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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.

## UNITY AND CHARITY

### *Regent's Message*

*My dear sisters in Christ:*

*Can you believe that it has been one year since all this Corona virus stuff began? It sure has turned lives upside down and created a lot of fear. The good side of it all was it brought us closer to God and family. However, I am sure many of us are ready for this all to go away! I know I am.*

*I want to express my deepest thanks to our entire court, the Knights of Columbus, the Friends of the American Legion, and the entire community for all the support, help, and donations for our annual turkey dinner. We had our best year ever. Even though many had to sit in a LONG line for over an hour, they stuck with it because like Irene Krenek said, "It's the best food in town!" It was an awesome, yet exhausting, day but we once again worked as a team and got it done! Words are just not enough to tell all of you how much I appreciated every part you played in making the dinner a success! Rest up because the next dinner will be here before we know it! LOL!*

*I wish you all many blessings this coming Holy Week and Easter Season.*

*Carolyn Ritchey  
Regent*

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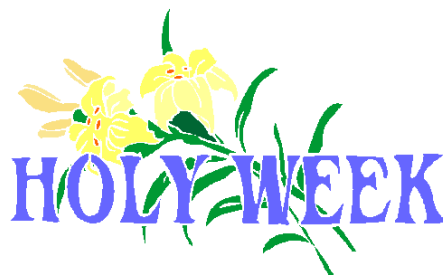
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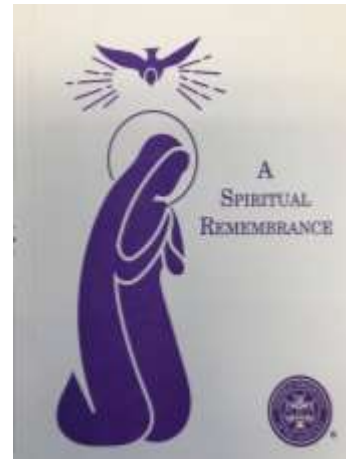




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*Continued prayers are needed for Lyn Novicke, Lisa Wilson, Jack Machala, Johnny & Lillie Jaloway, David Cryan, Gil & Maria Mendoza, Henriette Rychlik, Albert Rychlik. May God touch them with His healing hands and bring them comfort and peace.*

*Court sympathies to the family of Joe KahaneK (spouse of Debbie Pacher KahaneK & son-in-law of Merle Pacher) who passed away recently. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN!*

March 28 <sup>th</sup>	PALM SUNDAY
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	HOLY THURSDAY
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EASTER VIGIL
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER SUNDAY



## 2021 CDA Membership Dues

Remember that the 2021 CDA membership dues in the amount of \$25.00 are now due, and you have until March 31, 2021, to pay them before they become delinquent. We ask that you mail them to our Financial Secretary as soon as possible. Please mail to Cindy Konesheck, Financial Secretary at 108 Wild Phlox Drive, Bellville, Texas, 77418.

**NOTE:** Distinguished Members, as noted in the handbook, pay only \$20.00. Lifetime Members, as noted in the handbook, are paid by the Court.



**Local Scholarships Applications  
are now available at:**

[www.cdasealy.org](http://www.cdasealy.org)

**High School Counselor's Office**

**Scholarship Applications are due by  
April 15, 2021**



## 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 more information, please contact Tracie Eckelberg.

*The JCDA and their sponsors wish to thank all the donors and bidders for their annual silent auction! The girls did quite well and are very appreciative of all the support of the senior court, the church, and the community!*



## **From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We continue our journey during our Lenten season. We continue to work and keep ourselves at home as much as possible. When possible, we take time to be with our grandkids. We have not ventured out from Sealy or Rosenberg. We hope you have continued to keep healthy.

*"14 Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your heritage, that lives apart in a woodland, in the midst of an orchard. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old; 15 as in the days when you came from the land of Egypt, show us wonderful signs. ... 18 Who is a God like you, who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; who does not persist in anger forever, but instead delights in mercy, 19 and will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our iniquities? You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins; 20 you will show faithfulness to Jacob, and loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from days of old." - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20*

"*Shepherd your people...*", Care for those in our charge, our family, our spouse, those in our circle. Our focus should be how we can continue on our path to salvation. We guide those in our care by our example.

"*Who is a God like you, who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; who does not persist in anger forever, but instead delights in mercy.*" God is ever loving, merciful, and compassionate. Our response is one of obedience. We reject our urge to be destructive; we are calmer, we seek ways to share God's love with one another. During our Lenten journey we look for ways to improve our relationship with Christ in order to find our way to salvation.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Deacon Ben





## **NEW CDA REACHING OUT MINISTRY**

Ladies, there will be an introductory meeting for all those interested in learning about our new CDA Reaching Out Ministry on Thursday, March 25<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the ICC center. This is to inform our members on what the ministry is all about and to see if it is something you would like to be a part of. There is something for everyone no matter how much you have to give, however, there is no obligation to volunteer. This is our way to practice Unity and Charity right here in our own court, parish, and community by serving those in need.

