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“UNITY and CHARITY
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2026

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STATE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR ~ DEACON TIMOTHY MYERS



Dear Catholic Daughters,

We often talk about the importance of our work, our ministries, and our service to the Church. But today, I want to talk about something equally vital to our spiritual health: **vacation**.

When my brother and I were married and raising our own children, my parents made it a priority to plan family vacations. With ten of us traveling together to places like Disney World or Hawaii, life was a whirlwind! We were always on the go, trying to see every sight, hit every attraction, and maximize every moment. Those were wonderful times, filled with laughter and memories that I still cherish deeply.

However, as I have grown older, my perspective on what makes a "good" vacation has shifted.

Now, when I plan trips and invite my daughters and their significant others to join us, I find myself taking a different approach. I am almost the exact opposite of my parents in this regard: I no longer feel the need to rush. Instead, I find that my greatest joy comes from **slowing down**.

There is a profound, holy beauty in simply *being* together.

I have come to realize that the quality of our time is not measured by how many attractions we visit or how many sites we check off a list. It is measured by the conversations that happen when we are not rushing, the shared meals, and the intentional space we create to truly know one another in the present moment.

In our busy lives—and even in our busy parish lives—we can sometimes fall into the trap of "doing" rather than "being." Vacations are a sacred opportunity to break that cycle. They remind us that our families are the first "Domestic Church" we are called to serve and nurture.

So, my encouragement to you this season is this: Do not feel pressured to fill every moment with activity. Give yourself and your loved ones the gift of a slower pace. Whether you are traveling far or enjoying a "staycation," look for the moments of grace in the quiet, and treasure the blessing of simply being together.

In Unity and Charity,

Deacon Timothy Myers

State Chaplain, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

STATE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY



“May He draw our hearts to himself, that we may follow Him in everything and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances, which conjoined on our fathers.”

The above verse is from 1 Kings 9:58 and was said by Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. It reminds us of our relationship with God. It is not in a building but within our hearts that God dwells. The Church, the People of God united to Jesus, is the new temple. We express the living presence of God in our world by loving others with the love of God. Jesus intercedes for us, teaches us and shepherds. Solomon reminds though that we are to follow the commands, statutes and ordinances. We are to do right, good and just. Follow the rules and all are treated fairly.

This struck a chord with me as we are coming out of our elections of new local court officers and sending Delegates to the National Convention to represent our courts in voting on By-Law changes and new National Officers. New Local officers, I encourage you to read and study the By-Laws of our organization. The By-Laws are re-printed with updates after National convention. You may purchase a copy through the National on-line store. Take this summer to read through 2024 edition of the By-Laws and read through the Tools of the Trade which houses the procedures of our organization. You would not play a board game without knowing the rules, so please, know the rules before you lead your court.

Delegates, by now your court should have discussed the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and you hopefully have an idea of how you will represent your court in the vote. Please base your vote for National Officers and Directors on their service on the national board, their skills and talents and how they present themselves at the Candidate’s Night. Meet them. We want everyone to have a level playing field, to be voted in fairly and to be the best person for the position.

God Bless and have a wonderful and safe summer,



Lorine Bakowsky

Theme: “Commit your Work to the Lord, and Your Plans Will Be Established.
Proverbs 16:3

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA



Congrats to all court officers that said “YES” to being a leader for your local court. That being said, I remember back in the day I became the Secretary of St. Francis of Assisi. Like many of you, I was nervous and scared that I might do the job correctly. But after reading the Tools of the Trade, going to an officer’s training and talking with some of my mentors, I decided, “YES, I can do this job for my court.”

In each office there are certain jobs that need to be done. Here are a few.

- Treasurer- receives the money from the Financial Secretary, counts and deposits the money in a timely manner. She writes the checks for the court and makes sure there are 2 signatures. Keeps and balances the court’s checking account and give an updated report at each meeting.
- Financial Secretary- collects all money from fundraisers and dues, counts the money and gives it to the Treasurer for deposit. Keeps the records of all members in their court. Do not forget to give a receipt for money collected and have a second person count with you. It is important to have checks and balances.
- Secretary- keeps the minutes for all meetings, and highlights any motion made during the meeting money is being donated or paid for something. This is very helpful in Financial Reviews. Writes correspondence if asked by the Regent.
- Vice Regent- is the second in command and helps the Regent whenever asked. In charge of membership drives if asked. The Vice Regent can write up the warrant sheets (easier for VR, as Secretary is busy with minutes). Read the bills at the meetings and any correspondence.
- Regent- The local court Regent is the leader of the court but remember you were elected. To fulfill your court’s wishes. Listen to your CDA members and be their voice. Use your Spiritual Advisor and District Deputy to help you guide your court for the next two years. This summer read Tools of the Trade either in the State or National website. Get a committee together to form a budget, court calendar and update the Standing Rules.

