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2023 - 2025 STATE OFFICERS**

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STATE CHAPLAIN ~ Father Erick Villa



Greetings of Joy!

To serve another term as your State Chaplain is both an honor and a responsibility. I am glad to take on again as a ministry because I know I have the entire membership of CDA in California - led by the new State Officers - praying for each other, and that alone is a great blessing for me already!

I grew up with my young grandmother (she was barely 38 when she took the 4-year old me into her fold!), and every single time I am with the company of the women of CDA, I remember in many ways my grandmother who taught me a lot in life and inspired me to serve like Christ Jesus did. If only there had been a CDA court in the Philippines back in her younger days, I am almost sure she would have been part of it!

In unity and charity, I charge all of you to carry on what you have started doing already, and encourage other faithful, Catholic women to join the local Courts - through our inviting words, yes, but more importantly by your shining examples of lived-out faith!

*Peace and blessings,
Father Erick Villa*

Please Join us every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 5:00 p.m. PST via Zoom, to Pray the Holy Rosary together. The Nativity of Mary, Let us ask Our Lady to help us as Catholic Daughters in California

Zoom Log In Information
Meeting ID: 884 6902 9376
Passcode: CACCCA

*"In the same way let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."
- Matthew 5:16*

The flyer features a central text area with a soft, bokeh background. To the left, there are images of pink roses, a CDA logo with an American flag, and a '100th Anniversary' badge. To the right, there is a painting of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, surrounded by flowers. At the bottom, there is a close-up of a rosary.

Our Next Rosary is Scheduled for July 13th. After the Rosary we will have a brief meeting to assign Court Chaplains to help lead the monthly rosary and discuss changing the time of the Rosary. We are asking that all Court Regents reach out to their Chaplains and ask if they would be willing to sign up. Please plan to log in and pray with us and help us to get more CDA's and Chaplains involved in this Very Special CA CDA State Project.

FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT/NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ Essie Walker



My Dear Sisters,

I share greetings to you and your families. I hope you and your families are enjoying a relaxing summer. Now that you are more energized and stimulated, it will give you time to think about new ideals, activities and volunteer opportunities. There is no better time to share your time and talents in support of your local courts and state.

Our faith in God and our organization has sustained us to continue to grow. As we move forward, it is important that we continue to focus on membership. Over the years, our membership has taken a slight decline. Remember, we are all members of the Membership team. Please join the CDA Membership Train as it makes a stop by your court. Your contributions will make a huge impact in helping to grow and move your courts membership forward.

Look into your heart to see how you can become more involved in your court. As I always say, you are the most valuable resource in this organization. Thank you for all you do in support of your parish, community and CDA.

Most important, please reach out to shut-in members and those in the nursing homes. Remember, these women are the pillows of our organization.

Thank you to the outgoing officers for sharing their time and talents over the last two plus years. As the new state officers continue on their journey, as members please continue show your support.

Many blessings as you enjoy time with family and friends over the summer months.

Essie Walker

“Faith as Small as a Mustard
Seed can move Mountains.”
Matt 17:20

STATE REGENT ~ Maria Santos-Silva

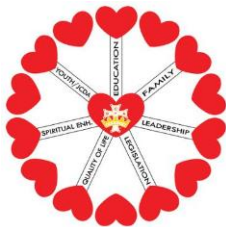


Thank you from the bottom of my heart for entrusting me along with the Amazing Team of CDA's that you elected at our last state convention to lead CA CDA's over the next two years.



I am not going to lie; I was a little nervous about this journey we are on. The list of things that needs to be done in service to our CA CDA's is long but necessary. That said, I must admit that the nervousness fades with every phone call to those who have been asked to serve the California CDA's this term during our 100th Year Celebration. The team of CDA's who have said "Yes" to serve as Chairman, Special Assignments, District Deputies, and those who have stepped up to fill into Court Offices where they need help. My nervousness receded to excitement once this team fell into place. I am excited for all the CA CDA's to feel the warmth and support when they start to interact with this team first-hand and be a part of those "CDA's Lights Shinning Bright for Others to See."

When we had our combined State Officers and State Chairman and Special Assignments meeting recently, I laid out a plan for all of those in attendance for the next two years. One of the main things that we need to work on this term is getting our Local Courts more involved in Circle of Love Projects and Reporting. I am asking that all of you take the time to go to the National CDA Web Page and familiarize yourself with the foundation of Our CDA Circle of Love Program. Share that knowledge like a "Shining Light" in your Local Courts. Assign a specific member to oversee recording and filling out the paperwork required for Circle of Love recognition. Please be on the lookout for more Circle of Love Information on our State Facebook Page, Instagram Page, and Website. When your Courts do have an amazing project, share pictures of those projects on our Social Media sites so that your Light can Shine for others to see and get ideas to use in their own Courts.



We have an exciting road ahead of us for the next two years. I am asking for your Support, Patience, and Prayers as we navigate that path. I would also like to ask that when your Courts start back up this Fall you add to your opening prayers a prayer for all the Courts in CA who are still struggling to come back from the last couple of years. Pray for those Members, for the Memories and History of those Courts to Survive. If you become aware of a neighboring Court that is struggling, encourage some of your seasoned leaders to take an interest in your neighbors and fill in where the needs arise. Build, Encourage and Train future leaders to get those struggling Courts back on the path to Service and Success. Invite those Courts to your events, help them with membership drives. Take the time to help them find the confidence needed to rebuild.

Thank you and God Bless
In Unity and Charity

Maria Santos-Silva



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Matthew 5:16*

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ Lorine Bakowsky



Dear Catholic Daughters,

Thank you again for voting for me to be your First Vice State Regent. It is honor for me to help our organization accomplish its Mission. We have 2,601 members in the state of California and 73 courts. We hope to add more courts over the next two years and I look forward to being a part of this moment in CDA history. If you visited the Memorabilia Room at Convention then you may have seen the news article about the 1957 Convention and the facts that at that time there were 20,000 women in California Catholic Daughters and San Francisco had twenty courts and Daly City one! This is amazing information....I might add – a lofty goal.

The fall of 2021 Goldent State Tidings announced that we were working to recover from COVID. We have. We are moving forward now. The State Board has a few new initiatives that will launch this fall to help build up our courts. Our Quality Court Award will be a way to recognize those courts who routinely meet and go above National and State requirements and Circle of Love goals. Will your court get the Gold? Silver or Bronze? The new positions of District Deputy Supervisors will help new District Deputies have someone with knowledge and experience to help guide them as they navigate an increase in DD responsibilities. Want to know more about being a District Deputy? All members are invited to come to the DD trainings that will be held this fall. The more you know, the more likely you are to feel confident about filling a leadership role in CDA.

Lorine Bakowsky

SECOND VICE STATE REGENT ~ Sheri Kanagawa



It was just yesterday that I received the call to be your State CDA Secretary and now the 2 year term has come to an end. These past 2 years I have learned so much about this position and our lovely Catholic Daughters organization. I know I have so much more to learn at the state level and with the grace of God and my fellow sisters I will continue to learn and serve the Lord. I want to thank you CDA sisters for being your 2nd Vice State Regent for 2023-2025.

