7pm. Early voting will be open from Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Nov. 1. George Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood will serve as an early voting center. For other voting locations, click this link: <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Vote-Centers>

To learn more about issues in relation to church teachings, visit the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/topics>

CDA National Legislative Link:

[https://catholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love#tabContent\\_2505669](https://catholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love#tabContent_2505669)



## Local, State, & National CDA News

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### Local

Upcoming events at CGS are listed below.

- **Respect Life Rosary** on Wed., Oct. 9 at 6:30pm in the CGS Chapel
- **CDA Fall Festival Booth** on Oct. 19 – to sign up, [click here](#)
- **Trunk or Treat** on Oct. 25 – email Maggie Barrera at [maggiiebarrera7@yahoo.com](mailto:maggiiebarrera7@yahoo.com) to volunteer
- **Pastoral Visitors** are needed. To learn more or register for training, contact CDA member Amanda Quiroz at [aquiroz@archgh.org](mailto:aquiroz@archgh.org)

### State

Upcoming events at the national level are listed below.

- **Memorial Scholarship Fund** deadline on Jan. 31, 2025 – CDA relatives (i.e., son/daughter, grandchild, niece/nephew, brother/sister) are eligible to apply for the scholarship for attendance at a college or catholic high school. To access the application, [click here](#)
- **Biennial Texas State Convention** on April 23 through 27 in Dallas.

The CDA State fundraiser is now open. To enter your chance to win \$30, \$100, \$250, or \$1,000, send \$20 to CDA at the address below.

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### National

Upcoming events at the national level are listed below.

- **Florida State Pilgrimage to Italy** – May 23 through June 3, 2025
  - <https://www.lpjp.org/trips/12-day-italy-pilgrimage---florida-cda-%26--holy-spirit-catholic-church>
- **Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey** – October 2025
  - Call (833)944-8242 or email [booking@lpjp.org](mailto:booking@lpjp.org)
- **New York Pilgrimage to Italy** – November 3 through 14, 2025
  - <https://www.lpjp.org/trips/12-day-italy-pilgrimage-the-jubilee-of-rome-2025-cda-ny>

### Charities & Ongoing Projects

CDA supports several national charities and projects such as Habitat for Humanity, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Relief Services, Disaster Relief Fund, Human Life International, and Missionaries of Charity. For a full list visit the website: <https://catholicdaughters.org/national-projects-and-charities>







**October**

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Shirley Varsel 10/6  
Marla Clancy 10/19  
Norina Fisher 10/23  
Patrice Rodriguez 10/23  
Fr. James 10/27  
Tabitha Madrid 10/29  
Beth Hutton 10/31

Melody Barr 10/11  
Ann Malloy 10/12  
Marlee Alter 10/17  
Dawn Leal 10/19

**November**

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Quetzy Reyes 11/2  
Sheryl Andrew's 11/4  
Yolanda Cadena 11/5  
Phyllis Cassar 11/10  
Karen Ringholz 11/10  
Phyllis Rourke 11/10  
One Tita Egbuna 11/12

Lorena Ortiz 11/2  
Nancy Williams 11/3  
Lillian Kainer 11/4  
Missy Landry 11/14  
One Rita Egbuna 11/15  
Jean Philpot 11/16  
Jan Beall 11/17

**December**

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Marlee Alter 12/6  
Cathy Miller 12/10  
Tracey Perez 12/14  
Lori Maldonado 12/17  
Sue Denning 12/24  
Maria Vitucci 12/26

Mary Giles 12/7  
Cathy Peplau 12/8  
Katherine Lee 12/15  
Phyllis Rourke 12/17  
Ellie Peterson 12/23  
Kathy Kietur 12/26  
Vickie Simental 12/27  
Suellyn Sweeney 12/27