These are just a few things each office entails.

CDA members please step up and be there to say “YES” to help on a committee or at home on projects. One of our homebound members always volunteered to print out the address labels for our newsletters, which was so very helpful to our Regent and court. THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX on ways to help your court

grow and thrive to help build the faith and love for our God in your church and community. But most importantly each of need to remember our motto and mission statement as that is what the Catholic Daughters of the Americas stand for. Praising our Lord and giving back to his people with love and kindness. Have an amazing CDA year.

Sheri Kanagawa

STATE SECRETARY ~ YVETTE



Catholic Daughters of the Americas...It's a God Thing

You have heard the saying, "It's a God thing." This catchphrase is perhaps, a more modern way to reference the Gospel of Matthew 19:26, "With God all things are possible." This passage helps us to explain the unexplainable, a blessing or a miracle. Every day as Catholic Daughters, we witness God's blessings - small or large- and we are thankful for every blessing.

Through faith and prayer, we continue to see His hand guiding our lives. This is especially true, as so many CDA sisters prayed for members to run for the office for the 2026-2028 term. I heard from many of our current officers who expressed their concerns on member's willingness to step and run for office. While there are many reasons why members do not wish to be an officer, we always encouraged our Sisters to believe and first and foremost to pray.

As the State Board receives the new officers' forms and we see so many new members serving, we know our prayers are answered!

Proverbs 3:6 has a promise: "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

We look forward to all of your good works for the new term. Have a wonderful summer.

Yvette Manard



STATE TREASURER ~ MICHELLE ECK



Summer Safety

As you start your summer activities, I would like to remind you to be aware of your surroundings. At our Spring Retreats we had the seminar on senior safety, recognizing scams and fraud so please continue this policy on your vacation and activities this summer. The scammer and dishonest people like to prey on out of towners or tourists. While in your summer get away, take this opportunity to visit a church where you are. Many cities have beautiful old churches that are beautiful but not well known. Here is a little blessing to send you on your adventures.

A Summer Blessing
May you walk with God
This summer
In whatever you do
Wherever you go
Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect
And concern for the feelings of others
May you talk to God
This summer
And every day and
In every situation
Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed
May you talk with God
Every day. Amen.
Author unknown

Michelle Eck

State Regent's Update



My dear friends, how wonderful it was to see many of you at the Northern, Central or Southern California Retreats and Workshops. We had over one hundred and twenty women attend the events, and it was so much fun to listen to and participate in the discussions with all of you. Members remarked they enjoyed making the Anchored in Christ candle, leather stamped key fob and the Our Lady of Guadalupe vase. Deacon Tim was honored to be able to attend all three events and how blessed were we in the north to be able to venerate the relics of St. Peregrin. We asked for his intercession for all our sisters suffering with cancer, and for all our family members afflicted with this disease.

The central retreat had a wonderful and informative presentation by a Tulare Police Department on frauds and scams affecting Senior Citizens and our Southern California ladies had motivational speaker Cheri Ballenger.

Thank you to all the courts that hosted lunches, helped with setting up and assisted with being workshop leaders. In Unity, we accomplish amazing things.

The Spring also brought in the Circle of Love entries and we saw an increase in entries. It is awe inspiring to see how much good our organization is doing in our communities and in the state of California. A few reminders from our assessments, please ensure you make the deadline for mailing in or emailing your entries. Remember to send only one project per spoke of the wheel. Ensure the projects reflect the National theme and that all rules are followed for the entries, including size of the art piece, whether logos or words are allowed on art and try to include photos of the event and how many CDA members participated as well as how many attended the event. You are all amazing and do amazing work. We are all better because we are in each other's lives.

Quality Court Awards – if you have not submitted your Quality Court entry, please do so. We love to hear how well your Court is doing. One criticism of this program was that it made courts “compete against each other.” I assure you, it does not. This program is a tool for local court boards to plan their goals for their CDA year.

