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CDA MISSION STATEMENT: Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human dignity for all.

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Regent's Message

Greetings! We are off to a great start with the new term! Our officers have been trained, and we hope to be implementing a few new things plus actively recruiting new members.

One of the new things we are going to begin will be officer meetings. This is open to all members regardless if you are an officer or not. In these meetings, we will prepare the agenda for the upcoming meetings, talk about fundraisers, projects, and new ideas. The purpose of these meetings are to get all discussion out on the table, so to speak, and hash out ideas so that when it's time for the regular monthly meeting, we are ready to take it to a vote. Officer meetings are for the planning process, but no votes are allowed to be taken. So, that is why we follow up with our business meeting to make decisions official, which may still include a brief discussion. However, those discussions will be limited to a few minutes, so that we can conduct all business within an hour. Everyone's time is valuable, and we understand we have a lot on our plates, but your opinions, comments, concerns, and vote matter a great deal to the court. It is through all of you and your approval, or disapproval, that we can accomplish great things in our parish, community, state, and nation.

In addition to this change, the State CDA would like to see that we rotate out members of committees to utilize as many of our members as possible. So, if you would like off a committee or want to join one – even be the chairman – please let me know a.s.a.p. We have several committees, so please consider volunteering. Per the Bylaws, the Regent appoints the committees, so if I should call, email, or text you and ask the question, please consider saying yes!

We are in need of a newsletter editor, raffle co-chairman, Priest Appreciation dinner chairman, Budget Committee, Financial Review Committee/Chairman, and various Circle of Love chairmen.

Cooler weather is coming! I'm ready!!

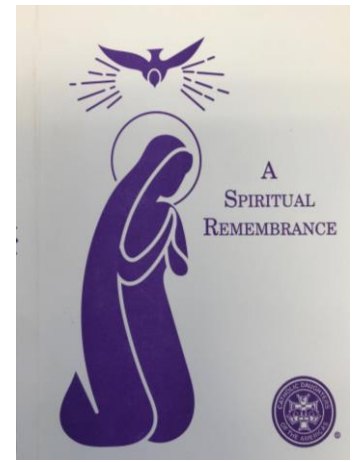
See you at our next business meeting on October 24, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M. Officer meetings will begin next month. Date & time will be determined at the meeting on the 24th.

Carolyn Ritchey
Regent

**We will be voting on a
meeting night change at
the October 24th meeting.**



Prayers & Memorial Mass Cards
By: Rose Schroeder,
Memorial Mass Card Chairman



Please keep the family of Brenda Alexander, Berk Ehret, Al Brown, and Josie Escalera in your prayers. We have lost so many dears ones in the past month. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they now rest in peace.

If you wish to purchase one of the Mass cards, please contact the respective chairmen.

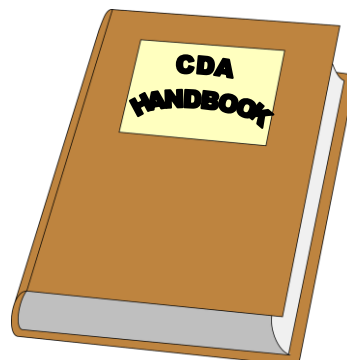
Contact Rose Schroeder at 979-398-0835 or Cynthia Grigar 979-885-9187 or cynthiagrigar@yahoo.com for the Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) Mass Cards.

The MSF cards are a minimum suggested donation of \$2.50 per card.

Sandy Myhre at 979-256-7066 or s.myhre5757@gmail.com for the Perpetual Mass Cards (CCSF).

The CCSF cards are \$25.00 per card.

Our court handbooks are now updated. If there is anything that needs changing other than a standing rule, please contact Diane Bartlett. Our Recording Secretary will now be in charge of keeping our information and standing rules up to date. Thank you, Diane for accepting this project.



Our turkey dinner is **5** months away, but now is the time to begin our preparations! Just a few things to mention at this time are listed below:

- 1.) Dinner is slated for Sunday, March 5, 2023
- 2.) Turkeys have already been ordered
- 3.) Raffle prize donations will be due December 15th
- 4.) Treasure trunk items needed
- 5.) Baked items needed for auction
- 6.) JCDA silent auction donations appreciated



Get ready! We are off and running...

