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Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

CONGRATULATIONS



On Friday September 8, 2023, we installed our newest court: Court St. Andrews #2792 in Pasadena.

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FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT/NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ Essie Walker



Reminders as to how we can show Love through our Leadership Skills

There are numerous ways to show members how we can incorporate love, kindness and respect in our leadership role:

*Interacting or communicating with others... Our tone of voice can play a huge role in how members will react to different situations.

*Show members how much they are appreciated.... A handwritten thank you note, or phone call is more personal than an email. Go one step further and acknowledge members publicly.

*Offer encouragement... If we see or learn that a new officer is struggling, offer kind words that will give them the boost they need.

*Ask members how they are doing and really mean it... This will let members know we really care about them.

*Offer support or help in time of need... Pray for members and ask what we can do to help.

*Train rather than criticize... If a member is not meeting the assigned expectations offer support to include training.

*Keep lines of communication open... Let members know that we are available to assist them at any time. Do not assume they know.

* Out of respect... Let members know their opinion and suggestions counts. One may not like other's opinion or suggestion however, it is important to stay in a loving and accepting mode. This will let others know that we are approachable and that their opinion is appreciated.

*Have a listening ear... Do not be in a position whereas we are doing all the talking. Give members the opportunity to express themselves. A good listener relates to not only hearing the speakers' words but also pays close attention to the non-verbal signals (gestures and body language) and reflects back to the speaker. Hearing is a physical ability and listening is a learned skill. Learn it. During our waking hours, we are communicating 80% of the time. At least 45% of that time we should be listening.

*Show compassion...When a member is having a family issue or is just going through a rough time. Remember, we never know what a member is experiencing in their person life. If a member wants to share; just listen to what they have to say. There are times when members just need someone to listen.

*Receive members unconditionally...Withhold judgment, welcome diversity of self-expression.

As we continue to grow in our leadership roles, we must constantly nourish the seeds of kindness, love and respect.

Many blessings as we continue to perform the good works of the Catholic Daughters.

"The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action." Mother Teresa

Essie Walker

STATE REGENT ~ Maria Santos-Silva



It is Time to “Fall Into” your Courts Standing Rules!

Fall is my favorite time of year, as most of you know I live in the Central Valley of California which is an agriculture capital of the world. Fall is the time when all the hard work time energy and resources that our farmers and ranchers have put into their crops all year comes into recognition. From the buzz of the silage choppers to the parade of trucks loaded with almonds and other commodities heading down our country roads. The sense of pride for being part of this vital process is all

around. You see it is not just the farmers who are proud of their crops but all the support business from the mechanics, water district employees, inspectors, consultants, and vendors who help support the process all come together in the Fall to witness the fruits of their labors. This is the time of year when all those involved not only harvest the fruits of their labors, but they plan for the next season to come.

Just like these Farmers in the Fall who now must work their fields to prepare for the Spring our CDA Courts need to use this time to prepare their Courts for the upcoming CDA Court Year. Most of you have been dark over the Summer and are meeting again planning your new calendars and budgets. But are you forgetting one of the most important tools of your Court? Your Courts Standing Rules. Most Courts have not had a review of the Standing Rules in, years or yes decades. Some Court leaders we have talked to did not even know if they had Standing Rules. Every Court in CA has had Standing Rules at some time in their court’s history.

I would like to challenge every court officer to locate your Standing Rules and have your court look them over and update them this Fall. You should be able to find a copy of your courts Standing Rules in your court’s historical minutes. You need to go back over your court minutes to make sure that you are working from the most current copy.

To change your Standing Rules your will, need to have a meeting with your court to discuss the Standing Rules and have changes considered. Once that discussion has taken place the proposed updated Standing Rules need to be sent to all court members and your District Deputy, then at the next court meeting the Standing Rules need to be voted on. You cannot have any court Standing Rule that is contradictory to our CDA National Bylaws or Roberts Rulers of Order. If you need any help with this process, please reach out to your District Deputy. Once you have your Standing Rules updated you need to add the updated date to the official copy and send a copy to your District Deputy and make sure a copy is kept in the minutes when they were approved.