During the next few months, our local courts are dark for the summer. It is a time to step back and rejuvenate our souls and minds. Spend time with your family and friends with dinner, vacations or just relaxing with a game night. It is also a good time to organize and build your court's leadership team. Is it possible to have an afternoon or dinner meeting with your officers but also to open up meetings to court members so maybe you can build up your court's leaders.

In every court sometimes it is difficult to get members to step up into the officer roles for the next term. Invite your members to come to the meeting so you can plant the seed of being a leader in your court. It is never too early to plant the seed.

“LEADERSHIP IS UNLOCKING PEOPLE’S POTENTIAL TO BECOMING BETTER” –
BILL BRADLEY

Blessing to each and every one of our dear CDA sisters

Sheri Kanagawa

STATE SECRETARY ~ Yvonne Connolly



Dear CDA Sisters,

I am honored to be serving as your State Secretary. Am I nervous YES, I AM! However, after our first State Board meeting in Visalia I can honestly say that I think we are in for an exciting two years. Working together as a board along with our Chairmen, District Deputies, their mentors, and you the members we can achieve the goals we set. The 100th celebration was wonderful, I am looking forward to meeting more of you awesome ladies, sharing your special events and helping build your courts via the workshops in your areas throughout the State.

We are an amazing organization that is so vital in today's world. We do so much for our Parishes and communities across our State and Country. Growing our membership and sharing our values is the key to our continued success. We must reach out, especially to younger Catholic women, so many are looking for an organization that shares their Spiritual, Christian values, we are that organization! In Unity and Charity let us reach out with love, a welcoming smile, and an invitation to join. This next two years I hope to focus, along with you, on strengthening our courts, helping those courts who might be experiencing difficulties, opening new courts, and increasing membership. Lofty goals? I do not think so, we are the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!!

Here I am Lord I come to do Your will.

Blessings to you all.

Yvonne Connolly

STATE TREASURER ~ Michelle Eck



I joined the Catholic Daughters in 2008. I have held the offices of Treasurer, Vice Regent and I am currently the Regent. I am also a member of the bereavement committee and the Martha Linens (wash and iron the alter linens). I run the Christmas Fair at our parish and run the hamburger and hot dog booth at our church festival. I have an Associate degree from American River College in general education and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with and Accounting Concentration from the California State University, Sacramento. I work for a CPA firm as the lead administrative assistant. I am responsible for the human resources, computer maintenance, payroll and the accounting of the firm. I enjoy being a Catholic Daughter and I hope to continue my journey by being the State Treasurer.

Michelle Eck

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE REGENT MARY BEASLEY'S END OF TERM MESSAGE

My wonderful Sisters in Christ,

This article is being written with conflicting feelings. Part of me is relieved and happy that my term of being your state regent is over, allowing me more time to spend with my family and doing things with my local court, but a bigger part of me is broken hearted that my term has come to an end. I cannot tell you what an honor it has been to serve on the state board for the past six years. I have met many, many women that I would have not met had I not been part of the state board. What a gift. I have visited many different churches throughout the state and have tried to support as many local courts as possible. I hope to continue to do so in the future.

I would like to thank every court that invited me to their special events. I was not able to attend every event but did try to attend as many as possible. I would also like to apologize to the courts that the State was not able to help to our fullest capacity, we did do the best we could with the timing we had. I trust the incoming board will not only pick up where we left off, but I know they will be able to start expanding the state, by instituting new courts, and to help our existing courts grow.

There are many new ideas and plans coming your way with the incoming board. I would like to encourage each one of you to attend as many state functions as possible. It is at these functions you extend your friendships and gain ideas and wisdom from your sisters throughout the state. I would also like to invite each of you to push yourself outside your comfort zone and accept new positions, whether it be within your local court, or something that is offered to you outside your court. I encourage you to attend the conventions, it is at the conventions that you can truly see what a difference the Catholic Daughters of the Americas make outside our local communities. Attending conventions, retreats, workshops, training, etc. can be so motivating, not only as an individual, but as a group. I want to see multiple people from local courts at all the state events this coming year and in the years to come. This is how we can stay connected and keep our enthusiasm for the CDA ongoing.

We will have elections in the coming year on the local level. If you have not had the opportunity to serve your court as an officer, this will be the time to say yes. It can be the beginning of many blessings to come. You do not need experience, which is the beauty of CDA, you simply need to care. If you care, you will be a successful leader.

I look forward to reading about your court in the Golden State Tidings and in the Share magazine. If I do not see you sooner, I will see you at the Retreat in Three Rivers during the spring. May God bless you all with many successful events throughout your communities.

L'Innocence



This statue is a realization of the famous painting L'Innocence by William Bouguereau, a French artist. In Innocence, the Virgin Mary is seen holding her sleeping son Jesus on one hand, and on the other, a little lamb. The painting signifies the future sacrifice of Jesus and the peace and innocence of childhood.

Our Worthy State Regent chose her as her patroness because of the significance of how CDA's are like the Blessed Mother. We understand and appreciate the Peace of the moment while at the same time we work hard in our Parish Communities where and when the need arises (and because we are a National Organization our Hard Work has far reaching influences). We work hard and sacrifice so that our "CDA Lights May Shine" bright for those experiencing pain and hardships. We do what we can to let them know that God is working through us to help them.

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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Family:

State: Laura McQuoid

National: Connie Dronette

Leadership:

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National: Brenda Anderson

Legislation:

State: Patty Lepe

National: Margaret Sitte

Quality of Life:

State: Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa

National: Nancy Bambenek

Spiritual Enhancement:

State: Wynsdey Adams

National: Brenda West

Youth/JCDA:

State: Maribel Lara

National: Yvette Griego

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Golden State Tidings:

Karen Jones

State Parliamentarian:

Laura Vacca

CA Webmaster Manager:

Yvette Manard

State Store On Site Sales

Irene Santos



CIRCLE OF LOVE STATE CHAIRMEN

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.

FAMILY: Laura McQuoid ~ I_mcquoid@yahoo.com



I had the incredible opportunity to attend the CDA California State Convention. You could hear gales of laughter before the elevator reached the floor and the doors opened. The second floor of the Westin was a sea of purple.

I could sit anywhere, and I was always included in the conversation. Guests in the hotel asked who we were. Our enthusiasm did not escape their notice. Thank you to everyone who made this event great!

The convention was truly a place where I felt the sisterhood of the Catholic Daughters. Our light was shining bright.

Laura McQuoid

LEGISLATION: Patty Lepe ~ pattylepe7@gmail.com

I am so excited to be the Chairman of the Legislation spoke of the Circle of Love. This is so much more to me than just providing information to the Courts. This is about each one of us



finding our voice, to go outside of our comfort zone and explore the public issues that are impacting our world every day like human trafficking, immigration, poverty and abortion. We will work together to find or develop projects in your community.