We need a raffle co-chair - Contact Mona Norris



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| October 15-16: | CDA Weekend & Membership Drive |
| October 22: | Make a Difference Day |
| October 24: | Monthly meeting @ 6:30 P.M. |
| October 26: | Court Our Lady of Faith #2607 in Frydek Drive-thru Dinner |
| October 30 - November 5 | WRAP (White Ribbons Against Pornography) |
| November 1: | All Saint's Day |
| November 9: | CDA Memorial Mass @ 6:00 P.M. |
| November 24: | Thanksgiving |
| November 27: | Advent Begins |
| November 28: | Monthly meeting @ 6:30 P.M. |

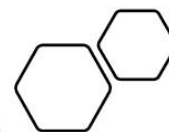
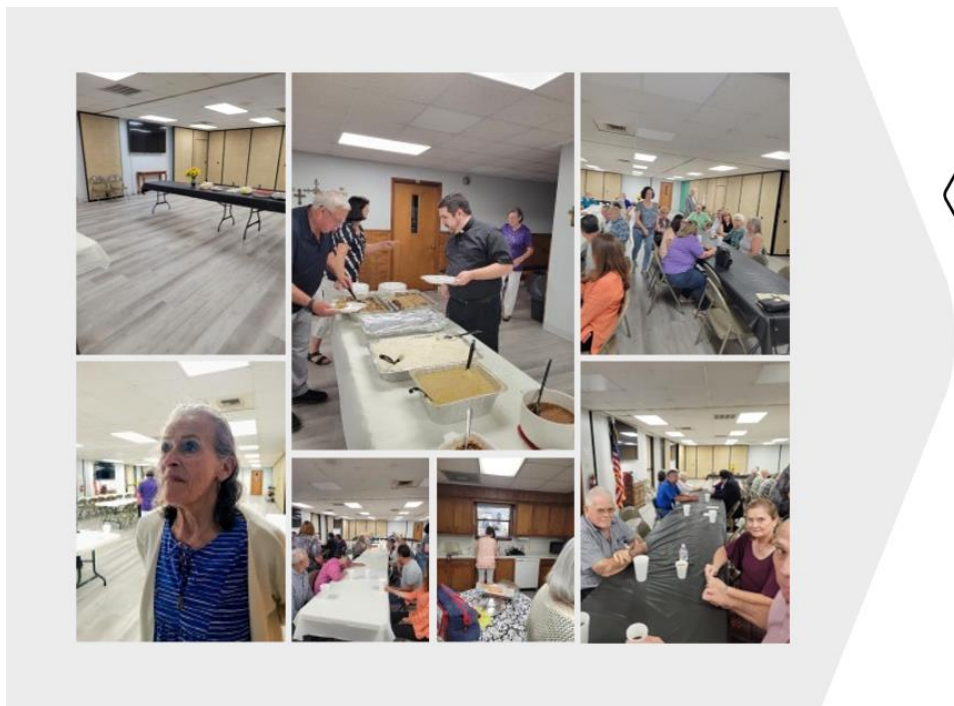
From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Maria and I continue to work. Elena is in her third year of teaching art and helping with theater preparing for one act play. On the afternoon of Sunday, October 9, we held the Coast to Coast Rosary and it was well attended. We had the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration and prayed the rosary.

We are closing in on the end of this liturgical year and as such we prepare ourselves for the upcoming Advent season; a season of preparation. As we prepare ourselves for this next season it's an exercise to strengthen us for the challenges we face. We walk with Jesus by our side; we pray for patience and compassion. Lord Jesus, help us overcome the obstacles that come before us, help us to see your presence in those we meet.

Your Brother in Christ,
Deacon Ben Munguia



JUNE 2022
MEETING AND
PRIEST
APPRECIATION
DINNER

A message from our District Deputy, Cynthia Grigar

READY.... SET.... GO!!! Ladies, it's time to get back in the groove!

Many things have been going on while our Courts have been on summer break. Your Officers have attended the mandatory Officer Training—and I personally apologize to the book officers, they were asked to bring all their books, and then they were not used. We were the first training and I know there were updates made to the later trainings. There are some changes, so we'll all do what State asks.

I, myself, recently attended a District Deputy informational meeting. Communication is a must! Recruit! Reorganize! Reset! Make a difference—we all want to get to heaven!

Let's respect our Court officers and the work they put in to help conduct your meetings. The Regent will acknowledge a member when she stands to address the Court, this also helps all members to hear what is being said. If you must relay a message to your neighbor, please do so quickly in a whisper, be respectful to the other members. **I don't want to hear your Chaplain have to say, "let's be quiet and pay attention!"**

Much preparation is ongoing for the Habitat for Humanity House build in Angleton, groundbreaking/dedication is set for Saturday, September 24. Volunteers are needed!! The CDA State Convention is in Galveston, April 26-30, 2023—First call information should be received in October 2022; if you are interested in helping on a committee, please contact State Chairman Cathy Bittner, phone #713-419-7620. Also, the new scholarship form is now on the State CDA website.

