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STATE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR ~ DEACON TIMOTHY MYERS



Dear Sisters in Christ: Catholic Daughters of the Americas

We have come to the end of the liturgical year, a point that marks the transition from one period to another. With the start of the first week of Advent, the Church gives us a sacred time for spiritual preparation—a time for tending the soul, and not just for checking a gift list twice.

Remember the Past, Live in the Present

How do we truly prepare our hearts? We do so by living fully in the present while remembering the past. We remember the **great love of God** who sent His only Son, Jesus, to take on human flesh, shivering in the arms of His mother, Mary. Jesus came not to condemn the world, but to die for our sins. As we prepare for Christmas Day, we remember the revolutionary act of humility and sacrifice that Christ has already done for us.

As the light increases on the Advent Wreath in the coming weeks, let that light guide our focus. This season calls us to:

- **Turn to Him:** To seek the grace not only to resolve to change but to actively change our lives.
- **Open our Hearts:** To truly see the face of Jesus Christ in every person we encounter.
- **Fight Distractions:** To push back against the desires for things that are fleeting and worldly, allowing the true light of Jesus' love to penetrate the winter cold.
- **Seek New Beginnings:** To turn away from a sinful or worldly past and prepare for a new spiritual chapter.

I look back fondly to when my daughters were young. We would sit around the dinner table to light the Advent Wreath. I would say a short prayer for each week, and one of my daughters would light the candle. We would sit and talk after dinner, hearing about their day at school. These quiet, centered moments were, looking back, truly special—and they taught me the power of intentional presence.

The Double Meaning of Advent

The liturgical Advent season (which means "**Coming**") prepares us in a double sense:

1. **Preparation for the Past:** It reminds us of the birth of the Christ Child and helps us prepare to celebrate the Lord who *came* to us over 2,000 years ago.
2. **Preparation for the Future:** It reminds us that even today, we are awaiting Christ's glorious return at the **end of time**.

This season is a profound reminder of how Jesus continuously breaks into our daily lives—but are we open to Him? And what will we be doing when He calls us home at the end of our life?

A Thought for This Advent Season: Pace Yourself

Advent allows us to spend time praying, reflecting, and building a deeper relationship with Jesus.

For those who tell me they "do not have time" for prayer, I offer a simple practice: When you are in a car by yourself, turn off the radio and enjoy the silence. This small act of stillness can be a powerful opportunity for prayer. Perhaps you could also dedicate time to reading spiritual books or reviewing the daily Mass readings to gain more from your Sunday experience.

Here is a practical challenge for this Advent season: **pace yourself and re-examine the tasks before you.**

- Take a second look at your schedule.
- Perhaps reschedule some of the parties and stay home with your family.
- Spend less time and energy on the shopping and material preparations.

Slowing down gives you the essential chance to truly **enjoy Advent**, so that we might all have a more meaningful and spiritually radiant Christmas.

May God bless your Advent journey.

In Unity and Charity,

Deacon Timothy Myers

NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ YVETTE GRIEGO

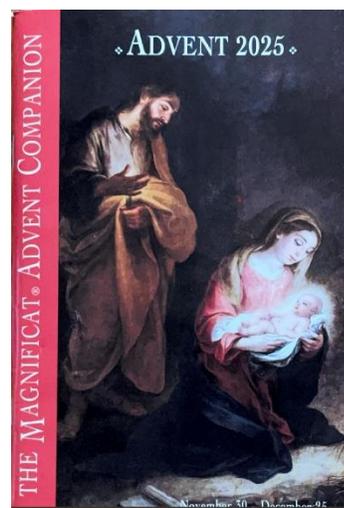


Hello, To All My Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the blessed season of Advent, I invite you to join the National Board and National Chaplain Father Erick Villa in a special spiritual journey of preparation for the birth of Christ. This year, we are delighted to announce that we will once again be hosting a daily meditation series, using *The Magnificat Advent Companion* as our guide. Beginning on November 30 and continuing each day through the entirety of the Advent Season, we will gather virtually on the National FACEBOOK page to reflect and pray together. Each day will be led by a member of the National CDA Board with Fr Erick leading on Mondays through the duration of Advent. Join us at 10:00 AM PST. Each meditation will draw from the daily readings and reflections provided in *The Magnificat Advent Companion* booklet, fostering a deeper connection to the meaning and anticipation of the coming of our Savior. The booklet is available at the National CDA Store or local religious stores. Let us come together in prayerful anticipation and make this Advent a season of renewal and grace. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time with you.

