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UNITY AND CHARITY

Regent's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Saint Isidore, the patron saint of the internet, was with us on April 13th as we held our April meeting using Zoom! If you have never heard of Zoom, it is an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing across mobile devices, personal computers and telephones. Many businesses and schools are now using Zoom to assist in connecting people during this uncertain time of the Covid-19 virus. We encountered a few "hiccups" but generally the meeting was a success as we completed the business at hand. If you have not had an opportunity to utilize Zoom, now is a great time to learn about it and even use it to connect with family and friends!

Please note that the date for the May meeting was changed during our April meeting. We voted to move it from Monday, May 11th to **Wednesday, May 27th**. This postponement will allow us time to determine how the Covid-19 will impact our meeting next month as well as where and how the meeting will be held. In case you do not know, the ICC Education building is closed until late August due to major renovations. A new location will be announced once it is determined if we can meet face to face. This will be especially important as the election of new officers will be held at that time. The nomination committee presented the slate of nominees during April's meeting. That slate can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please make every attempt to participate in the next meeting for the election.

I pray that a cure and a way to control this pandemic will be found so we can get back to some sense of normalcy. Although this "Stay at Home" mandate may cause us to have a bit of cabin fever, we have the opportunity for more family and prayer time. I have even received some reports that a few members are working on their culinary skills!

Your sister in Christ,
Iris N Orellana
Worthy Regent

"BE NOT AFRAID"

2020 Proposed Slate of Officers

Reported by the Nominating Committee
Tammy Sturm, Cindy Konesheck, Mary Ann Reynolds

For the office of Regent

Carolyn Ritchey

For the office of Vice-Regent

Iris Orellana

For the office of Recording Secretary

Vacant

For the office of Financial Secretary

Leticia Villagomez

For the office of Treasurer

Suzanne Steffens

ELECTIONS ARE WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020
Location TBD

The above list is not the actual ballot. Anyone wishing to run for office may do so! Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May 27th meeting.

Duties of each office can be found in the CDA Tools of the Trade. The Court has a copy of the Tools of the Trade or you may view the online version at www.catholicdaughters.org.

Mandatory officer training will be August 22, 2020.



May Meeting Hostesses – Team Spring *(If allowed to meet)*

Team Captain: Rose Schroeder

Team: Merle Pacher, Mona Norris, Amy Norris, Dawn Baranowski, Betty Janish, Marcella Sosa, Cathy Floyd, Debra Supak, Lenore Dronka, Leticia Villagomez

Upcoming Tentative Dates to Remember

May 27, 2020	CDA Meeting & Election of Officers 7:00 P.M.
June 2020	CDA Mass, Installation of Officers & Priest Appreciation
July/August 2020	NO MEETINGS
September 14, 2020	CDA Meeting 7:00 P.M. Refreshments served at 6:30 P.M.

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April 13, 2020 Monthly Meeting Update

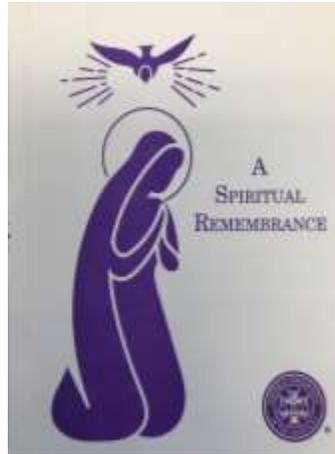
Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, our monthly meeting was held via Zoom. Items discussed were as follows:

- ✚ National Convention – Delegates will be Iris Orellana, Cynthia Grigar, and Joyce Eckelberg.
- ✚ Gift shop sales are understandably down due to the virus situation and the church not being open.
- ✚ First Communion gifts have been purchased and the ceremonies are being postponed until September or October.
- ✚ Members voted to move our May meeting from the 11th to the 27th. Location will be determined at a later date.
- ✚ Proposed slate of officers for the 2020-2022 term was presented.
- ✚ Our District Deputy has postponed the financial review until further notice. Deadline to complete has been extended to June 1, 2020.
- ✚ Senior Breakfast has been postponed until further notice.
- ✚ The 2020-2021 budget will be presented and voted on at the next meeting in which we can gather.

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



\$25.00 per card
Perpetual Mass Card



\$2.50 per card
MSF Mass Card

If you wish to purchase one of the Mass cards, please contact the respective chairmen. Contact Rose Schroeder at 979-885-3480 for the Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) Mass Cards, and Carolyn Ritchey at 281-220-9064 or musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com for the Perpetual Mass Cards.

Covid-19: Pope offers prayer to Virgin Mary for protection

(taken from vaticannews.va)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus's pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from
every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are all well, staying home, and spending time in prayer and reflection. Maria, Elena, and I are doing well. Elena is completing her online studies, and Maria is working on her crafts. I am focused on completing some work from home, discussing Mass plans with Father, and calling parishioners. Father Eric, Deacon Robert, and others are making calls as well.

Can you feel the resurrection of Christ in your life? **HE HAS RISEN!!!** Happy Easter!!!