All officers should have an updated copy on them at every court meeting and event. Having your Standing Rules available at court meetings helps meetings going smoothly. No more one person in the audience insisting that “this is always done this way” without reason or proof. If all the officers have a copy of the courts Standing Rules, the court officers can confidently justify how they are conducting business and in a manner which reflects the “Will” of the entire Court not just one outspoken court member insisting on how things should be



done. This simple document will help your meetings run more professionally and more appealing to new and prospective members in attendance.

So “Happy Fall Ya’ All” and it is time to “Fall into Your Standing Rules”

God Bless,

Maria Santos-Silva

"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

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ Lorine Bakowsky



My Dear Sisters in Christ, Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors,

Happy Fall!

There is nothing more exciting than fall to me. There is the beginning of school, the cool crispness comes to the mornings, soon Halloween and All Saints Day come and it is the beginning of the CDA year. My court officers and I recently sat down and planned our year out and we have some exciting events.

I am looking forward the most to hosting a Father/Daughter Dinner Dance and Mother/Son Dinner Dance. They are back-to-back nights so we don't have to take down decorations etc. We are also hosting a Youth Game night during Winter Break and a Circle of Love Art Day when the youth may come and work on their Education Contest entries. My court is also starting a JCDA and we hope to have an exciting year with these lovely young ladies.

Sounds like a lot! It is, but we work together as a team and utilize everyone's skills and talents. Our ladies at home, who cannot come out, will be given projects to do at home so they can still feel a part of CDA. They can wrap utensils, make goody bags, create signs, all sorts of things that will keep them active.

Does this sound like your court? Sound like your court lives out its two-fold purpose to provide service and spirituality? Then as always, your court is amazing!

The CA CDA State Board hopes to hear from many you on how your court is doing. To aid in this reporting we are starting a new program called the Quality Court Award. See information in this newsletter regarding this new program.

Happy New CDA Year,

Lorine Bakowsky

SECOND VICE STATE REGENT ~ Sheri Kanagawa



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the changing of the seasons and God's many beautiful colors he is making with his special touch in nature. As the season is changing our Catholic Daughter courts are beginning to look for ways to support or give to our many areas of CDA Circle of Love Projects. But in order to give we need to have a source of income. While I was in Compton for the District Deputy / Leadership training for the Los Angeles Diocese there was a discussion of ideas for different fundraisers. In order to give or support our different projects or

charities we need to have fundraisers.

As a non-profit organization we are always looking for new ways to raise money, here is a list that we produced during our workshop. I also added some I found on Pinterest which are unique and different.

- Luncheon or Tea with auction baskets
- Craft Fair
- Bunco Party or Bingo Night
- Movie Night, Babysitting for Parents to have a Date
- Candy Sale (See's or World's Finest Chocolate)
- Garden Tour and / or a Plant Sale
- Bake Sale, No Bake Sale, Holiday Bake Sale
- 5 K Run, Turkey Trot run
- Pampered Chef Online sales
- Jamba Juice Cards Sale,
- Yard Sale (clean out those closets)
- Restaurant Proceeds (Applebee's, Raising Canes, Panera)
- Taco truck, Krispy Kream Sale
- Enchilada or Tamales Sales
- Linguiça sandwich sales or Linguiça and beans drive thru
- Concession booth or Craft booth at Fairs or Livestock shows
- Used Purse sale (clean up nice used purse to sale)
- Dinner Dance or host a Concert
- Host a Daddy / Daughter night or Mother / Son night
- Host Weekend Spiritual Retreat or Day
- Flamingo a Yard
- Teach a class, Sip and Paint or Board and brush classes

These are just a few ideas of some different fundraisers if you need more ideas go on Pinterest. AS we begin to open up our courts again after the summer vacations look outside of the box and maybe try something new or just add a little twist to your present fundraiser. Remember everything we do as a Catholic Daughters we are doing for our Lord Jesus Christ.