Once again, all members are welcome. Please mark your calendars and join us as we spiritually prepare for the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. May you all have a blessed Advent Season, Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!
Feliz Navidad,

Yvette Griego



STATE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY



Happy Advent and a blessed winter to all,

The state board knows you have all been busy beginning the CDA year and we have seen pictures and posts about all the great things your courts are doing to accomplish our Mission. Board members have attended Anniversaries, bake sales, rosaries, funerals and BINGO. The Unity and Charity among us is overwhelming and I cannot find enough words to say how proud I am to have so many beautiful, talented and faith-filled sisters in CDA.

The state board started off the CDA year with District Deputy training during the month of September. We installed new District Deputies in four areas of California and have begun doing "sit-along" Financial Reviews with the new deputies. I request, encourage and expect the courts with a new District Deputy to nurture the commitment, experience and leadership skills of these ladies who said "Yes."

I am pleased to announce that we will have a booth at the 2026 Religious Education Congress in Anaheim in February. The booth will highlight the benefits of membership in California Catholic Daughters and hopefully will lead to an increase in public awareness and membership. We will need volunteers to help work at the booth. The Congress runs Thursday to Sunday, February 19th to February 22nd . Booth volunteers are able to attend some of the workshops. More information will be available in January.

Also, we have exciting news from our Past State Regents' Club. The Past State Regents met via Zoom and have agreed they would like to host a Welcome Table at State conventions; take the program lead at the Past State Regents' Luncheon at convention and can be utilized as guest speakers at court events. The PSR Club has decided on their charity that we can all help support. The charity is the garysinisefoundation.org. "The Foundation's aim is to honor and support the nation's veterans, first responders, wounded service members, families of the fallen, and those enduring invisible wounds." The charity will be added to the CA CDA State donation form. I look forward to seeing these wonderful ladies, who led California CDA in the past and are wonderful resources as we move forward.

Things to take note of:

-National has sent all the Court Regents the notice of Delegates/Alternates. If you did not receive the letter telling you how many Delegates your court may send to National Convention in Coralville, Iowa, please contact the National office at CDOFANat1@aol.com. The next call to Convention comes out in January. Please make sure your courts are fundraising to send delegates to National.

- Ensure you have sent your District Deputy your Calendar, Standing Rules and Budget. If you need help creating or updating Standing Rules, please contact your District Deputy for assistance.

-Ensure your Financial Review has been conducted and the original sent to National. Copies should have been sent to the State Regent, 2nd Vice State Regent, Yvonne Connolly, and your District Deputy. In California, the form is not sent to the State Secretary -the 2nd Vice

Regent handles the logging and tracking of this form. Please do not send a picture of the form via text or email. This is not easy to print.

-Your state board prays for all of you and your clergy. Please pray for us and Deacon Tim

- Explore our California Catholic Daughters website. Many courts are highlighted each month; forms are available on the site also and many other helpful resources.

During Advent, and always, may we remember to treat each other as Elizabeth welcomed Mary,

Lorine Bakowsky



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

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA



Dear CDA Sisters,

As true Catholic Daughters we are very Generous in our hearts. We are generous not only with our time but also with monetary donations. But at times we forget this as we get busy with our jobs, families and life. So, let us make a list of ways we can be generous to others by just our words and actions.

- 1) Generosity is Community- Bring people together in a book club, dinner party or even just time for coffee and fellowship.
- 2) Generosity is Supportive- Support a small family business in town or at craft fair.
- 3) Generosity is Positive- Use social media to spread positive and kind messages.
- 4) Generosity is Unexpected- Compliment a stranger, Focus on character rather than appearance.
- 5) Generosity is Exceptional- Whenever possible, praise openly and publicly, praise your children, spouse, family, friends, coworkers and people you lead.
- 6) Generosity is Essential- Give blood to save lives. Doing this is selfless and noble.
- 7) Generosity is mindful- Be aware of when someone is in a hurry. Do not concern yourself with a reason, just help them.
- 8) Generosity is Magnanimous- Smile and smile while looking in the person's eye. Make that person's day by smiling.
- 9) Generosity is Lavish- Be generous with your time. Pay attention to conversations and really listen.
- 10) Generosity is Spiritual- Pray, Pray for someone like you have never prayed for anyone ever before.
- 11) Generosity is Personal- Get involved. Be a volunteer with something you are passionate about, being it volunteering in a rest home, passing out food or helping a foster child. Every little bit helps.