A few things to note:

***National Dues will be increased to \$3.00 per year so budgets will need to be adjusted.

***New bylaws will be forthcoming; as soon as the National Office has them ready, your Regent will get a copy for each officer, and I suggest one for Court members to view at the meetings.

***Officer meetings are very much encouraged, helps to prepare agenda for upcoming meeting, and of course, all CDA members can attend

***Financial Secretary needs to request an updated Roster from National prior to the Financial Reviews (October & April) to make sure her records match those of National.

***Dela Garza has resigned as State Treasurer due to health reasons. We will miss her contagious smile! The State board has appointed Mary Jane Albert for the remaining term; she has held this office in the past, so transition should be smooth.

Please remember Father Donald Ruppert, who has been called to Heaven, in your prayers. He was our Past State Chaplain, and pastor for years at Holy Cross Church in East Bernard. He was a wonderful priest faithfully serving our Lord for many years!

***Blessings to all,
Cynthia Grigar
District Deputy #28***



NATIONAL NEWS

Meet our new National Director for Texas Darlene Moritz from Iowa

Catholic Daughter members of Texas,

Following the 59th Biennial National CDA Convention in Puerto Rico in July and the first National Board meeting in September, I was given my assignments and I am so excited to have Texas as one of them! This is my second term as a National Director for Catholic Daughters and so humbled to be working as the 'hands and feet of Jesus'.

Just a little about me to share....I'm a native of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. When I married my sweetheart, we moved to his home town of Milford, Iowa. Love living in a small rural community and only go back to the Twin Cities to visit family. We have four grown and married children; nine (9) grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren. During my years of employment, I have worn some different hats, but have to say I spent most of my time working in a furniture factory sewing for ten (10) years and then with the Research and Development Department for another ten (10) years. My husband and I are both retired and volunteering for the church and CDA.

Prayers for the courts in Texas that you are excited about CDA as I am and want to be the 'hands and feet of Jesus' too. Catholic Daughters is an organization that can do all this through the 'Circle of Love' program and more. Some individuals may be interested in Education or Legislation. Some may be more focused on Spirituality or Families. Whatever the interests are; there is a spot for you to shine and also invite women you know who have those same interests or interests that they can share for the good of many as a Catholic Daughter. Texas is a front runner when it comes to JCDA and that is phenomenal! The next step is those Campus Courts to open in Texas. With the many senior CDA courts, our hope would be to open at least two or three in the next two years. It takes good leadership, prayer and dedication to these college gals.

Our goal is to do what we can and stretch and grow CDA like a rubber band even with the Prayer Warriors in CDA. Prayers do work! Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers and I ask you to pray for me that I may be a humble servant of God and to be as much help as I can to all.

God Bless you All!

Darlene Moritz



Your National Board 2022-2024



Left to right, National Directors Nancy Bambenek, Brenda Anderson, Barbara Ward, Darlene Moritz, Second Vice National Regent Connie Dronette, National Regent-Elect Susan Moné, National Regent Emily Guilherme, National Chaplain Father Shenan J. Boquet, First Vice National Regent Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer Ivone da Silveira, National Directors Duchess Collins, Michele Bowman, Mary Impellizeri, Yvette Griego and Brenda West.



JCDA NEWS

Membership is for young girls of the Catholic Community ages 6-18. If you know of any young girls in our parish who want to join this wonderful organization, or if you want additional information, please contact Tracie Eckelberg at 832-492-6189



NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST 2022-2023

NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST THEMES:

“We walk by faith, not by sight” 2 Corinthians: 5;7 OR

“When do I have to lean on my faith more than sight?”

CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION:

ART ESSAY POETRY COMPUTER ART MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHY

COURT ST. ELIZABETH CHAIRMAN:

DONNA MAGJAREVICH

ENTRY DEADLINE TO COURT CHAIRMAN:

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 – 12 (ALL CATEGORIES)

CDA MEMBERS (POETRY, ART, PHOTOGRAPHY ONLY)

PRIZES FOR LOCAL LEVEL:

1ST PLACE: \$30.00

2ND PLACE: \$20.00

3RD PLACE: \$10.00