A little bit about me. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work based and worked in non-profit community mental health and psychiatric hospitals. My interest in access to health care led me to a change in career. I went back to school for a Master's in Business Administration and worked as a Chief Financial Officer in a medical acute hospital while still supervising the clinical departments. My heart is in the community to ensure that everyone has access to health care. I am currently a Divisional Controller for an healthcare/technology company which focuses on bringing services to people at home. I am also the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Ramona Convent Secondary School, my alma mater.

I look forward to working with all of you!

Patty Lepe

EDUCATION – Cheryl Vitali ~ Cheryl.Vitali@gmail.com



Dear CDA Sisters of California,

Happy 100th Anniversary California Catholic Daughters of the Americas! What an amazing legacy of service and dedication to our Lord and Savior women of faith have shown over the past century. It was joyful to see many CDA Sisters at our anniversary Mass today in Visalia, California. It has been wonderful to serve as a Membership Chairman for Central California and experience the energy and enthusiasm of the women who gathered recently in Pasadena. This is a time when our efforts are sorely needed as we move forward in service to a very troubled world. 2 Thessalonians 3:13 'Never tire of doing what is good.'

Let me introduce myself again as your new Education Chairman for the next two years. I am Cheryl Vitali, of Our Lady of Grace #2637, and it is an honor and blessing to be asked to be of service for our State Board. As a retired educator of over thirty-eight years of service working with all ages and fields from toddler to teaching other educators, I hope I can bring the knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm I have for education in helping all the Courts of California. This area of the Circle of Love has opportunities for all ages of life to share various gifts and talents in a way that honors our Lord and Savior, bringing out the God given talents and sharing with each other. I hope to have a great abundance of entries just as I hope to see an abundant increase in memberships and Courts in our beautiful state.

The last two years helping Courts build up again after a very long winter of inactivity worldwide has not been all smooth and easy yet each of us are constantly reminded in our day to day lives how much God and his loving mother watch over us in all our weaknesses and triumphs. When everything goes smoothly, it is easy to get complacent and even not really notice how much we need to rely on our faith and our sisterhood. Now with the fullness of spring and summer bounty all around us; we should gather that same energy and joy to move forward together in our Courts, encouraging each other, working together, and letting our joyful efforts touch the lives of others in ways that give strength and beauty. How wonderful is the concept to 'never tire of doing what is good.'

It is often a small group of people who move mountains and accomplish things. Some of the beauty of our Courts are the quiet efforts many undertake that help someone else without any fanfare or notice. Just like the bees hop from flower to flower collecting pollen, afterwards the fruits of these labors grow unseen by the bees. And we all benefit from these labors. Today our new Worthy State Regent, Maria Santos-Silva shared there are currently around 2,600 Catholic Daughters in California. Now would not it be wonderful to double that number by our next State Convention and perhaps display this happening in projects in the Education field? Spread that light, sisters.

The new educational theme should be announced soon in the coming months, use this time ahead to recharge and prepare for an amazing year of growth as Catholic Daughters and Junior CDA daughters. Continue to grow as women and daughters of faith. Gather in more bees, visit more flowers, get strength, ideas, courage, and most of all faith from each other. Bring extra joy to your parishes and communities in all the little ways that Catholic Daughters do and never, ever, tire of doing what is good.

Cheryl Vitali

LEADERSHIP: Ismaela Muniz-Heiden ~ Ismaela.muniz@gmail.com



My journey to CDA has truly been God sent! God always puts me in the places I'm suppose to be and at His perfect time! I guess it would stand to reason that my motto is "Not in my time, but in His!".

I have been a parishioner of St. John's Cathedral in Fresno, CA for approximately 30 years and served as an RCIA Team member for approximately 20 years. I had really never heard about CDA until the past RCIA Director, Vicente Garza, informed me that not only did his wife, Maria Rios-Garza, become a member, but he was honored to have been asked to be the CDA Spiritual Advisor. I decided to attend a meeting on June 23, 2019 and joined Court St. John #2526 on that day.

As God would have it, the elections for the upcoming 2020 – 2022 term were being held and I was asked by the nominating committee to run for Regent, which I agreed to and was elected. I am currently on my second term as Regent and I thank God and I am humbled to hold this position. I wanted to continue serving my Lord and my fellow Sisters and Brothers as well and God provided just that avenue through CDA. I have been very blessed to work with our Court Officers and Members and I have learned so much, but I also know there is still so much to learn!

I've made it a point to attend as many CDA events within the Fresno Diocese, as well as with the State CDA and have built many wonderful relationships by attending and participating.

I am now been humbled to serve as the State's CDA Leadership Chairman and look forward to the opportunity of working closely with the incoming State CDA Officers and CDA membership as a whole!

I am married to my wonderful husband, Michael Heiden, and have 3 furry babies, 2 dogs and 1 cat. I have recently retired and I look forward to spending more time with my CDA family in fulfilling the CDA mission, as well as God's mission for me.

Respectfully submitted,

Ismaela Muniz-Heiden

QUALITY OF LIFE: Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa ~ Arochoa28@yahoo.com



My name is Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa, and I am your Quality of Life Chairman. I am a 3rd generation Catholic Daughter from Court Our Lady of Grace # 2637. I have been married for 24 years and have 3 sons, one daughter-in-law, two grandsons and two fur babies.

As Catholic Daughters, we continually perform tasks to help improve the quality of life of our fellow man. This term I would like to focus on our spiritual Quality of Life and helping others with their spiritual Quality of Life as well. We have had so many people leave the Catholic church or not take it seriously to the point where they do not even believe that the Eucharist is the actual body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout the years, I have seen such creativity and hard work from every one of you and I know that you will continue to do so with this new challenge. Thank you and God bless. With God, all things are possible.

Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT: Wynsdey Adams ~ damewysdey@gmail.com



Wynsdey is traveling and praying for all of us. Thank you for continuing to serve as the Spiritual Enhancement Chairman.

Wynsdey Adams

YOUTH/JCDA – Maribel Torres-Lara ~ maribeltorreslara@yahoo.com



Hello, my name is Maribel T. Lara, and I was born in Michoacan, Mexico. My mom migrated to the United States with all my 7 siblings and me when I was just like five years old, and I will forever be grateful for the sacrifice and decision to bring us so we could have a better future. My mother, Teresa Torres, is now in heaven, she lost her battle to cancer in 2018 and even though my heart still hurts, I thank God each day for all the wonderful years that He allowed her to serve Him and her family. My mom did not leave us any possessions or money, but she left us

with something more charitable and valuable; she left us her Catholic faith and love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am thankful every day for all the blessings that my Lord sends my way, and two of those many blessings are my husband and children. I am married and have a wonderful husband, Jerry, and four amazing children; Bella (13), Claribelle (11), Teresita (4), and Emmanuel (3). And trust me, I pray every day for patience and for words of wisdom to assist them in their path towards God because sometimes I do not know who gives me a harder time, the little ones or the older ones.