12) Generosity is Counter-cultural- Refrain from judging people. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

13) Generosity is Courageous- Stand up for someone who is being treated unjustly.

14) Generosity is helpful- Surprise someone by helping them. Rake their leaves, hold the door for them or help carry their groceries.

When a person is being generous it is contagious and others start doing it too. People who are living life to the fullest have two things in common. They believe the future can be better for everyone and they believe they can do little things to bring about a better future. So, take Generosity to the next level. Make it a way of everyday life.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

In Unity and Charity,

Sheri Kanagawa

If interested in read a good book here is one by Matthew Kelly, "The Generosity Habit"

SECOND VICE STATE REGENT ~ YVONNE CONNOLLY



We have celebrated Thanksgiving, a beautiful day for thanking God for all the blessings He has given us. Family, friends, our CDA sisters, a home and food on the table. How blessed we are.

November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent, a time for preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. It is a time for us to welcome Him with humility, service and love. To start living according to the grace He has given to us, not to put off until later, sometime in the future when we have time, but now. God wants us to be His hands and feet here on earth. We are to spread the joy and true meaning of Christmas to those we encounter in our daily lives. It does not have to be grand gestures, but the smallest things can make the biggest difference. a smile a kind word, showing respect, giving to the less fortunate in our Parishes and community. Being the best woman/Catholic daughter, we can be. What better way to celebrate His birthday.

I came across this Advent prayer; it is short and easy to pray every day:

God of Love, your son, Jesus is the greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait
and prepare for His coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior.

Author unknown.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas, and a New Year filled with love and beautiful memories.

Best wishes

Yvonne Connolly

STATE SECRETARY ~ YVETTE MANARD



The Christmas season for far too many people creates stress in trying to live up to unrealistic expectations of decorating, entertaining, finding the perfect gifts and finding the time to do it all! While the season can be associated with stress, loneliness and other challenges, as Catholics, we know that Advent is the most sacred time as we await the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent is a season of hope and reminds us to take the time to experience the joy of the season. Keeping this in mind as we make plans and preparations for Christmas with our family and friends will help us with the stress and center us in the love of Christ.



Let us be mindful of the meaning:

1st Candle: HOPE

2nd Candle: PEACE

3rd Candle: JOY

4th Candle: LOVE

**5TH CHRIST CANDLE
Light of the World**

Begin and end your day with prayer.

Advent Prayer: *"Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love."*

¹ AMEN.

May the love of God fill you with peace and joy this Christmas and the year to come.

Merry Christmas,

Yvette Manard

¹ Dynamic Catholic, Advent Prayers

STATE TREASURER ~ MICHELLE ECK



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! During this time of unrest in our nation, it is a good time to reflect on our faith and pray for more peaceful times. We can do this by saying a little prayer, pray a rosary or divine mercy chaplet. You can help at a soup kitchen or a fund raiser to show local support. There are many ways to show our support for peace. May your family have peace and joy in the holiday season.

I try to bring a little fun into my articles so here are some Santa facts:

Santa is real: The modern Santa Claus is based on a real person, St. Nicholas, a Greek bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey around 270 A.D. and was known for his secret gift-giving.

The name "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch name for St. Nicholas, "Sinterklaas"

A poem called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" helped popularize Santa's image and introduced his reindeer.

The iconic image of Santa Claus, particularly the red suit, was famously popularized by artist Thomas Nast and the Coca-Cola company in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Santa is estimated to be over 1,750 years old, as he was born around 270 A.C

The concept of a "naughty or nice" list has roots in Nordic folklore.



Michelle Eck

OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mary our Mother

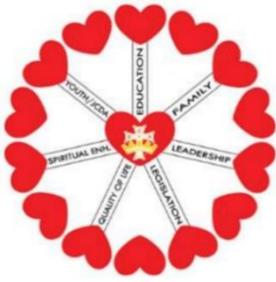
Knowing that you, our Mother, are totally free
From sin is a consolation to us.

Inspired by this hope, today we invoke your
Motherly protection for us, our families, this
City and the world.

Pray for us, our Immaculate Mother!