I hope to see you at National Convention. We have a fun State Dinner planned.

Yours in Christ,
Lorine

LOCAL, STATE and NATIONAL EVENTS

<p>MONTHLY ROSARY</p>	<p>COURT COMPTON #942 MONTHLY ROSARY When: 3rd Wednesday of Month Where: Zoom Time: 7:00 p.m. Zoom: Meeting Id: 837 9698 8058 Passcode: 825419</p>
<p>TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS</p>	<p>L.A. ARCHDIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ACCW) ROSARY When: Tuesdays & Thursdays How: Call-in: 1-425-436-6200 410510# (this is a toll-free call) Time: 8:00 P.M.</p>
<p>JULY 18, 2026</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE: COURT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM #2658 – “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” When: Saturday, July 18, 2026 Where: St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall 546 E. Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301 Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM</p>
<p>SEPT 12, 2026</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE: CONGRATULATORY MASS & CELEBRATION BANQUET Mass: Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral @ 5:00 PM Vigil Mass 718 Nazareth Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606 Banquet: DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh Durham Airport at RTP 4810 Page Creek Lane Durham, North Carolina 27703 Banquet @ 6:30 PM with no Host Bar</p>
<p>2027</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE: 2027 CA STATE CONVENTION Sacramento, CA</p>



2025-2027 CIRCLE OF LOVE STATE CHAIRPERSONS

A circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven-point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest - LOVE.

EDUCATION

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Hello everyone!

As we get ready for summer, let's give thanks to God for the good and the bad we have experienced this past year, for it is in the difficult times that He is nearer. Let us also pray for wisdom, patience and joy so that we may work in unity and charity with one another.

I want to congratulate all the students and Catholic Daughters who participated in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Education Contest. It is inspiring to see these students' and Catholic Daughters take the time to complete their entries and meet the deadline. Their efforts also speak volumes of the dedication put forth by the Catholic Daughters who organized the local court's competition. Most of the courts who submitted the entries did it in a timely manner and followed the directions provided by National. However, I would have liked to receive more entries in all categories.

Although the number of Court Projects submitted was only thirteen, it was difficult to choose the top three because they were all very good. Many involved fundraising for scholarships and supporting Catholic Education with school supplies and Catholic books. Some taught their members and community how to make rosaries, how to celebrate advent in different cultures, how to fundraise and others taught their members how to access resources.

To increase the number of submissions for both Court Projects and Education entries we need to start early. Choose the Education Chair at the first meeting of the year. Make sure to write a small article for every church bulletin in your area as soon as National shares the theme for 2026-2027. Send an email to the English and Art teachers at the schools in your area, or better yet, leave a handwritten note reminding them of the contest. If your parish has a school, offer an ice cream social or other reward to the class with the most submissions.

Please contact me over the summer to share some of your suggestions and strategies for a successful response to the Education Contest. I will share your ideas in my next article!

Your sister in Christ,

Maria Arechiga

FAMILY

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Courts are encouraged to strengthen family relationships by interacting with one another in service to the family community. Families praying together, working together, and playing together truly encompass the Circle of Love.

I recently reread all the entries submitted to me on the Circle of Love Reporting Forms, and I was heartened to read about the many ways in which we, as Catholic Daughters, serve our communities. From helping families at Christmas with food and gifts, to serving the elderly, supporting those in need, and reaching out to families facing difficult times, our Courts continue to live out our mission with compassion and dedication.

As we approach the warm summer months, let us continue to strengthen our family relationships and create opportunities to spend meaningful time together..

Consider planning a family day trip to one of California's beautiful missions and invite your CDA family to join you. A shared day of faith, history, and fellowship can create lasting memories.

Other ideas to nurture family connections include:

- Hosting a picnic at a local park
- Organizing a family game or movie night
- Planning a special one-on-one outing with a child, parent, or sibling
- Attending Mass together followed by breakfast or lunch
- Volunteering together at a local food pantry or community event
- Creating a family prayer night or Rosary gathering

The Circle of Love reminds us that even simple moments spent together can strengthen bonds, deepen faith, and bring joy to our families and communities.

Laura McQuoid

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Blessings CDA Sisters in Christ,

My prayer for all my CDA Sisters is that you and all of yours are doing well! I trust you have had a wonderful Easter surrounded by God's love and all your loved ones. Knowing we are still in the Easter Season, the time of reflection, renewal and revival continues!