Another blessing that I am very grateful for is my education. God gave me the strength and always placed great mentors in my way during very challenging times, especially when my mom was diagnosed with cancer, which helped me earn my credential. And I have been a special education teacher for the past seven years with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Another blessing in my life is that I found the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They invited me again when I needed God in my life the most. They helped me get back on track and guided me back to the church when my mother passed away. And then I realized that without God in my life, I could not serve my family, my loved ones, and my community.

More blessings my way, I am still here continuing to serve my community and church. I currently serve as a member of court Compton #942 and as chairman for our Juniors Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I will continue to give thanks to our Lord for giving me a mother who showed me the way of God and to continually work with me so that I can show God's way to my children, to the Juniors CDA, and to all who I come across with.

Maribel Lara

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION LEADERS

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION – Northern: Maureen Laubacher ~ maurlaub@aol.com



I joined CDA Court St Raymond in 2013 when I returned to California after spending 40 years in Virginia. My mother was a Charter Member of this court. I was elected to the Financial Secretary position in 2016. I was elected as Regent in 2018 and served two terms. During this time, I became the District Deputy for three courts and the Legislative Chairman for the State Court.

I attended the National Conventions in Pittsburgh and Sioux Falls. I have attended three California State conventions in person and one over Zoom.

My first spouse, Benjamin, died while I was in Virginia. I was fortunate to marry again in 2018 to Robert Schoenborn, who is very supportive of my Catholic daughter activities. Between us we share 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. I am truly blessed.

Maureen Laubacher

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION – Southern ~ Karen Aguirre ~ kaguirre@email.fielding.edu



Dear Catholic Daughters, It has been a pleasure to complete my 4 year term as your Leadership Chairman, and now I am excited to be serving you as your membership chairman for Southern California. As we go into our summer months, please remember to:



- 1) **Elevate your worship** as we did together at St. Andrews in Pasadena, for our opening Convention Mass-
- 2) **Adore the Lord** in the Most Blessed Sacrament like our Missionary Sisters of the Word, our new state charity-
- 3) **Serve always** like Court Little Flower #1003, as they “Led the Way” to open the biggest Church in North America, St. Charles Borromeo in Visalia!

Karen Aguirre

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION – Central ~ Kathi Morris ~ Kathi.Morris51@comcast.net



Greetings to all my CDA California Sisters!

I am honored and excited to serve as Chair for Central California Membership and look forward to meeting my CDA family throughout the state. My journey with CDA began in 2018 when I moved to East Clovis and was attending mass at Divine Mercy. The drawback is that Divine Mercy doesn't have a church. While it's being built, Mass is held in a high school multipurpose room.

I wanted to serve in a ministry for Divine Mercy and noted Catholic Daughters in the bulletin. I joined and soon discovered that the Court was comprised of women mainly from another church, so later that year I decided to create a court for Divine Mercy.

With nothing more than a burning desire led by the Holy Spirit, I set out alone on uncharted waters to forge ahead creating our court. It was arduous and often an uphill battle, but within nine months, on June 9, 2019, Court Daughters of Divine Mercy, #2753 was instituted and I was installed as its Charter Regent. I believe that my experience with creating a new Court single-handedly has prepared me for assisting new courts with building theirs.

I am the oldest of 10 children raised in a strict Catholic family. My linguistic skills in English and Spanish surfaced in high school so my mother had ambitious goals for me as an interpreter for the United Nations. My dream was to become a teacher or psychologist.

All dreams were shattered, and the trajectory of my life derailed, when, at the age of 17, my parents were killed by a drunk driver. We became wards of the court and placed in the foster care system where 10 near-perfect kids became the complete opposite. I wrote a book titled, "We Were the Morris Orphans, 4 Brothers, 5 Sisters & Me" after a sermon in Mass on our God-given gifts. I truly felt that I was commissioned by God to tell our story.

I retired in 2009 after a 35-year tenure in upper management as Chief of Audit, Disclosure Officer, and Senior Paralegal Specialist and began writing the book.

Other past and current leadership roles and volunteer positions include president of a homeowner's association, volunteer for The Boys and Girls Club, Rescue the Children, mentor for Roosevelt High School students, Sunday School teacher for six years, Court Appointed Advocate (CASA) for foster youth, Cultural Arts Rotary Club and advisor to the charter School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL). I am currently editing books on the history of Chaffee Zoo and the memoir of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier pilot.

In addition to being Membership Chair, I am also honored to be the District Deputy for three Monterey Bay Courts and this past weekend had the opportunity to meet the Regents. In future articles, I plan to include some exciting ideas on how to grow your membership based on their feedback and information garnered from other CDA Sisters.

I look forward to the next two years and pray that I will be a blessing to those that I encounter. In CDA Service.

Kathi Morris

DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISORS

**"Your Story Of
Winning
Transformation
Is The Ultimate
Leadership Tool.
You Have Lived It.
You Have Learned It.
The World Needs You
To Share It."
J Loren Norris**

DISTRICT DEPUTIES SUPERVISORS!!

These Are New Special Assignments
The State Court Is Implementing
This Term

With The Hope Of Recruiting Many New
DD's These Knowledgeable Gracious
CDA Sisters Have Accepted To Be The
First District Deputy Supervisors
They Will Work Laying The Solid
Foundation Needed For This Program
To Work And Lead Us Into
The Next 100 Years!!

Without Mentoring, There
Would Be No Apple
Computers And Many Of Our
Great Artist And Industry
Leaders Wouldn't Be Where
They Are Today. Not
Everything Can Be Learned
From School, The Internet Or
The Library. Sometimes The
Only Way To Advance Is To
Learn Directly From Someone
Who *Knows* - A Mentor.

These CDA Sisters Would Create Another
Layer Of Oversight Other Than The
Supervising State Officers
"Mentors"

Elevating Our More Knowledgeable,
Seasoned Catholic Daughter Sisters To
Give Established And Ambitious New DD's
A Direct Line To A CDA Sister With The
Time, Life Experience And Love Of Our
Sisterhood To Train Them Well

**"If YOU CANNOT
SEE WHERE
YOU ARE
GOING, ASK
SOMEONE WHO
HAS BEEN
THERE
BEFORE." —
J Loren Norris**

The Court's Will Be Notified About Their
New DD Supervisor
DD Supervisors Are To Be Invited As A
Dignitary To All CDA Events In
Addition To Their Individual DD
Court DD's Will Be Asked To
Forward Copies Of All The Financial
Reviews Of The Courts They Supervise
To Their DD Supervisor



***DISTRICT DEPUTY
SUPERVISOR!!***

**Southern California
District Deputy Supervisor
Past State Regent
Mary Bernard**



***DISTRICT DEPUTY
SUPERVISOR!!***

**Central Valley
District Deputy Supervisor
Lillian Draxler**



***DISTRICT DEPUTY
SUPERVISOR!!***

**Northern California Region
District Deputy Supervisor
Sylvia Soliz**

DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – SOUTH ~ Mary Bernard ~ DameMaryB@gmail.com



I was born in a land far, far away a long time ago, the youngest of 6 children. As anyone who has ever spoken to me, I am from England.

