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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

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The February meeting agenda was a full one with many important topics being discussed. A Valentine-themed meal was served by the team headed up by Carolyn Ritchey. Patricia Lockhart, sister of Theresa Williamson and Virginia Ciapi, was received into the court. Welcome, Patricia!

The 51st state convention will be held in McAllen on May 2-5. Our court can send up to 6 voting delegates and 12 alternates. If you want to go to this convention, please either contact me or attend the March meeting where we will finalize the attendees. I encourage you to consider going to this fun-filled weekend where you will meet many CDA members across Texas.

Our chairmen briefed the Court on all the committee activities. Joyce Eckelberg, Legislative Chairman, reported on recent events regarding abortion, specifically the new law voted on in New York. We are asked to keep informed and take action even in small ways in our community.

In closing, I'd like to share a little bit of humor, "Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yep, it's in the Bible. It says... "He-brews".

May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Iris N Orellana, Regent

Please pray for our court members and their special needs.

- March 3, 2019 **TURKEY DINNER**
- March 6, 2019 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- March 11, 2019 CDA Meeting
 6:30 P.M. refreshments –Bernice Stolarski’s Team
 7:00 P.M. business meeting



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

Please pray for all CDA members and their kind hearts, especially for the officers. It takes a heart for God to do his will in regard to all your church family. The homebound always express gratitude to CDA and all persons that will share a kind word or just a smile.



Let us pray for our nation that God will continue to bless us, and let us also pray for the church and all the clergy.

To obtain a Memorial Mass Card for \$2.50, please contact Rose Schroeder at 979-885-3480.

Perpetual Mass Cards – Catholic Clerical Student Fund
By: Carolyn Ritchey, CCSF Mass Card Chairman

Court St. Elizabeth #1616 sends the perpetual Mass cards to CDA members and their immediate families. However, anyone is welcome to send a perpetual Mass card. If you wish to purchase a card for \$25.00, please contact Carolyn Ritchey at 979-885-6507 or musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com.

Our court recently sent CCSF cards in memory of the following: Cynthia Krampitz, Frances Bollom, Margaret Sustala, Lawrence Zaruba, Josh Orellana, Ray Braden, and Leroy Berckenhoff.

LOVE REIMBURSED
By: Rose Schroeder



*Growing old merely means fading away,
As a rose wilting seems to say.
My color is changing from day to day,
My petals will fall along the way.
But can we put away those faded old
With a silent word and face so cold?
Those fragile ones whose memories unfold
The love for life and us so bold.
Children, as your parents decline in years,
Don't forget them, their worries and their fears.
Be kind, be good, show love and tears.
God will bless you and your fading dears.*



From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

With the quickly passing time since the new year began, stress levels begin to elevate with all the events that grow closer – specifically, the Lifeteen Mardi Gras fundraiser, Lent, and Easter. Birthdays, anniversaries, feast days, holidays, and other special events cause anxiety. Tempers tend to become short, and our emotions can get out of control.

When things seem to get out of control and we find ourselves cornered, we feel lost and detached from things that matter. When this happens, we need to stop, take a breath, and focus ourselves in prayer. Ask Our Lord to take us by the hand and lead us to a place of peace. “Letting go and letting God” seems easier said than done, but this is an appropriate time to exercise our faith in Him. Jesus, I trust in you.

Peace,

Deacon Ben Munguia



JCDA NEWS

By: Abby Lynn Moyle, JCDA Chairman



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 more information, please contact Abby Lynn Moyle or Tracie Eckelberg.

February 17th is the JCDA Mass! If you are available, please attend to show your support to our JCDA girls!



NATIONAL NEWS

By: Debbie Lattus, National Youth & JCDA Chairman



As I began to think about writing this article on Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, several questions popped into my mind about the beginning of JCDA and the progress we have made through the decades.

In 1919 the National Board of Directors sanctioned JCDA. On February 22, 1926, the first appointed National Director for JCDA began traveling across the country to encourage Catholic Daughter Courts to initiate small groups of young women. The focus of these groups, which would gather in private homes, would be prayer, developing their faith, and the organization of charity projects while enjoying fellowship with other young Catholic girls.

Today, 93 years later, the motto of “Be Useful” and the goals of “Love God, Serve Others, and Live Nobly” remain unchanged. The Threefold Program of Involvement still focuses on “Message – possessing an active faith in God, Service – doing good for the benefit of others, and Community – the heart of JCDA, with love for their JCDA court, families, community and the world.”

History shows JCDA began under the jurisdiction of National CDA until 1988 when it was transferred to the individual states. Each state having a JCDA program, established a program designed for their specific state. Now back under the umbrella of National CDA statistics are being gathered to assess the number of JCDA courts along with a current membership count. The JCDA Tools of the Trade and the National JCDA brochure are being updated by an appointed National JCDA Advisory Board. These items will be available on the National CDA website upon completion. Currently available are the recently approved new Membership Application and Medical Release form which can be found on the National CDA home page under JCDA.