If you cannot make the meeting or would like more information, please call Joyce Eckelberg at 979-885-9646 or email at [joyceeckelberg@gmail.com](mailto:joyceeckelberg@gmail.com). We all have time and talent to give.

### **Reaching Out is looking for:**

- ✝ You or an elderly person, single parent/persons or any family in our court, parish or community who could use a phone call, emotional support or have physical needs, please let us know.
  
- ✝ You or someone you know in our court or parish who needs a ride to the doctor. We have several volunteers that would be happy to take them.

Someone has already donated almost a full house of furniture to give to a needy family or to several families. God is Good! All the time!



## NATIONAL NEWS:

POINTS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES for court meetings:



- 1) Always rise when addressing the chair.
- 2) Wait to be recognized.
- 3) Write your motions on forms provided and submit to the regent.
- 4) There can be no debate until the motion is moved and seconded.
- 5) The motion is then considered and debated.
- 6) Maker of the motion is the first to speak in debate.
- 7) During debate, direct your discussion to the chair - not to individuals nor about personalities.
- 8) Amendments may be made to improve the motion.
- 9) Keep debate germane to the motion.
- 10) Amendments to a main motion must be approved prior to voting on the main motion.
- 11) Following all debate, the regent puts the question.
- 12) Regent announces the result of the vote.

## STATE NEWS:

The Nominating Committee for the 2021 Texas State Convention has **proposed** the following slate of officers:



*State Regent - Rebecca Brown (Angleton)*  
*First Vice State Regent - Carolyn Ritchey (Sealy)*  
*Second Vice State Regent - Terrie Vacek (The Woodlands)*  
*State Secretary - Virginia Olsovsky (Flatonia)*  
*State Treasurer - Dela Garza (Houston)*

Remember this is the **PROPOSED** slate of officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the 2021 Texas State Convention. Candidates who wish to run from the floor must turn in a completed package before the gavel goes down to open the convention and begin the business meeting of the Texas State Court.

# THANK YOU!

Planning for the turkey dinner this year was a little more difficult than normal. Not only did we have to contend with the virus and the CDC Guidelines for protecting everyone involved and protecting the community, but we also had the winter blast!

Supplies were a shortage and thinking outside the box was something that just had to be done and done in a hurry. So, let me tell you what happened and then let me follow that up with how God turned it around and blessed our organization.

- We order turkeys in June/July to get what we need for the dinner. We normally get Genie-O turkeys, but someone at the distributor sold our reserved turkeys. Well, they had to replace them, so they replaced them with all Butterballs but charged us the Genie-O price. However, we needed a few more pounds of turkey, so Kevin Krampitz at Bill's Country Market donated 4 additional turkeys!
- We could not get a large order of bread and dinner rolls delivered to Bill's Country Market, so they suggested trying a larger grocery store. It just so happens that my husband, Frank, works with a guy who is married to the manager of the Fiesta on Fry Road at Hwy 159. So, a phone call was made, and she could get us the bread we needed for the dressing and at less than \$1.00 per loaf. So, we want to thank Frank and Brian & Candice Bundy for their efforts in getting us the bread from Mrs. Baird's.
- With the Butterball turkeys being such clean birds, wash time was cut in half, which was a huge help in getting the birds cooked and all of us out of the kitchen early this year.
- The KCs voted to give us 50% back on our rental. It was rumored that we might get 100% back, but it was only rumor – so I thought. The KCs met that following Thursday, and I received a couple of phone calls telling me that the KCs decided to reverse their decision and give us the hall rental back 100%. I was ecstatic!
- The Friends of the American Legion offered to help our organization out with recouping the 50% of the rental that we thought we were not getting back, so they generously gave me an amount to assist us in providing more charitable donations. I was humbled – not by the amount, but by what was said. Our good deeds, efforts, and charitable contributions to the parish, the community, and even beyond have not gone unnoticed. Board members wanted everyone to know what they see in the Catholic Daughters as a charitable organization, so they presented our court with a very generous amount on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Some members and officers were present for the gifting of the donation. Their kind words made all that exhausting work for the dinner worth it.

So, the Catholic Daughters Court St. Elizabeth #1616 would like to say THANKS to everyone, but above all our Lord and Savior! "Where God guides, He provides." (Isaiah 58:11)

Carolyn Ritchey  
Turkey Dinner Chairman