Met my husband Ed while living in Canada. He was offered a job which he could not refuse, so in 1981 we came to live in Southern California.

I joined CDA in 1995 as Charter Regent for Court Queen of the Americas #2418 in Sylmar.

As State Chairman for Membership/Extension I was instrumental in starting Court Our Lady of La Salette #2499 in Apple Valley. I have also been State Chairman for Leadership. Was appointed a District Deputy in 2000.

Appointed to the State Board as Second Vice State Regent, then was First Vice State Regent for 2 terms and State Regent from 2019-2021.

I have been married to my husband Ed for 42 years. We have a son Michael who has made us grandparents of Donna, Diana and William.

I am looking forward to being the DD Supervisor for Southern California. Please feel free to call me at 818-554-6998 but not after 9:00pm, or email at DameMaryB@gmail.com

God Bless
Mary B.

Mary Bernard

DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – CENTRAL ~ Lillian Draxler – Jackdraxler@att.net



Hi my name is Lil Draxler. I have been appointed to be the Fresno Diocese new District Deputy Supervisor. I have been a member of Catholic Daughters for over thirty years of Court St. Francis of Assisi #1652, serving as Regent, Vice Regent, and Secretary. On the state level I have served as District Deputy and State Chairman.

Married to Jack for 68 years, we have six children, eleven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. I am pleased to be the new District Deputy Supervisor of the Fresno Diocese.

Lillian Draxler

DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – NORTH ~ Sylvia Soliz ~ sylviasolis1@comcast.net



We are happy to announce that Sylvia has recently agreed to fill this very important position in her area. We thank Sylvia for continuing to serve the California Catholic Daughters in this very important new role.

Sylvia Soliz

PARLIAMENTARIAN ~ Laura Vacca ~ Lauraspencer.vacc@gmail.com



At our recent State Convention, I had the opportunity to utilize the skills learned over the last two years as your State Parliamentarian. There were moments that I wondered if I could do it. What if I made a mistake, how would this be perceived, what if I did not know the answer to a complicated scenario? I am here to tell you, in the midst of doubt, His ever-present guidance and Mary's ever-present peace prevailed, and all went as hoped. The board could not have been more supportive, and our membership ultimately resolved issues and worked through discussions with decorum within the meeting format. I thank you all!

At the convention, a Resolution, was brought to the table by CDA Court Compton that all California Courts pray three Hail Marys per day (see convention minutes for full motion). Is a RESOLUTION a MOTION? No, but it is a different format to present the motion. The motion is I move that . . . "The resolution is the content of the motion. RONR calls it a more formal version of motion content because it is typically composed of both a preamble (whereas . . .) and then the resolution itself (Resolved, that . . .)" According to RONR "The usual wording is, "I move the adoption of the following resolution: 'Resolved, That...'; or "I offer the following resolution: 'Resolved, That...'" RONR (12th ed.) 4:4.

Can Resolutions be used in your courts? Yes! It then pertains to just your court. In the above action, this Resolution was passed and now encompasses all California CDA members. Keep praying!

Now that we are back to our own courts, make sure you are using the updated version of Robert's Rules of Order (RONR (12th ed.) I found it helpful to use the audible, kindle version (Amazon) while learning. There is a thinner updated yellow softback version of "RONR Newly Revised In Brief 12th ed." which is good for court use.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Laura Vacca

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Court</u>
Golden State Tidings	Karen Jones	942
State Parliamentarian	Laura Vacca	2400
California Webmaster Manager	Yvette Manard	942
DD Supervisor N	Sylvia Soliz	1450
DD Supervisor C	Lillian Draxler	1652
DD Supervisor S	Mary Bernard	2418
State Store On Site Sales	Irene Santos	2610

WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ proactivepatient@verizon.net



My CDA Journey began when I decided to participate in my home parish, Our Lady of Victory Church in Compton activities. I am a long-term member of my parish and attended mass every Sunday with my mother. However, I did not actively serve in the mass or get involved in parish-affiliated groups. I used the “excuses” that I had to get my mother home after mass and did not have the time with my busy work schedule to participate.

Truth be told, that was not that the real reason. I felt that I was not worthy of serving, as I was comparing myself to others that I believed were more “Catholic” than me. It took a combination of two events to happen. My lifetime friend, Josephine (Jo) Bryant, Past CDA State Treasurer, and the intervention of Father Joe to open the door to my spiritual growth and CDA journey. Jo, my friend since kindergarten, moved back to Compton to take care of her parents. She had converted to Catholicism as an adult and had been involved in serving in various ministries at her Florida church.

When she joined Our Lady of Victory Church, she became the English mass lector leader and she subsequently joined Court Compton #942. She asked me to serve and to join the CDA Court. I did not immediately take her up on this offer. It took Father Joe to intervene when he told me he expected to see me in the Eucharistic Minister training class. He stated this intention in front of my mother who said fine, “she didn’t need to go home immediately after mass”. What was I to do? Say, no to Father Joe and my mother.

I began serving my Parish and joined the CDA Court Compton #942, eight years ago. It has truly been a blessing. I was not in touch that I needed spiritual growth that was instrumental in helping me navigate the difficult years of being a caregiver for my mother. Additionally, joining Court Compton and becoming a part of a sisterhood is a blessing. When I joined, I started working in the Education Circle of Love, as I am passionate about helping to educate our youth, especially those who attend Catholic Schools. Next, I was asked by Jo to run for a board position, Recording Secretary. I served for two terms as Secretary; I was comfortable in working with Jo and knew I could take minutes. It was when I was asked to run for the Regent position that I had to reach deep and pray for guidance. I did not see myself as a leader and personally did not want all of the responsibility. It took a number of my CDA Sisters to convince me that I could do the job and that they would help. Prayers, support and help they did!

The next step in my CDA journey was to become active in our State’s activities, accepting the position of State Webmaster and assisting in State projects and conventions.

If a little voice is encouraging you to serve or to do more, answer the call. You will be rewarded many times over.

Yvette Manard

**STAY TUNE FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE, COMING SOON!!!
STATE OFFICERS WILL BE GETTING NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS EDITOR ~ Karen Jones ~ Kdj4237308@gmail.com



I began my journey as a Catholic when I converted as a 13 year old young girl. I can remember growing up in Philadelphia, Pa, I would go to Mass with my cousin and her parents. When my parents moved to Compton, I went to different churches, but that Sunday that I came to Our Lady of Victory, I knew that I had found a church that I wanted to be a part of

I have always been on the quiet side; I would always help out at our church's carnival for years. I can remember one of the CDA Court Compton #942 members, Mrs. Glentees Williams asking me to join the court, but being young, all I saw was "old ladies" and I thought that I was too young for these women. It took me about 20 years before I joined Ct. Compton #942 when Past State Regent Daphne Bernestine, a member of Ct. Compton asked me to think about joining and on February 12, 2006, I officially joined Ct. Compton #942 and could not be happier.