As I have been preparing to write this article, the thought of 'my why' keeps tugging at my heart and I am compelled to write about this topic. What am I referring to when I say, 'my why'? Very simply put, WHY did I join Catholic Daughters? The main reason that comes to mind is the fact that two of my favorite people were already part of Catholic Daughters and if it was good enough for them, it was good enough for me. Once I attended a monthly meeting and the more I learned about CDA, it all became clear to me that my call to the wonderful, national, and largest organization of women was to SERVE. This was the reason why God kept tugging at my heart and asking me to serve Him. In my education of serving Him, I realized I was also serving my fellow brethren in the Church I attend and my local communities. Often when we get caught up 'working' within our Courts, we may lose sight that we are part of a larger body of sisters and the CDA FAMILY. During those times of reflection as to your WHY, please remember that WE are part of an organization and ministry greater than ourselves.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Courts that submitted a Leadership Circle of Love entry, and I want to congratulate you all! The fact that an entry was submitted on behalf of your Court was enough to say you are all winners in my book and in my heart. And I take this opportunity to challenge all of you to prepare yourself as you host all the events in your respective Courts to keep in mind not only the Leadership Circle of Love, but all the spokes of the Circle of Love and be prepared to submit your entries next year. I know Courts are very busy and because of that, there is no reason not to submit your entries and not only showcase your events but SHARE all that you do to help other sister Courts. I would also like to congratulate all the named winners and hear all the wonderful works being done not only in our local Courts, but nationally as well.

We are also entering a time of reflection and change amongst our Courts where we are tasked with the responsibility of electing new officers for our Courts. Congratulations to all of you that prayed about serving in a Leadership role and I would also like to thank you for taking on this responsibility. For all other members of your Courts, please support your newly elected Officers in whatever capacity they may need, because a Leader is only a Leader if they are part of a TEAM. And take this time to keep praying about serving as an officer in 2 years. If ever you would like to contact me, please do not hesitate to reach out I am here to SERVE and I will make myself available to assist.

The time for our National Convention in Iowa is slowly approaching, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible that will be attending.

Ismaela Muniz Heiden

LEGISLATION

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California Catholic Conference

<http://www.cacatholic.org>

Greetings! I hope you exercised your right and voted in the primary elections. Just a reminder, Catholic Daughters may work for a candidate or a proposition, as an individual but may NOT represent the Catholic Daughters when expressing their opinions.

I hope you are planning to attend the National Convention in Iowa. I am going and bringing my spouse with me. We look forward to seeing you there. But before we do that we are going to attend the Eucharistic Conference in Philadelphia from July 2nd thru July 5th. We will be in Philadelphia to celebrate America's 250th birthday – what a treat!

Even more special for me is that we will be taking the train down to Washington DC to visit one of my sons and 5 of my grandkids and one great grandson for 4 days. Then we travel again by train down to South Carolina and visit another son and granddaughter for three days. We will fly home out of Myrtle Beach making connection in Denver to continue to California. It is going to be a great trip. I have not visited with some of them for over a year, so I am really looking forward to it.

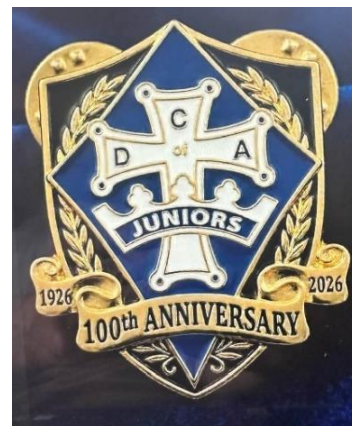
I hope you have a very blessed summer. Make time to visit family if you can.

Maureen Laubacher

YOUTH/JCDA ~ OPEN

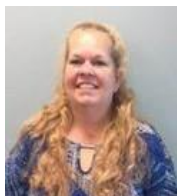
JCDA Courts Mother Lupita and Our Lady of the Desert

Prayers asked for the JCDA Court Mother Lupita and Court Our Lady of the Desert members and their chaperones as they journey to St. Charles, Louisiana to attend the 100th Anniversary of the JCDA from June 9-12th.