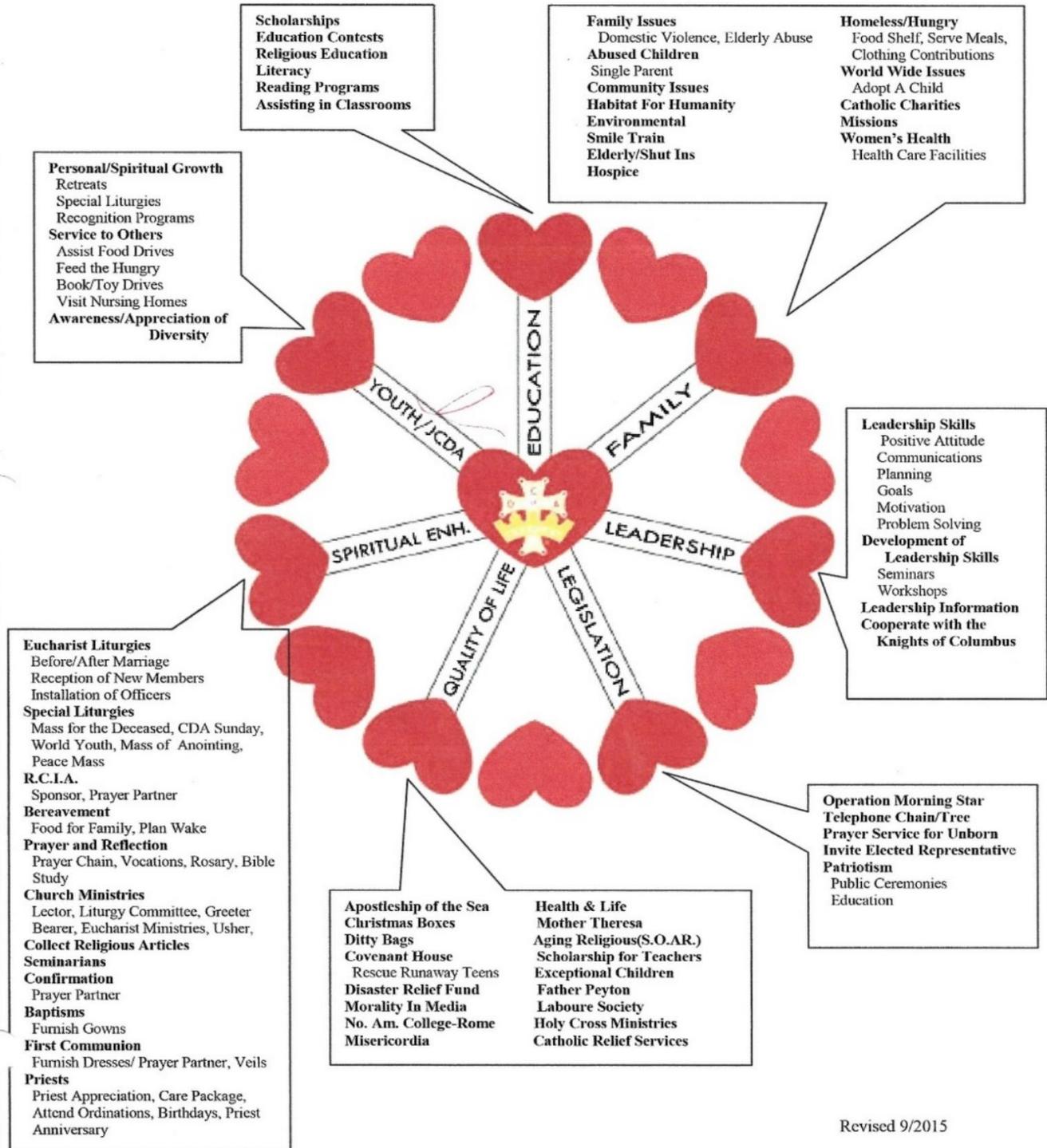
Pope Francis, Prayer on the Solemnity
Of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2014

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.

Now that the new Circle of Love Program for 2024-2026 is out, here is a list of things that relate to that specific spoke. Maybe your court does one of these, but you were not sure if it fell in that category.