Since the inception of JCDA, the Juniors are sponsored by a local Catholic Daughter Court. Upon graduation from high school it is hoped these young ladies will transition into a Campus Court if one is available or into a local Catholic Daughter Court. These young ladies want to be part of something that makes a difference in the world, to develop a deeper relationship with God – welcome and nurture them.

Our deepest gratitude to the Catholic Daughter Courts who saw the importance of the JCDA program and offer this opportunity to young Catholic girls within their parish community. If your Catholic Daughter Court is interested in beginning a JCDA program, you may contact Debbie Lattus, National Youth and JCDA Chairman at lattusdl@gmail.com.

Information was obtained from past Share articles and the book on CDA History: A Century in Review.

National Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day is Sunday, February 17, 2019

STATE NEWS

By: Anne Marin, Read Across America State Chairman

Read Across America Report Time is just around the corner! It will soon be time to gather your information and let TX State CDA know how your courts have encouraged literacy and reading.

Dr. Seuss Day is so popular and many schools, both at the elementary and secondary levels, sponsor this event. It is a lot of fun and provides opportunities for students to dress up, read silently, or read to a group of children.

The activities you plan for your court can be simple: you can read to your children or grandchildren; you can join a reading group; or you can volunteer at the public library to facilitate the Children's Reading Hour.

Join a neighboring court to promote literacy, and I guarantee it will be very rewarding. Remember to report your activities on the Read Across America Form and send to me. The reporting form is available on the Texas website and in the Regent's Resource Packet. The possibilities are endless! If you have any questions or ideas to discuss, feel free to contact me.

District Deputy Comments:

By: Cynthia Grigar, DD#28

First and foremost, be thankful for all God's blessings He has bestowed upon us.

We all have some form of challenges each and every day, some more than others. We must PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, for everyone.

Please note that all CDA contests are fast approaching. Be aware of all deadlines – they are important! Also, consider attending the CDA State Convention in McAllen, Texas, on May 2-5, 2019.

Always take pride in your work and your court's accomplishments. I'm proud of all the many works/projects you do for your church, your community, your country. Acknowledge and support your sister courts when they have fundraisers, etc.

My challenge to you is to take on a new special project for 2019. Step outside the box!

Ladies, remember to show kindness, compassion, and respect to others – leave the judgmental attitudes. Your court officers definitely deserve this. They have a tough job to do as they keep the records and history of your court.

I pray for a blessed and prosperous new year!



February Birthdays

Maria Munguia (Feb. 7th)
Debbie Kent (Feb. 19th)
Laurie Michalke (Feb. 22nd)
Virginia Ciapi (Feb. 28th)

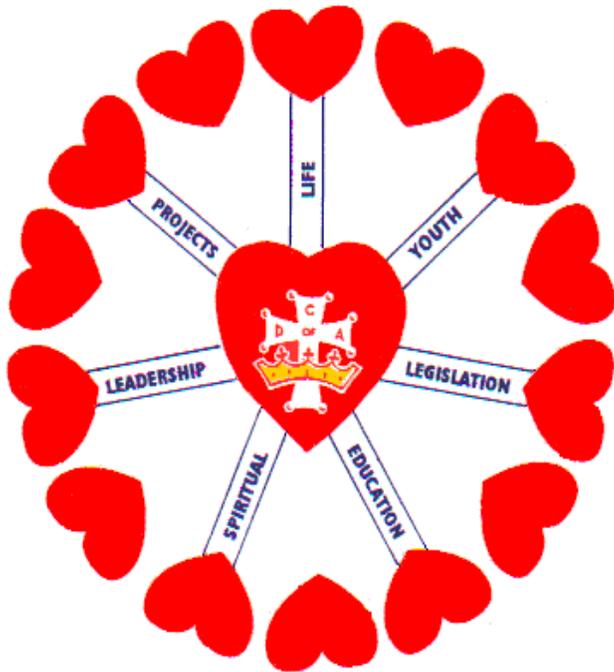
February Anniversaries of Ordination

Deacon Robert (Feb. 3rd – 12 Years)
Deacon Ben (Feb. 6th – 20 Years)
Deacon Jerome (Feb. 6th – 20 Years)



February Wedding Anniversaries

Dennis & June Kocich (Feb. 4th – 30 Years)
Jim & Cynthia Grigar (Feb. 5th – 42 Years)
James & Patty Wright (Feb. 12th – 25 Years)
Paul & Iris Orellana (Feb. 19th – 37 Years)
Bill & Edi Zapalac (Feb. 22nd – 70 Years)



CIRCLE OF LOVE

We are in need of chairmen for our Circle of Love Program. If you wish to volunteer for one of the vacant positions, please contact our Regent.

Circle of Love Chairmen

Quality of Life – **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

Leadership – Iris Orellana

Spiritual Enhancement – Diane Bartlett

Legislation – Joyce Eckelberg

Education – **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

Youth/JCDA – Abby Lynn Moyle

Family – **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

