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## UNITY AND CHARITY

### Regent's Message

*My dear sisters in Christ:*

*What a whirlwind this month has been! We have had our court meeting, financial review, funerals, and the state convention.*

*Speaking of the convention, thank you all so much for endorsing me for the office of First Vice State Regent. On Friday, April 16, 2021, I was officially elected to that office and will serve the great State of Texas for the 2021-2023 term. I also want to give a shout out to our District Deputy, Cynthia Grigar, for everything she did at the convention and to our members who attended! I think they had a great time....see pictures in this newsletter.*

*Congratulations to Suzanne Steffens for being elected as an alternate to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee!*

*One more month and then we get a break for the summer! Looking forward to that, but we will keep in touch!*

*Carolyn Ritchey  
Regent*

# WELCOME



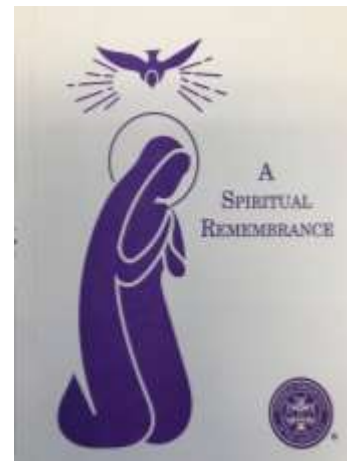
Welcome to our newest CDA member, Elizabeth Guerrero, who was received into the court on April 12, 2021! Her daughter is a JCDA Member!



\$25.00 per card  
Perpetual Mass Card

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

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



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

*Court sympathies to the families of Henriette Rychlik, Albert Rychlik, and Mary Alice Ondruch who passed away recently. We also pray for our State Parliamentarian Carolyn Malik whose husband, Daniel Malik, passed away. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN!*

## Prayer of Comfort

You hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry these precious people in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your great wings of love, give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity, and be comforted by the promise of heaven.

We ask all this in the precious name of  
Jesus.

Amen





## 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.

# Congratulations to Ally Dickens!

**Ally is the recipient of a \$2,500 State MSF Scholarship!**

# Congratulations!

**Court St. Elizabeth #1616 Local Court Scholarships  
\$400.00 Each**

**Yesenia Barboza  
Alexis Bartlett  
Ally Dickens  
Samantha Henke**

**Senior Awards Night is slated for Monday, May 24, 2021.  
Scholarship certificates will be presented to the  
students during the ceremonies.**



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

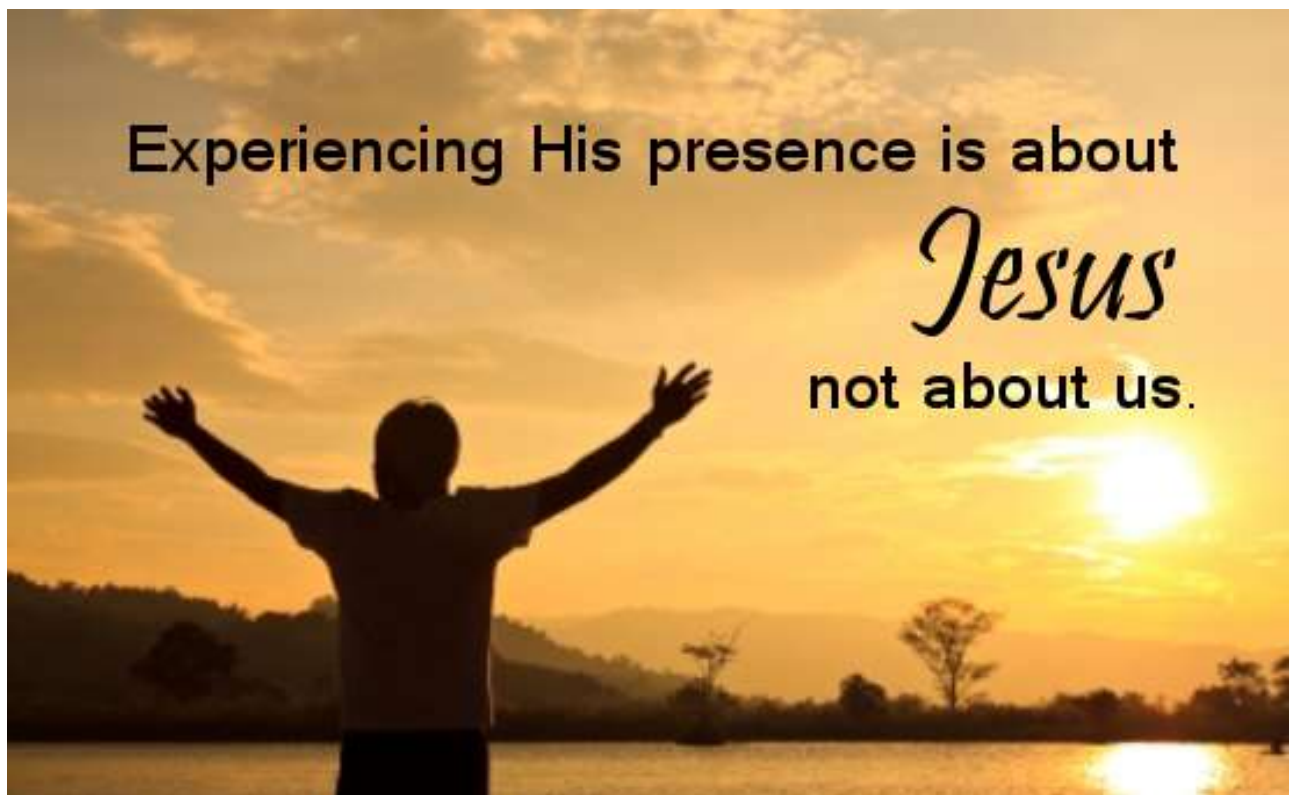
Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thanks be to God! First our theater group is on its way to state. We are very proud of the team and especially Elena for her participation. In addition, Maria and I are thankful for the opportunity to attend the CDA state convention. It was inspiring and fun. If given the opportunity, please consider attending the next one.