EDUCATION ~ MARIA ARECHIGA ~ mfarechiga@yahoo.co,



Hello Sisters in Christ,

December is here and most of us are already overwhelmed by all the things that need to be done before Christmas. I am here to remind you that our Church, in its wisdom, gave us Advent to help us out. Our parishes will have many opportunities for us to get closer to Jesus, the reason for the season. As Catholic Daughters we will also have the opportunity to share and educate others about our mission when we attend the various parish events.

Before I became your Education Chairman, I thought the Education Spoke of the Circle of Love was only involved in the Education contests. However, after reading the guiding principles of the Education Spoke more closely, I realized we are constantly providing opportunities to educate both our community and our CDA members. This advent I want to encourage you to be more aware of the times education is incorporated into your meetings, your holiday events, your recruitment, your interactions with other parishioners. Furthermore, consider doing a 10-to-15-minute educational presentation at your next gathering. The following are a few Advent focused topics.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Advent Wreath

Reconciliation and Adoration

Importance/history of the Nativity Scene

Preparing a list of Advent Events in your area and organizing a trip

Presentation of CDA Education Contest theme and rules to CDA members. This will encourage personal recruitment of participants and their parents at parish events.!!

Let us continue to pray for each other and to keep the focus of Jesus, who is the reason for this beautiful season!

Maria Arechiga

2025-2026 EDUCATION THEMES

The Least of These. Matthew 25:40 or
The Least of These: Lifting Others Up

FAMILY ~ LAURA McQUOID ~ L_mcquoid@yahoo.com**35 YEARS IN A BOX**

After thirty-five years in the same house, it felt as if the walls themselves had absorbed our family history. We moved to Livermore when the kids were in high school, full of teenage opinions and unfinished science projects, and somehow the years had slipped by in a blink.

Now I stood in the middle of the living room surrounded by boxes-my boxes-stuffed with every milestone a mother could possibly archive. The tiny shoes they wore when they took their first steps. Trucks and dolls with missing wheels and tangled hair. Handmade cards with backward letters. Certificates, pictures, certificates of sacraments, report cards, ribbons... if it existed, I saved it.

Sorting through it all was bittersweet. What do you keep? What do you let go? At first, every item felt sacred. I would pick something up, smile, and call out, "Do you remember this?" until finally the kids groaned and said, "Mom! If we do not remember it, do not tell us – we will just feel guilty and have to take it home!"

So for three weeks I walked through a flashback of our life. Our marriage, the births, baptisms, the phases of Transformers and Cabbage Patch dolls, graduations, first jobs, first heartbreaks, weddings, and the miracle of grandchildren. Yes, I had every paper, every certificate, every photo, and every toy to prove it.

When we all gathered for one last weekend in the house, we laughed and cried over the days that had passed so fast-too fast. It was a messy, beautiful farewell to a place that had held our family together for decades.

As we sealed the final boxes, I realized the memories were not with leaving the things. They were coming with us.

Laura McQuoid

WELCOME OUR NEW COURT

Court Our Lady Gracia Plena #2822

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Giving Throughout the Year — A Call to Catholic Daughters

As the holidays approach, generosity often comes naturally. We wrap gifts, donate to drives, and show extra kindness to the people around us. As Catholic Daughters, we joyfully enter the holiday season with hearts open to service, charity, and prayer. But our mission of unity, charity and helping others does not begin in Advent — nor does it end when the Christmas decorations are stored away.

Our commitment to giving is rooted in our call as Catholic women to reflect Christ's love in all seasons. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are not meant for only one time of year; they are a year-round invitation to encounter Christ in our neighbors. Whether we are offering a meal to someone in need, sending a card to the homebound, supporting parish ministries, or simply sharing a smile and a prayer, each act becomes a reflection of God's enduring love.

Giving throughout the year is at the heart of our CDA mission. It strengthens our courts, deepens our faith, and keeps us mindful that even small acts of kindness can transform lives. There is always someone who needs encouragement, companionship, or hope — in March as much as in December.

As Catholic Daughters, let us continue to be women of faith and action every month of the year. May we carry the spirit of Christmas into ordinary days, making them extraordinary through service, compassion, and unwavering love for God and His people.

When we spread our giving across all twelve months, we create ripples of connection and hope that strengthen our communities. Whether it is January or July, someone still needs a warm meal, a listening ear, or a reminder that they are not alone.