QUALITY OF LIFE

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Hello, My Lovely Sisters,

I want to say thank you to all the courts. It is obvious that you are all taking into consideration

those whose quality of life needs improvement. Over half of our courts have submitted reports on events they are doing in this area and I know there are many more who are doing things and just have not reported on it. I would like to stress again how important it is to take that 5-15 minutes to fill out a report. It gives you the opportunity to toot your own horn and let the State know the good things you are doing so they can let National know.

I love those who are reaching out to the retirement homes, lets not forget to also reach out to our own members. Many of our courts have members who may not drive any more or can not get out of the house like they used to. A visit or phone would just make their day. I would like to also welcome and thank all the ladies who have stepped up and said yes to being

a local court officer. Please know that if you are a bit scared, that it is normal, but unnecessary. You have ladies in your own court who are willing to help you and ladies outside your court you can come to. District deputies are ready and waiting to assist you, and there are many other experienced ladies willing to help. I have many courts who reach out to me, and I am happy to help, even outside the area of Quality of life. Text or email is best, I am difficult to reach on the phone, but you can always leave a message.

I was excited to see so many of you at the Southern California Rise & Renew Retreat. What a wonderful and inspiring day. Thank you Lorine, Yvette and Deacon Tim, Job well done ☺.

Enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing some new faces at the Officer training.

Mary Beasley

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

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You have got to be in it, to win it!



Hello Summer! As some courts take the summer off, now is the perfect time to research and plan next year's projects. Specifically, Spirituality! This year we received twenty (yes, 20!) entries for Circle of Love – Spirituality Contest. The contest had three judges: a records supervisor (a man), a customer service representative, and a chaplain. None were Catholic Daughters and all were excited to read about the great

activities we participated in throughout the year.

The purpose of the Circle of Love (COL) contests is to share and showcase our various courts activities. A time to (not so humbly) brag about the "avenues of service" that we, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, take to 'live out our spirituality.' This year's participants included

rosary activities, teas/luncheons, masses, bible/homily contemplations, and physical activities. The courts hosted large (75 guests or more) and small (less than 20 guests) groups. What each of the judges cited was how deeply they were touched by the explanations and how many people were touched, whether attendees or in the larger community. In a word: IMPACT.

There was no absolute winner amongst the judges. First place entry was number one for two judges but did not place in the top five for the third judge. Second and third place winners faired similarly.

What does a winning entry look like? Well, first you have to enter. Entering is half the battle. We have over 60 courts in the state of California and we received twenty entries. Of those twenty (twenty-one, if you count the court that sent two entries for the same project), three were disqualified due to late arrival. Twenty entries is a third of our local courts. Nice but I am sure we can do better.

Second, the entry should have a clear description of the event. Tell us how many members participated. Maybe you have a small court, but half of the members played a role in the event. That is 50%, no matter how you look at it! What was the purpose of the event? Some entries showcased sisterhood. Others the power of unified prayer. While others demonstrated an act of service.

Third, add a photo or a copy of the program. One entry sent traditional printed photos, and another sent color photocopies. A picture is worth a thousand words when the judge can see the gathering of sisters, the item being made, or a comforting act. The printed program told parts of the story, like preparation and how people participated in the execution of the event. Either way visuals help.

This was my first time leading a Circle of Love contest. I was so excited when I received the first fifteen entries. I reviewed the packets for completeness, but I tried not to read them before I handed them over to the judges. I wanted to avoid sharing any information and opinions. But once the judges had all of the entries and I had answered all of their questions, I allowed myself to marvel at the wonderful works. So, document your court's activities throughout the year. Reflecting on the memories, sharing a laugh or a good cry will remind you of the "Unity" in our motto. Let us shoot for 30 entries next year. We do so many things that should be easy.

In Unity and Charity,

Capria Woodson-Tabor

First Place: Ct. Regina Coeli #1521 – Prayer Blanket for Our Community;
Regent: Maureen Santos, Spirituality Chair: Maria Santos-Silva

Second Place: Ct. Ramon Mestres #1505 - The Way of Martha and Mary: Balancing
Action and Contemplation in Our Faith;
Regent: Miriam M. Schwertfeger, Spirituality Chair: Miriam M. Schwertfeger

Third Place: Ct. St. Anne #2517 - Evening of Adoration;
Regent: Dorothy Araiza, Spirituality Chair: Eileen Huddleston

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas quotes obtained from the national website: [Mission Motto and Purpose - Catholic Daughters of the Americas - New York, NY](#)