Take a moment to calm yourself and be still. As we take a breath and soak it in, we begin to feel Christ healing power come over us. A new day has dawned and we rejoice. Our challenge is helping others experience the same healing power we feel today and everyday. Do not be overcome with filling our day with meaningless tasks. Instead focus on small works of mercy, strengthening our faith as we help those in need. We can check on each other and spend some time connecting over the phone during this time when we are separated from each other. Mary Magdalene was surprised and confused when she arrived at the tomb and found the stone removed and Jesus gone. As Father Eric explained in his homily, "The Angel did not remove the stone to let Jesus out. The Angel removed the stone so we could come in." Are we ready to seek out Jesus? Are we ready to allow Jesus into our lives? Trust in the Lord. He is risen! Remove the stone from our heart and allow him in.

Remember if you need something, need to pray with someone, or just want to talk to dispel some anxiety you may have, we are just a phone call away. You can also contact the office, leave a message, and someone will call you back very soon. If you prefer not to use the online method of donation, you can deliver it to the office on Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. or Friday 9:00 A.M. – Noon. Be sure to contact the office to make them aware that you dropped it in the drop box. A third option is to mail it to the address on the envelope.

Keep safe, stay home, and keep praying.

Your Brother in Christ,

Deacon Ben Munguia

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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.



**JCDA WILL BE DISTRIBUTING MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS
MAY 9-10, 2020
PENDING CURRENT PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS**

NATIONAL NEWS:



Welcome to the Newly Instituted Local Courts:

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Court St. Maria Goretti #2759

Regent Lynette B. Gardner
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Court Santa Maria #2760

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Grand Island NE 68801

Court Our Ladies of St. Patrick #2761

Regent Ashley Martinez
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Humble TX 77396

Court Our Lady of Montserrat #2763

Regent Suzie Pierce
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STATE NEWS

Excerpt from First Vice State Regent, Rebecca Brown's March Newsletter Article:

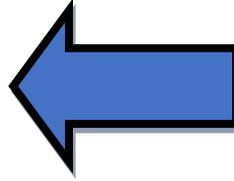
Greetings and blessings to all my CDA sisters!

The membership goal for 2019-2021 is **8 new members each year**. How is your court recruiting members? Has the court welcomed 8 new members yet? Did you know that 40 years ago CDA Texas membership was a little over 16,000? Today, CDA in Texas has a little over 16,000 members. Can you believe we've had basically no change in 40 years? Even though we have added courts, we have also disbanded courts. We cannot continue on the same path any longer. If we want to leave our daughters an organization of Catholic women who share a common faith, spirituality, and adventures, we must start to add new members in our courts. We must build leadership, friendships, and faith-filled women in our parishes, courts, and communities.

Membership is an everlasting opportunity for each member and court to grow with recruitment. Get out of your comfort zones and meet some new ladies in your parish. Be creative and open to new ideas. Try a new fundraiser, retreat, event, or spiritual exercise. Visit a neighboring parish without a CDA court and ask ladies if they have heard of CDA. Let others see your joy for CDA and give a personal invitation to ladies to join an organization of women. Never underestimate the effect of a personal invitation. In my mind I can hear words like...that's easy for you to say, we have a small parish and can't find ladies to join, or we have tried and nothing works....**if we say "can't" all the time, then we never will**. What do you think would have happened if Blessed Mother Mary had said I can't? Your court may have a membership chairman (each court should), but membership is everyone's responsibility. Get out of your seats, pick-up the slack, and promote CDA, engage your parish, and add new members so that in 40 years Texas CDA can say we do not have 16,000 members anymore, we have 50,000.



Denise Kaiser (April 1st)
Teresa Jaloway (April 5th)
Diane Fuller (April 8th)
Sharon Machala (April 11th)
Mary Jean Jurecka (April 12th)
Denise Smidt (April 15th)
Albina Mitchell (April 18th)
Deacon Ben Munguia (April 20th)
Maria Mendoza (April 26th)
Rosy Bonaccorso (April 26th)
Mary Cano (April 28th)
Mary Dee Frisby (April 28th)



August & Lorene Henke (April 4th – 56 Years)
Steve & Dawn Baranowski (April 12th – 40 Years)
Ron & Azalea Strong (April 16th – 26 Years)
Bobby & Connie Posinski (April 18th – 11 Years)
Efrain & Leticia Villagomez (April 26th – 12 Years)

Here's a recipe from Bernice Stolarski we all can try while at home:

Chicken or Turkey Spaghetti

Boil and debone average size chicken. Mix together in bowl:

Chicken or Turkey

1 can of Rotel tomatoes

1 can of cream of chicken soup

1 can of cream of mushroom soup

Medium package of spaghetti (cooked)

Pour mixed ingredients into a 9x13 Pyrex dish. Add slices of Velveeta cheese and stir around. Bake in 350° to 400° oven until cheese is melted (about 15 minutes). Serve with tossed salad and vegetables.

**Here's what I do differently. I use about one and half cups of cooked shredded chicken. I also chop up the Rotel tomatoes. It can be done either way, whatever the preference is. I use mild Rotel, shredded cheese, and bake it at 350° for 30 minutes.