The heart of giving is not tied to a season; it is tied to us. And when we choose to give consistently, we make the world a little brighter every day of the year.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Lil Draxler

**ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE, WAS INFORMATION ABOUT USING
PAYPAL OR VENMO. THERE ARE NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING UP
A PAYPAL OR VENMO ACCOUNT**

Louisiana Second Vice State Regent Adrienne Saucier has been kind enough to create a detailed "step by step" for setting up a PayPal or Venmo Account.

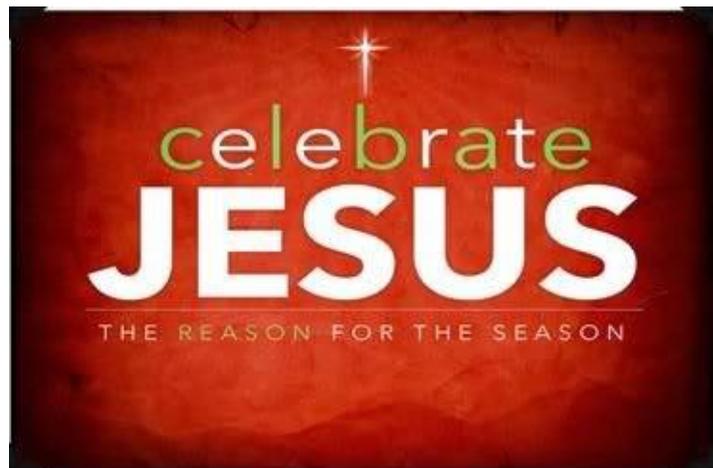
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STATE WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ proactivepatient@verizon.net

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



The Advent season reminds us that this sacred time is one of hope as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



In the hustle of the season, please take a moment to pray and meditate on the “**reason for season.**” Join with your CDA Sisters for a daily Advent prayer service hosted by our Worthy National Regent, Susan Moné and the National Board at 12 noon (Central Time) for a daily Advent prayer service hosted on National’s Facebook. If you cannot join live, sign in later to view and pray. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377951956252466>)

Thank you to our CDA Sisters for setting up and leading Days of Reflections and Advent Retreats in the parishes you serve. Please remember to send me your photos!

CDA CA Website Updates:

Menu: About – Tools of Trade – Forms & Ceremonial Dress

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/tools-of-the-trade/forms/>

- Description of Medallions and Ribbons
- Passing of the Medallion Ceremony With Description
- Forms & Ceremonial Dress

Menu: News – State Releases & Golden State Tidings

- Releases (<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/state-releases/>)
- Online Version of Golden State Tidings

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/news/golden-tidings-newsletter/>

Wishing my CDA Sisters and their families a Christmas blessed with God's love and grace.

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				
DATE	ISSUES	THEMES	SUBMIT DATE	DUE
FALL	Welcome, Recruitment, CDA Sunday, Conventions, Hospitality, Service		August 1-31, 2025	Sept. 2025
WINTER	Advent/Christmas, Trainings, Fundraisers, Leadership Reflections, Volunteerism, CDA Sisterhood		Nov. 1-30, 2025	Dec. 2025
SPRING	Lent/Easter, Priests, Stewardship/Piety, Empathy/Compassion		Feb. 1-28, 2026	March 2026
SUMMER	Technology help, Parliamentary help, Fundraising, Faithfulness, Generosity		May 1-31, 2026	June 2026

Karen Jones

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

New Sheriff In Town well, Deputy

The state board is pleased to announce that 13 CDA sisters have said “Yes” to becoming District Deputies! Thank you to each and everyone who stepped up. Your assistance to the board is without a doubt invaluable.

Our new Deputies are:

Southern CA

Linda Wilson-Davis	Dee Sanford
Rosa Cadena	Christina Stone
Kimberly Sweet	Maria Nelson
Gina Greear	Irene Ortiz

Central CA

Mary Jane Leal
Lupe Saludado Cavazos

Northern CA

Rosemarie Githens
Maria Arechiga
Stephanie Antonio

Again, thank you for saying “Yes.”

We are still in need of District Deputies. Please contact any board member if you are interested in helping your sister courts.