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2026
519	Whittier	Whittier	6/13/1920	106
1410	St. Joseph	Corona	6/23/1946	80
2360	St. Malachy	Tehachapi	6/22/1991	35
2553	St. Joachim	Madera	6/18/2005	21
2753	Daughters of Divine Mercy	Clovis	6/9/2019	7
JULY				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2026
1644	St. Patrick	Atwater	7/12/1953	73
2658	St. John Chrysostom	Inglewood	7/14/2012	14
2745	Sister Emmanuel Cardinale	Livermore	7/28/2018	8
AUGUST				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2026
281	San Jose	San Jose	8/6/1916	110
1580	St. Teresa of Avila	Lemon Grove	8/16/1951	75
2696	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Los Angeles	8/30/2015	10

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that started on May 24 in Augustine, Florida and will end on July 6 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It follows the **2026 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route**

May 24-25	Diocese of St. Augustine
May 25-28	Diocese of Savannah
May 28-30	Diocese of Charleston
May 30-June 2	Diocese of Charlotte
June 2-5	Diocese of Richmond
June 5-7	Diocese of Arlington
June 5-6	Archdiocese of Washington
June 9-11	Archdiocese of Baltimore
June 11-12	Diocese of Wilmington
June 12-14	Diocese of Camden
June 14-15	Diocese of Paterson – Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
June 18-20	Diocese of Springfield, MA
June 20-23	Diocese of Manchester
June 23-26	Diocese of Portland, ME
June 26-28	Archdiocese of Boston – Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton
June 29-30	Diocese of Fall River – Maronite Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn
June 30-July 2	Diocese of Providence
July 2-6	Archdiocese of Philadelphia

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 22 – 26, 2026

Do not forget to make your hotel reservations:

Main hotel: Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel and Conference Center
300 E. 9th Street, Coralville

Overflow hotel #1: Staybridge Suites

801 E 2nd Ave, Coralville, Iowa, 52241

Room rate: \$148 per night

Link: [Catholic Daughters Of America](#)

Reserve by Phone: 319-259-1500

Mention Group Code: No Code; let them know they would like to add their name to The Catholic Daughters of America group block.

Overflow hotel #2 Drury Inn & Suites

815 1st Avenue, Coralville, Iowa 52241

Room rate: \$150 per night

Link: <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10079355>

Reserve by Phone: 800-325-0720 Mention Group Code: 10079355.

Overflow hotel #3: Homewood Suites by Hilton

921 E. 2nd Avenue, Coralville, Iowa, 52241

Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=LOWCVHW&arrivalDate=2026-07-19&departureDate=2026-07-27&groupCode=CHWCDC&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>

(Click link > click Edit Stay to adjust dates > click Update to see available rooms)

Reserve by Phone: (319) 338-3410 Mention Group Code: CDC

When you are making your flights, remember to fly into: Cedar Rapids Regional Airport (CID)

Important dates to remember:

March 15th Delegate & Alternation forms MUST be returned to National & a copy to the State Regent

June 1st Deadline for early registration

Registration – call National to make sure they received your forms and check

June 1st Deadline for Exhibitor and Vendor Registration

June 1st Deadline for Meal Reservation

Meal Reservation Chairman – Julie Marlow @

[JulieMarlow IowaCDA@outlook.com](mailto:JulieMarlowIowaCDA@outlook.com)

June 1st Deadline to reserve a Candidate table/State CDA fundraiser item table

June 1st Hotel reservations must be made in order to ensure group rate if block has not yet been filled

June 1st Deadline for State dinner to be sent to 1st Vice State Regent

State dinner – Sheri Kanagawa @ skanagawa@hotmail.com

July 19-21 Pre-Convention Tours

**Payments go to: Linda Werner, 1002 8th Street SW, Dyersville, IA 52040
563-564-9380 or Lwerner4mk@msn.com**

July 21 Convention Workshops

July 21 Pre-Convention Concert

July 22 Opening of the 61st Biennial National Convention

Hello 2026 National Convention Attendees:

There is a tradition at the National Conventions for attendees to swap State Pins. It is a great way to meet other members from other states and leave them with a reminder of California. Please see the attached flyer for ordering information.