Alleluia He is Risen!!! "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." This psalm was the convention's theme. We are called to recognize the gifts we receive from God, gathering together to understand the struggles we have in common. Our struggles in our own court also need to be identified as blessings as we allow the struggle to help us grow and not stunt our faith. As we reflect on our experiences this past year, we see the growth not only in our family life but in our internal growth and relationship with Jesus. We learned that we are not alone. Even though we were distant from family and other people in our lives, Jesus never abandoned us. He was constantly at our sides. Joy fills our hearts, and we are glad to feel His presence as we journey closer to God and our eternal salvation.

Your Brother in Christ,

Deacon Ben Munguia





## **NATIONAL NEWS:**

### **Updating the National Store**

The Store at the National Office has been so helpful in supplying goods to courts. Ordering new court robes is so much easier. Local, state, JCDA and chaplain/spiritual advisor pins, jewelry, Catholic Daughter items with our logo, recruitment tools and supplies for all courts can be ordered with a click on the computer. Gift items are also available while supplies last.

Do you have any suggestions on items that could be added to the store inventory? Please send suggestions to any National Board member. This is our store, and we want it to be useful and include items of interest to our members.

## **STATE NEWS:**



### ***Congratulations to the Newly Elected State Officers for the 2021-2023 Term***

***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)***

***The 2023 Texas State Convention is slated for  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> in Galveston, Texas!***

If you have never attended a convention, please consider attending the next one! It is a learning experience, plus it is a lot of fun - Just ask those that have already been to one!

## Convention Memories - 2021

Scenes from the Friday Night Hootenanny!



Suzanne Steffens on the washboard



Cynthia Grigar can sure play a mean #5 washtub bass! Wait! I thought she was a pianist! Multi-talented lady!



Well, well, well! Cindy Konesheck and Joyce Eckelberg play too! Hope you ladies are all available for our next CDA event! Do you take requests?



# Convention Memories - 2021

More scenes from the Friday Night Hootenanny!



Deacon Ben & Maria Munguia kept our gals in line! Don't they make a cute couple!!



Even a Deacon can cut a rug!



The gang's all here!  
Iris Orellana, Suzanne Steffens, Cynthia Grigar, Joyce Eckelberg, and Cindy Konesheck. Hiding behind Cindy Konesheck is Cathy Ondruch, Regent of Court Our Lady of Faith #2607 in Frydek!



Here is everyone posing for a picture in Texarkana, Texas

# Convention Memories - 2021

## *Installation Mass*



*1<sup>st</sup> Reading by  
Carolyn Ritchey*



*Gospel Reading by  
Deacon Ben Munguia*



*Carolyn Ritchey  
installed as First Vice  
State Regent by Rev.  
Justin Braun &  
Father Victor*



*(left to right) Virginia Olsovsky, Melodie Brunt,  
Carolyn Ritchey, Deacon Ben Munguia, Rebecca  
Brown, Father Victor, Terrie Vacek, Dela Garza,  
Carolyn Malik*



*May God bless our  
newly elected officers!*



# Convention Memories - 2021

## Saturday Evening Banquet



*Table 10 was reserved for  
Court St. Elizabeth #1616*



*State Officers taking  
a peek at Melodie's  
State Regent's Ring*



*Carolyn Ritchey with  
State Sales Chairman  
Diana Kammer*



*Court St. Elizabeth #1616  
Cynthia Grigar, Cindy Konesheck,  
Suzanne Steffens, Deacon Ben &  
Maria Munguia, Iris Orellana,  
Joyce Eckelberg*

*"This is the day the Lord has  
made; let us rejoice in it and be  
glad." Psalm 118:24*