DISTRICT DEPUTY WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025, THE FIRST TWO DISTRICT DEPUTY WORKSHOPS WERE HELD IN CENTRAL CA – FRESNO AND LOS ANGELES

**RETREAT CENTER
HOST: CT. ST. JOHN #2526**



**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
HOST: CT. WHITTIER #519**



SEPTDMBER 27, 2025, THE SECOND TWO DISTRICT DEPUTY WORKSHOPS WERE HELD IN SACRAMENTO AND SAN BERNARDINO

**ST. PAUL, CLASSROOM 1
HOST: COURT SACRAMENTO #172**



**ST. ADELAIDE PARISH HALL
HOST: COURT GOOD SHEPHERD #1930**



ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2025
293	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	12/10/1916	109
1454	Immaculate Conception	Fontana	12/7/1947	78
2440	Dominic Franci	Dinuba	12/21/1996	29
2526	St. John	Fresno	12/14/2003	22

JANUARY				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2026
1079	Santa Maria	Santa Maria	1/22/1928	98
1267	La Purisima	Lompoc	1/16/1938	88
1553	St. Maria Goretti	Durham	1/21/1951	75
2024	Blessed Sacrament	Westminster	1/31/1971	55
2499	Our Lady of La Salette	Apple Valley	1/19/2002	24
2527	Blessed Jacinta	Layton	1/10/2004	22
2562	St. Madeline Sophie	Pomona	1/22/2006	20
2599	Our Lady of the Angels	North Hollywood	1/20/2008	18

FEBRUARY				
COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2026
942	Compton	Compton	2/15/1925	101
1306	Our Lady of Peace	San Bernardino	2/26/1939	87
1462	Our Lady of the Valley	Coachella	2/8/1948	78
1557	St. Bernardine	Bellflower	2/11/1951	75
1930	Good Shepherd	San Bernardino	2/14/1965	61
1958	St. Gerard	Tulare	2/27/1966	60
2400	Mary, Queen of the World	San Leandro	2/11/1995	31
2563	John Paul II	Salinas	2/18/2006	20

JCDA ACTIVITIES

COURT OUR LADY OF GRACE #1306

On Saturday, November 15, 2025, JCDA Court Our Lady of Grace #1306, hosted CDA's Traveling Rosary at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral today. Saint Michael Catholic Warriors assisted them in praying the rosary. It was a beautiful morning.



JCDA, SMCW & Leaders



Catholic Daughters with JCDA & SMCW



Ready to begin the Rosary



Our Lady of Grace & St Michael - Our Patron Saints and JCDA & SMCW symbols

CA COURTS CELEBRATE CDA SUNDAY

COURT WHITTIER #519



Court Whittier #519 officers attending mass to celebrate CDA Sunday. Members line up to take photo with their priest.

BLESSED SACRAMENT #2024

Court Blessed Sacrament #2024 celebrates CDA Sunday at Blessed Sacrament church in Westminster with Fr. Tuyen Nguyen.



COURT COMPTON #942

Regent Bonita Carter receiving signed proclamation by our Court Chaplain Father Gilberto Rodriguez and presented to the court by Father Nsom.



COURT OUR LADY OF VICTORY #1344

Court Our Lady of Victory # 1344 celebrates CDA Sunday at St. James Church in Redondo Beach Father Jim. Members also celebrated May Costello's 65th wedding anniversary!



CDA National Chaplain, Father Erik Villa attended the mass and Veneration of The Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Southern California. He is pictured with Court Compton #942 members Rosa and Diana.



COURT ACTIVITIES

COURT FRANCESCA CABRINI #1407

Celebrating their 79th Anniversary with a Luncheon on Sunday, May 25, 2025



COURT ST. GERARD #1958

CDA sisters from Court St. Gerard #1958 last weekend meet at Saint Aloysius Church in Tulare and prayed the rosary. Afterwards, they visited CDA members living in Assisted Living Homes, visiting with our CDA Sisters. Those visits meant so much to their day. Such a beautiful show of sisterly friendship and love.



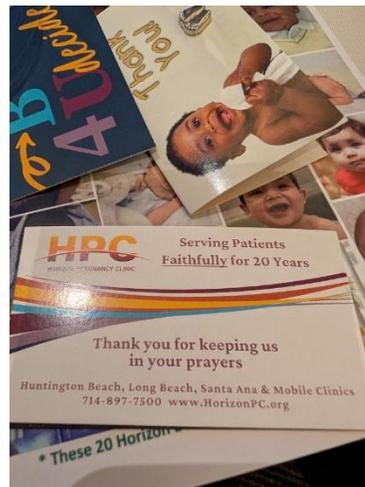
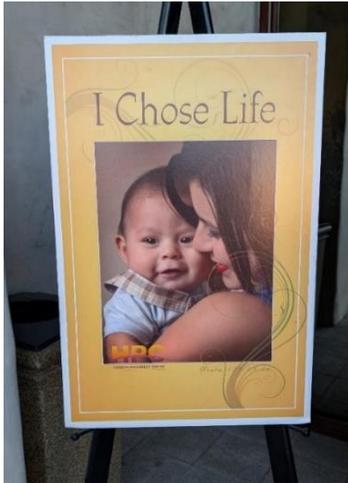
COURT ST. JOHN #2526