I have served as Vice Regent for two years, was Regent for four years, and Treasurer for four years. Two years after joining, I took over as the editor of our court newsletter and I love doing it. Currently, I am the Editor of the California Golden State Tidings newsletter and I love doing this. I love sharing with my CDA sisters what is happening in the different courts. We are a "sisterhood."

I have attended 7 State Conventions, 1 Virtual State Convention, and 3 National Conventions. I was happy when Past State Regent Mary Jo Beasley asked me to be the editor of the Golden State Tidings, and I am extremely glad that State Regent Maria Santos-Silva asked me to continue as the Editor of the Golden State Tidings.

I thought my faith was good until the Covid-19 crisis in 2020, it renewed my spiritual faith. As a member of the Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women in Los Angeles, we began doing the Rosary every Tuesday night and Thursday night at 8:00 pm via call-in. We began doing the Rosary for the Spiritual Advisor who was diagnosed with cancer and were praying for him. This call-in Rosary has women from different parts of California, Minnesota, Louisiana, Texas, Florida. Our local court started doing the Rosary once a month (the 3rd Wednesday), and when our State Court started to do the Rosary via ZOOM once a month (the 2nd Thursday), it was wonderful and spiritual. I have also enjoyed the CA State Rosary that Father Erick has started.

I am glad that I finally said YES to become a member of Ct. Compton #942!!!

Karen Jones



STATE CDA LEADERSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we humbly come to You at this time to give You all glory, honor, and praise! We thank You for the abundance of blessings You bestow upon each one of us in every moment of every day! May we be obedient, disciplined, surrender of mind, body and soul allowing You to consume, transform, and lead us to You and each other. We pray Your will be done!

As Your CDA daughters, we pray unceasingly for Your intercession of our fellow CDA Sisters by edifying, promoting, encouraging, assisting, motivating, mentoring, inspiring, comforting, being compassionate, and most of all, loving each other unconditionally as You love us unconditionally. We commend and lift up all of our CDA Sisters to You, all those that we have been blessed to have already met and for those that we are yet to meet.

We invoke and enkindle the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord, patience, joy, faithfulness, love, self-control, gentleness, kindness, goodness, and peace. We ask that You strengthen our relationship with You, by being in relationship with each other. We ask that You empower us in being successful, that we thrive and become better versions of ourselves.

We pray that during difficult and trying times of disagreement, discord, defiance, and disrespect we pause and see You in each other knowing that we have all been created in Your image. We pray that we please You in being the daughters You would have us be and that we are slow to criticize and quick to apologize. We pray as Your soldiers, disciples, saints, advocates, and ambassadors on earth that we are aligned with You with courage, resilience, and tenacity! We pray that any and all miscommunications and misunderstandings become evident when we see through Your eyes, hear with Your ears, and love with Your heart!

We pray that we share our talents and gifts with each other and serve You by serving everyone we meet and each other as we fulfill and ignite our commitment to our CDA mission of Unity and Charity!

In the name of Your son, Jesus Christ!

AMEN

Written by Ismaela Muniz-Heiden
CA State Leadership Chairman

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
519	Whittier	Whittier	6/13/1920	103
1402	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Modesto	6/14/1946	77
1410	St. Joseph	Corona	6/23/1946	77
1934	St. John Baptist De La Salle	Concord	6/13/1965	58
2280	Our Lady of Refuge	San Jose	6/22/1985	38
2360	St. Malachy	Tehachapi	6/22/1991	32
2553	St. Joachim	Madera	6/18/2005	18
2753	Daughters of Divine Mercy	Clovis	6/9/2019	4

JULY

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
1644	St. Patrick	Atwater	7/12/1953	70
2658	St. John Chrysostom	Inglewood	7/14/2012	11
2745	Sister Emmanuel Cardinale	Livermore	7/28/2018	5

AUGUST

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
281	San Jose	San Jose	8/6/1916	107
1580	St. Teresa of Avila	Lemon Grove	8/16/1951	72
2657	Little Flower of the Desert	Palm Springs	8/19/2012	11
2696	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Los Angeles	8/30/2015	7



LEGISLATION NEWS

At our California CDA Convention a resolution was brought to the Resolution Committee by Court Compton #942, which reads as follows.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas COURT COMPTON #942

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS Gun violence continues to be the leading cause of death and injury in the United States, and
- WHEREAS, In the Bible, all violence is considered an offense against God and against humanity, and
- WHEREAS The church has been a consistent voice against gun trafficking and the promotion of world peace to protect human life.
- WHEREAS We as Catholic Daughters are called to demonstrate and raise our voices against senseless gun violence;
- RESOLVED, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas ask that God Grant us the wisdom and guidance to law enforcement and public officials working to keep our communities safe. We pledge to pray the following prayers daily:
- One Hail Mary for all victims of gun violence
 - One Hail Mary to touch our hearts to act
 - One Hail Mary to turn us toward peace

Submitted by: CDA Court Compton #942
Resolution passed: February 12, 2023
Signed: *Yvette Manard*
Yvette Manard, Regent

This resolution was passed at the 49th Biennial California State Convention to say 3 Hail Mary's daily against gun violence. Please share this information with the members of your courts.

In Unity and Charity,
Mary Beasley



LEGISLATION NEWS

National Board issues Resolution condemning Los Angeles Dodgers hosting performance group hostile and offensive to Catholics, especially Catholic women religious.

The baseball team the Los Angeles Dodgers is presenting a performance by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group of biological men who perform deeply offensive anti-Catholic performances, specifically targeting Catholic women religious. The Resolution urges boycotting Dodger products and games unless and until they cancel the planned performance.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a 120 year old international organization of 63,000 women whose charitable mission includes fostering vocations to the religious life and promoting Catholic values of respect for the life and dignity of ALL persons;

And WHEREAS: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas wholeheartedly supports our women religious who unselfishly dedicate their lives to God and others;

And WHEREAS: A biological men's group who call themselves "The Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence" have for many years targeted Catholic women religious by means of profane and sacrilegious events, also appropriating and misusing Catholic imagery, persons, saints and sacred objects;

And WHEREAS: The Los Angeles Dodgers baseball organization plans to feature the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence as part of its June 16 2023 10th Annual LGBTQ Pride Night, fully aware of that same group's offensive and bigoted history toward over 70 million US Catholics;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strongly condemns the actions of the Los Angeles Dodgers and urges all Americans to boycott Dodgers' games and merchandise. We further demand that the Dodgers, who plan to highlight that group's performative bigotry toward Catholics, especially Catholic women religious, cease this plan for June 16 and issue an apology to all Catholics.