What: CA CDA Pin Bundle includes 6 Traditional CA CDA Pins and the CA CDA soft body pouch with carabiner

Who: Contact 1st Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa to order. See flyer

When: Email orders until July 15th, 2026

Cost: \$15 plus \$5 shipping. Checks made to CA CDA

Limited supply, only available until sold out

THE THREE CALIFORNIA RETREATS

Northern CA Retreat on April 11, 2026 at The Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, CA. Father Erik Villa, National Chaplain and CA Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Tim Myers celebrated mass. Northern CA CDA members enjoyed the retreat program, craft workshops and fellowship. Thank you to our Worthy State Regent, Lorine Bakowsky and the CDA CA State Board!



Central CA Retreat held on April 19, 2026 at St. Rita Catholic Church in Tulare, CA. Rev. Gonzalo Siller-Ramirez, celebrate mass with CDA retreat attendees. Central CA CDA members enjoyed the retreat spiritual presented by Deacon Tim Myers, CA Spiritual Advisor and workshops. Thank you to our Worthy 1st State Vice Regent, Sheri Kanagawa and the CDA CA State Board!



Southern CA Retreat held on April 25, 2026 at The Santiago Retreat Center in Silverado, CA. Deacon Tim Myers, CA Spiritual Advisor was joined by Fr. Cleopas Nsom, S.T., Associate Pastor Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church for spiritual presentation. Afternoon guest speakers were Cheri Ballinger, Actor, Producer & Inspirational Speaker and Dr. Lois Lee, Founder & CEO, Children of the Night. Thank you to our Worthy State Secretary, Yvette Manard and the CDA CA State Board!



COURT ACTIVITIES

OUR LADY OF PEACE COURT #1306, SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Court #1306 Our Lady of Peace in San Bernardino, California, met with Berenice Villa, Faith Development Coordinator of Mary's Table and then with Chief Executive Officer Tim Ney of Catholic Charities in San Bernardino on April 7th of 2026 to deliver Hygiene Kits for the homeless populations they each serve.

The kits were contained in individual plastic bags and included a selection of:

Shampoo	Toothbrush	Comb
Soap	Hand sanitizer	Toothpaste
Razor	Deodorant	Lotion

A group of us representing our Court, loaded up a car with 200 Hygiene Kits and delivered 100 to Mary's Table and another 100 to Catholic Charities. We were well received by both and were informed of the various services offered by Catholic Charities and Mary's Table. It was rewarding for us to know our donations are appreciated and of service to those in need. We thank Berenice Villa & Tim Ney for their kindness and hospitality and hope to work with them again in the future.



Upper Photo: Eva Garza, Rachel Clark, Rosalinda Ranas, Becky Valencia, Regent Olivia Guerrero, Connie Rodriguez, Berenice Villa

Lower Photo: Jesse Gonzales, CEO Tim Ney, Regent Olivia Guerrero, Becky Valencia, Eva Garza, Agustin Avantes, Rosalinda Ranas, Yelena Ruiz

CT. TERESA OF AVILA #1580

Young Ladies Confirmation Tea Party

On May 7th, 2026, our Court shared an evening of fun & unity with the young ladies of the 2026 Confirmation class at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church.

The Lord placed this idea at our Courts feet, and we ran with it after several months of planning by the Tea Party Committee and the Dir. Of Religious Education, we designed a truly special event that I am sure all of us will remember for years to come.

We had the Church Hall so preciously decorated. Each table had a beautiful centerpiece, a teacup setting and a special gift for each girl. We had a table decorated and laid out with delicious Tea fare, such as finger sandwiches, lemon bars and brownies. We had 4 different types of tea, (decaf) to choose from, Peach Mango, Spice, Raspberry and Hibiscus. We even had a Tea Party back drop for the girls to take pictures with each other. The look on the girls' faces when they entered the Hall was priceless.

We had to hold the Tea Party during the normal hours that the confirmation class was held; Because of time restraints, we had only an hour & a half to pack a spiritual punch with fun, generation building, prayer and bonding, between the Catholic Daughters and approx. 30 young ladies of the confirmation class.

Our message to these young ladies is that the Holy Trinity is with us all, in good times and bad, to pray for continued faith, and a desire to continue serving the Lord, especially after their confirmation and to remember that the Church parish of St. John of the Cross is their family as well as The Catholic Daughters, who will be thinking about and praying for them always.

This was the 1st Tea Party of its kind for the young ladies at St. John of the Cross Confirmation class, and we pray that it is the 1st annual of many to come.

p.s. The young men that are making their confirmation this year were blessed to have the Knights of Columbus provide pizza & good company for them.