TACO 'BOUT CDA SUMMER FIESTA

COURT BLESSED SACRAMENT #2024

Court Blessed Sacrament at the Horizon Pregnancy Clinic fundraiser in Seal Beach.
Court Compton #942 joins their Sister Court.



COURT ST. RAYMOND #2057

Court St. Raymond #2057 in Dublin, CA served Root Beer Floats to parishioners after attending mass together on CDA Sunday. The light shone upon us!



COURT SAN YSIDRO #1507

Court San Ysidro #1507 All Saints Day Project: Remembered and honored the little angels who were lost through abortion and stillborn. Pictured is Joan Noyes, Chair of Right to Life and Our Lady of Lourdes Pastor, Fr. Rolly. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes wrote the names of these precious little ones on an angel tag and hung it from the tree.



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

On Sept. 8th of 2023 our Catholic Daughters Court, Our Lady of Peace #1306 in San Bernardino, California, had our first meeting after summer break and celebrated with a delicious lunch and to write get well notecards to our Veterans, patients at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, CA. All members present participated in writing personal notecards. Olivia Guerrero, our Regent, provided the blank notecards and a variety of stickers (flowers & Bible verses) to affix to the 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 Sept. 16 Olivia Guerrero and Eva Garza attended mass at the Veterans Hospital and then met with Chaplain Fr. Ignacio Estrada to present 60 get well notecards for the veterans. He welcomed us and we shared a pleasant visit with him. He was happy to receive the cards and expressed the veterans' appreciation for the cards previously presented. We look forward to future visits.

Left to right: Eva Garza, Chaplain Fr. Ignacio Estrada, Regent Olivia Guerrero



COURT SAN LUIS OBISPO #1162

Congratulations on a beautiful 95th anniversary at Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Pro Cathedral on Sunday, October 5th and the wonderful tea party at the Elks Lodge.



Deacon Tim Meyer
-- Con Celebrant at mass
and blessings/prayers



Lorine – guest speaker



Mission San Luis Obispo



Santa Barbara Court in attendance



Committee with Regent

COURT WHITTIER #519

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, we held our Paint event. The event had a great turnout from our community.



COURT QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS #2418

We celebrate 30 years in our community as Catholic Daughters. Mary Bernard is our Regent. We had our Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 19.



On Sunday, October 26, we celebrated with lunch at Buon Gusto Restaurant in Mission Hills. The event was a fun time by everyone.



Current Officers: L to R: Vice Regent Martha Gaitan-Allen, Regent Mary Bernard, Recording Secretary Rose Tapia, Treasurer Karin Nystrom, Financial Secretary Irma Rangel



Past Court Regents: L to R: Melody McGuire, Mary Bernard, Valerie O'Reilly, Wanda Rezo



L to R: Charter member Elia Sripuntanagoon, Charter Regent Mary Bernard, Charter Recording Secretary Marilyn Lazear, Charter Financial Secretary Jean Otrema

COURT ST. THERESA #1158

Our court just celebrated its 95th anniversary. We went to mass as a group and then went out to breakfast with our families.



Back row L-R Terri Walsh, Regina Chavez, Phyllis Silva, Luisiana Drumonde, Joyce Caetano, Jennifer Pacheco
Front row L-R Carol Camboia, Mary Mehalakopoulos, Emily Alamo, Mary Ann Ventura, Fr. Lenjenie Arcan, Ann Wieser, Pat Rocha, Geri Rozeira



COURT COMPTON #942

On Sunday, November 2nd, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church commemorated Día de los Muertos with a beautiful community altar and a Ministry Fair. The CDA and JCDA participated along with the English Ministries. Thank you to LaVerne and Barbara for the blood pressure screenings and education. The JCDA handed out candies and provided face paintings. They held their Princess House Raffle drawing. Father Nsom participated in the fun.