COURT HAPPENINGS

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

On April 22, 2023 our Catholic Daughters Court, Our Lady of Peace #1306 in San Bernardino, California, hosted a Bingo Fun event in our church Hall of Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino. The comments we received included: "It was very well organized." "It was really fun." "The food was very good." To briefly summarize, a good time was had by all - there were 40+ door prizes, gift cards for "Bingo" winners and a raffle of 6 gift baskets. These baskets contained a Spa Treat, Assorted Kitchen Supplies, Homemade Afghan & Robe, Ceramic non-stick skillets, Coffee Lover's set, and a Tupperware Baking set with framed \$50.00 bill. We count this event as a big success based on the many comments received and are looking forward to our next event.

Our event included lunch, which was donated by our members, we offered a choice of sandwiches, an assortment of salads, chips & beverages, as well as an assortment of desserts. Members also donated the 6 gift baskets that were raffled as well as the many door prizes and Bingo prizes. This was entirely a group effort, and each member is graciously thanked for their individual contributions of love, time, work & donations.



Board Members left to right:
Elvira Sepulveda, Fin'l Sec; Lori Vasquez, Treasurer;
Inez Lanas, Vice Regent; Olivia Guerrero, Regent;
Marge Peterson, Sec'y; Eva Garza, Newsletter Reporter



Members left to right:
Janet Ochoa, Glenda Gibson, Lupe Zavala,
Norma Nemic, Rosalinda Ranas, Lee Aguilar,
Connie Rodriguez, Frances Marquez, Felita Nobleza



Pictured left to right: Seminarian Br. Thong D. Tran, Court Chaplain,
Olivia Guerrero, Regent, Father Duong Nguyen, Pastor OLRC, Evelyn
Rivera, new member (recruited at Bingo event)

COURT OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY #1462 IN INDIO, CA

75th Anniversary Dinner & Celebration

Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Elks Lodge #1643

What a way to celebrate this impressive milestone! The evening included a cocktail hour with live music by Daveed Macias; dinner with a performance by Ballet Folklorico Sol Del Desierto; a special pin presentation by Local Court Regent Lynda Bloomquist to Court members who have celebrated 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years as members of our Court; and, most importantly, a fun time enjoyed among friends, family, fellow CDA sisters Court #2657 Little Flower of the Desert in Palm Springs, and brothers from Knights of Columbus Indio Council 3215 and Council #17203.

Thank you to everyone who attended; to Deacon Mark Padilla for leading us in prayer and sharing his kind words; to Scott Sear for being the evening's Master of Ceremonies; and to our dear Court members who are no longer with us, including the 33 charter members of Court #1462 who started us on this journey on February 8, 1948. Swipe through the photos to see the original charter and the names of these 33 pioneers!



Members enjoying themselves



Members enjoying themselves



Ballet Folklorico Sol Del Desierto



Ballet Folklorico Sol Del Desierto



Original Charter of Court
Our Lady of the Valley #1462,
February 8, 1948 with the
names of the Charter members.



Daveed Macias



Regent Lynda Bloomquist



Court Members

**COURT ST. CATHERINE #1378
CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS**



At their May meeting, Regent Zeny Mitu pledged two new members:
Lillian de Castro and Le Thanh Nguyen



Regent Pledging our new member , Sandra N. At our April Meeting.
Spring brings new blooms and new members

COURT ST. JOACHIM #2553
At St. Joachim Catholic Church in Madera, CA
Flame of love traveling rosary. Beautiful Day spent with CDA Sisters





COURT COMPTON #942

Partnership with Our Lady of Victory Catholic School to Visit a College Campus



Court Compton #942 members partnered with Our Lady of Victory, Principal Ruth Villaneda, faculty and students to sponsor a college campus tour. Our members donated \$850.00 to help with the transportation fee. On June 6th, OLV students toured UCLA.

“The field trip was a success! This was the first time many of students explored a college campus. The kids were impressed by the size of UCLA and the beautiful architecture. It is my hope that the visit has sparked a new curiosity in our students,” says Principal Villaneda. We are grateful for your partnership in helping us prepare our students for college and heaven!

BLESSINGS.

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

On June 5th of 2023 our Catholic Daughters Court, Our Lady of Peace #1306 in San Bernardino, California, had our last meeting before summer break and celebrated with a delicious lunch (provided by the Board) and to write notecards to our Veterans who are patients at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, CA. All members present participated in writing personal notecards. Olivia Guerrero, our Regent, was inspired with this idea while working with Fr. Raul, VA Chaplain, Catholic Priest. She provided the blank notecards and a variety of stickers (flowers & Bible verses) to affix to the cards. Olivia's family also participated in writing cards. Our guidelines were to thank them, pray for their return to good health and bless them so that each recipient would be presented with a lovely, heartfelt sentiment of appreciation.

On June 14th Oliva Guerrero & Eva Garza met Fr. Raul at the Veterans Hospital to present 70 Note Cards to him for distribution to veterans. Members of the Volunteer Services Dept. welcomed us and received the cards.



Members left to right: Janet Ochoa, Felita Nobleza, Rosalinda Ranas, Marge Peterson, Evelyn Rivera



Left to right: Olivia Guerrero, Rev. Jannet Guzman, Eva Garza, Stephanie Munoz, Veronalyn "Iggy" Ignacio



Evelyn Rivera, Lupe Zavala, Rosemary Lane, Felita Nobleza, Linda Rosalinda Ranas enjoying Lunch



Virginia Soto, Connie Rodriguez, and Lee Aguilar

COURT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM #2658 Mother's Day Breakfast



From Left to Right: Sitting is Alma Valdez, Standing: Judy Bowles, Kathy Cullen, Chinwe Nwuke, Denise Gomez, Charlotte Williams, Father Alexis Ibarra, Madelynn Enomoto, Linda Lewis, Denise Reynaud, Doris Conley, Clara Harris.

COURT LA PURISIMA #1267

La Purisima Concepcion Court#1267 held June Meeting with a members Luncheon. Installed a new member and presented proceeds from our Wine Benefit given to La Purisima Catholic School and Queen of Angels to feed the hungry program.