Ct. Teresa of Avila #1580 members



Young ladies at St. John of the Cross Confirmation class

In Unity & Charity
Christy Harman, Regent, Ct. Teresa of Avila #1580

COURT SISTER EMMANUEL CARDINALE #2745

Our court used the retired robes to create a small bag for the new officer medallions. The idea was offered by our past Regent Laura McQuoid with input from Court members. What you see is the finished product of the idea. Our court member, Juanita Berlo, is a talented seamstress who cut and crafted them from the sleeve of each robe. We are very excited to share her creativity with our sister courts.



The photo is of our Court officers from left to right: Kathy Wolf, Arnette Leonetti, Heather Logsdon, Carmen Carrano, and Edna McCombe. The officers are holding the bag that represents their office. Juanita is centered in the image. Let us know your thoughts.



Sincerely,
Heather Logsdon, Regent
Court Sister Emmanuel Cardinale #2745

COURT OUR LADY OF GRACE #2637

On Pentecost Sunday, Our Lady of Grace #2637 was honored to award ten scholarships to graduating seniors who are members of **St. Anthony's Catholic Church - Reedley.**



Photo was taken by **George Moreno.**

COURT REGINA COELI #1521

Length of service pins: Teresa Jimenez (10 years), Natalie Outlaw (10 years), Mary Allen (25 years), and Regent Maureen Santos.



COURT THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PETER #2833

On Sunday, June 7, 2026, the newest CA court was instituted: Court The Daughters of St. Peter #2833 at the 10am mass at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Church. Members of the CA State Board and Membership Extension team were present to welcome our newest court in Lemoore, California!



COURT ST. JOACHIM #2553

Court St. Joachim #2553, Madera, Ca. recently hosted the traveling Rosary, followed by a luncheon! Appreciate Monica Herrera from St. John's court for bringing this Rosary to us!



JCDA SELFIE RETREAT 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - JULY 9-12, 2026 LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA



We had a GREAT first day! Lights are out & we are tired! Looking forward to another awesome day. We have JCDA members from 15 courts!! So exciting!! Here is a group pic at the end of a spiritual prayer walk this evening. Pictured with these wonderful young ladies is Fr. Jason, Louisiana CDA State Chaplain

STATE WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ proactivepatient@verizon.net



Congratulations to our 2026 - 2028 CDA Local Court Officers! The CDA CA State Board thanks you for answering the call to service. We are grateful for your time and commitment to ensuring that all of our California local courts can grow and continue to do good works.

It is important for the local court officers to know that you are not alone! The State Officers, district deputies, past regents are available to assist you in performing your duties. The CA Officers are available to help and offer resources to facilitate training needs for local court officers and members.

A good resource is our website, as it has information on procedural and operational information, our history, Circle of Love, fundraising and spiritual events and activities. Regularly review the website to stay informed. Bookmark the following pages for your easy reference:

- [Monthly Regent Office Hours – Zoom invitation](#)
- [Tools of the trade](#)
- [Fillable National, State and Local Court Forms](#)
- [Releases](#)
- [Golden State Tidings](#)
- [Court Events](#)
- [Featured Courts](#)

The menu is easy to use to access other valuable information.

In Unity & Charity,

Yvette Manard

GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS ~ KAREN JONES ~ Kdj4237308@gmail.com



Share what your court is doing with the other CDA Sisters. Send in your articles! Your articles, pictures or updates can be sent to me either in an email format with the text in the body of the email or as an attachment. **(I WILL NOT SHORTEN YOUR ARTICLES.)**

THEMES and DUE DATES

ISSUES & THEMES

FALL = Welcome, Recruitment, CDA Sunday, Conventions, Hospitality, Service

SUBMIT DATE Aug. 1-31, 2025 **DUE: September 1, 2025**

WINTER = Advent/Christmas, Trainings, Fundraisers, Leadership Reflections, Volunteerism, CDA Sisterhood

SUBMIT DATE Nov. 1-30, 2025 **DUE: December 1, 2025**

SPRING = Lent/Easter, Priests, Stewardship/Piety, Empathy/Compassion

SUBMIT DATE Feb. 1-28, 2026 **DUE: March 1, 2026**

SUMMER = Technology help, Parliamentary help, Fundraising, Faithfulness, Generosity

SUBMIT DATE March 1-31, 2026 **DUE: June 1, 2026**

Karen Jones