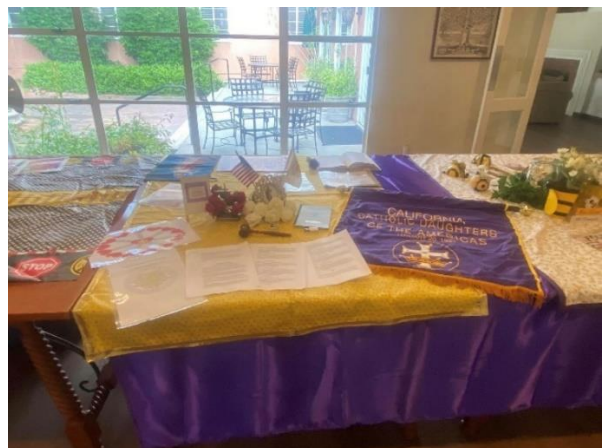




ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC CHURCH MEET & GREET

You're Invited

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Is Instituting A
New Catholic Daughters Court
At St. Andrews Parish*

First Meet and Greet
Sunday June 25th
12 Noon
St. Andrews Catholic Church
Parish Center



49TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION

The Westin Pasadena

Pasadena, CA

April 27 - 30, 2023



Thursday, April 27, 2023, after the opening Mass with Archbishop Jose Gomez
Picture courtesy of Gunnar J. K Gunnar J Kuepper



National First Vice Regent Essie Walker, State First Vice Regent
Maria Santos-Silva, National Regent Emily Guilherme
Picture courtesy of Gunnar J. K Gunnar J Kuepper

Saturday, April 29, 2023 Installation Mass



Incoming State Regent Maria Santos-Silva
Picture courtesy of Gunnar J. K Gunnar J Kuepper



2025 State Nominating Committee
Pictures courtesy of Gunnar J. K Gunnar J Kuepper

100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR CELEBRATION
June 9 - 11, 2023
Wyndham Visalia
Visalia, CA

Friday, June 9: Cocktail party



Saturday, June 10: Tour of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic

We would like to thank Father Alex for the wonderful tour of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

To learn more about the church, visit the website: www.stcharlesvisalia.org



Picture courtesy of Gunnar J. K Gunnar J Kuepper

Saturday, June 10: Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia
2023-2025 State Board with Knights of Columbus

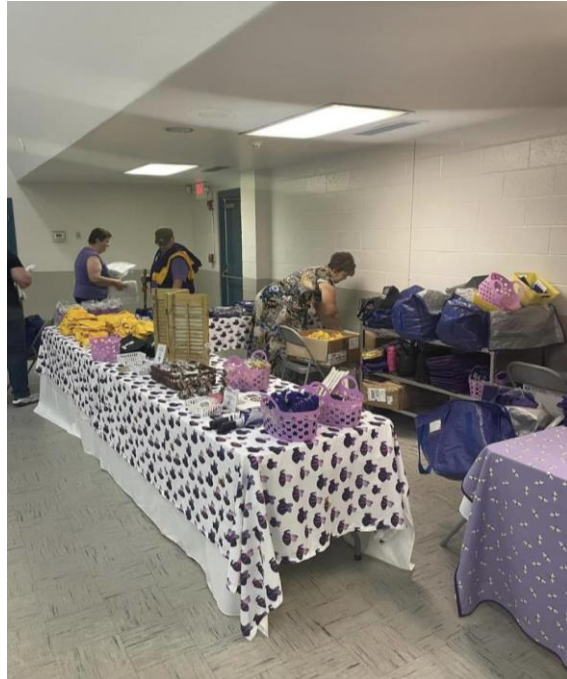


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Saturday, June 10: Reception in the Parish Hall



Our Patroness Mary



The State Store

"Some of the Silent Auction Items"



The Saturday Night Working Board meeting



Sunday, June 11: Mass at St. Charles Borromeo



STATE CHARITY DISTRIBUTION LIST

The new Dues and Charity Distribution List ~ 2023 – 2025

CA CDA Special Funds

Apostleship of the Sea (California)
Covenant House (West Coast)
Emergency Relief Fund
Right to Life/Pro Life
Meals on Wheels

CA CDA Special Projects

Bishop's Burse (court's diocese)
California State Scholarship
Tree of Life (CA Central Coast)
Smile Train

State Regents Charity

Hermanas De La Oración
"Missionary Sisters –
"Servants of the World"
39501 180th St. East, Palmdale



National Projects

Habitat for Humanity
Laboure Society
National Center on Sexual Exploitation
SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)
Holy Cross Family Ministries

National-Charities Endorsed by National

Pontifical North American College
Tutwiler Clinic
Catholic Relief Services
Disaster Relief Fund
Apostleship of the Sea
Human Life International
Covenant House Extension
Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa)
Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

All contributions for the National Projects or Charities Should be made payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas (One check for \$140: \$10 per National program per year)

CA CDA STATE DUES: \$12.00/YEAR
NATIONAL DUES: \$18.00/YEAR

All Contributions to State Special Funds, State Regents Charity, or State Project Contributions should be made payable to:
CA Catholic Daughters of the Americas (One check for \$200: \$20 per State Program per year)

Please mail all State Charity Checks to:

**CA CDA State Secretary
Yvonne Connolly
1433 Jesusita Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

Please mail all National CDA Donations to:

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023**

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16



My name is Gunnar J Kuepper, and your State Regent has invited me to be your photographer at your Convention in Pasadena, and your recent meeting in Visalia. I have been photographing people, places, and events since my early childhood. After a successful career in crisis management, I started working as a photojournalist in 2010. Traveling on and out of Los Angeles, I have since then captured breaking news events as well as stunning images of people, landscapes, and cities. Hundreds of my images have been published in electronic and printed media throughout the world.

I very much enjoy being a "freelancer" that receives assignments from prestigious agencies such as the Associated Press (AP), Getty Images, Deutsche Presse Agentur (DPA), and locally the Times Mirror Company (publisher of the LA Times). Many renowned national and local organizations, such as lately the CDA, also asked me to capture their events and people. It is always a blessing and a privilege to have access to document the inner workings of our worlds.

Hello Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
Once the link opens you will be asked to provide your e-mail in order to enter the gallery for the free preview. The photos can now be reviewed at

CA 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN VISALIA:

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<https://gunnarjkueppergbuphoto.zenfoliosite.com/zq/saturday-part-1---cda>

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Digital Images:

If you want one or more digital images (edited and in high resolution), please do the following

1. Write down the ID number of each of those photos (i.e: BBB_1674)
2. E-mail those ID number(s) to GunnarJKuepper@gmail.com
3. You will be informed via e-mail about the cost of your order (see below)
4. Make the payment online via PayPal (e-mail gunnarkuepper@gmail.com), Zelle, or send a check.
5. After payment is received you will receive the electronic images in large format and high resolution.

p.s. all images will be fully edited. Not all images currently available for review have been fully edited (brightness, color, contrast). But you will receive a fully edited version.

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Prices: The price for the digital photos is as follows:

individual image: \$9/photo

package with up to 5 photos: \$25

package with up to 10 photos: \$55

package with up to 20 photos: \$95

package with up to 30 photos: \$140

package with up to 100 photos: \$390

Any Questions or Concerns ? Please contact me via GunnarJKuepper@gmail.com

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DUE DATES AND DEADLINES:

ISSUES

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CALENDAR OF EVENT

JUNE

- 4 Priest Appreciation Day
- 8 Corpus Christi
- 10 CA CDA Mass at St. Mary's in Visalia
- 11 CA CDA Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, Visalia
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 18 CDA Instituted – June 18, 1903
- 25 Institution of new court @ St. Andrews Catholic Church

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 13-15 State Officers Conference

AUGUST

- 1-6 World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal
- 15 Feast of Assumption