I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way,
I give you my eyes to see as you do, I give you my tongue to speak your words
I give you my mind that you may think in me,
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me,
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me. Amen

May your year be filled with God's Grace and Love,

Sheri Kanagawa

STATE SECRETARY ~ Yvonne Connolly



Meetings & Agendas: Ladies, as you start planning the year for your court keep in mind most of you are trying to work within the framework of one hour. First the opening prayer either from your Priest or Spiritual Enhancement chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Cross. Reports from your chairmen; Minutes, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Sunshine. Keep these reports brief.

My court would meet a half an hour early to pray the Rosary however we found members drifting in during that time. This year we are trying something different. The Rosary will be recited at the end of the meeting so everyone present can participate. At the beginning we will have snacks and beverages first, which can be eaten during the meeting.

New Business: Meetings should always be uplifting. Events that are to put on the calendar for the year. The Board should already have tentative dates, starting with the ones coming up first. Let the members know. Form a committee for the first event, so they can work on it and make a presentation for discussion at your next meeting. Give them a budget if possible so they have a starting point. You may have a member who readily chairs the event, please be sure to have her invite new members to participate, so they can learn, plus we need to give them the opportunity to share their time and God given talents with the court. If you try to discuss all the events, you will most certainly run out of time and maybe even confuse the members, especially the new ones. Please remember to give advance notice of workshops coming up in your area. This the **Very Best** way for the board, members, and especially new members to learn about CDA. **Workshops** in your area or one within a reasonable drive. These workshops cover so much of what CDA is about, how to follow protocol, financial revues etc. etc. They are fun and you get to meet your CDA sisters from different courts.

Old Business: The Board should have already gone over any old business that needs to be finished, they should have a plan to present on how to accomplish this "leftover business." Please do not keep the old business on the agenda month after month, deal with it and move on.

My final thoughts are on encouraging you all to attend workshops. It does not matter how many times you have been to one in the past there is always something new to learn! Please, please bring your new members, they need to know all about the amazing organization they have joined. Our courts all over California are working on the same or similar things as your court. Get some new ideas. Bring your smile, love, and energy along with you.

There is a workshop September 23rd starting at 8:30 am in San Luis Obispo, Nativity of Our Lady Church, 221 Daly Ave, San Luis Obispo 93405. I will be there along with other State Board members, DD's, officers, and chairmen who are working so hard to make this a great event. We will also be hosting a baby shower for our new State Charity, Tree of Life. This wonderful charity works along the Central Coast with abused women, women who have had abortions and women who have kept and are raising their beautiful babies/children. We have a speaker coming from Tree of Life, they are in need of baby wipes, diapers in large sizes 4,5,6. They will accept baby clothes, new and gently used also sizes 4T-5T. Please be generous. Join us, I look forward to meeting you and sharing Sept. 23rd at Nativity of Our Lady Church, 221 Daly Ave, San Luis Obispo.

Blessing

Yvonne Connolly

STATE TREASURER ~ Michelle Eck



I am not very good at writing articles, but I will do my best. As the Fall is starting, schools are starting, and courts are starting to meet; it reminds me of all the things we can attend and participate in. My parish is having a Parish Festival on September 17th and a Christmas Fair on December 2nd and 3rd . The Catholic Daughters run the Sweet Shops at both events. Maybe if you are in the Sacramento area you can attend. My parish is St. Paul Catholic Church on Gardner Avenue. It is

important to support each other and each ministry in the parish. Try to attend at least one or two events or dinners in your parish or another parish you have not attended before. You just might find something you like and make a new friend or two. Or get an idea for an event in your own parish.

This year we hope to involve the CFF students in the Education Contests. Our court has not done this before, but I think it would be nice. At the State Officer Conference, I learned many Courts hold events for the different contests. I think this is a good idea. Have an art day. Have members of the Court available to help the students and give them advice and encouragement. Youth is the future of our country.

Our Court is also going to work with our Knights of Columbus more. Team up together on a fund raiser and split the profits. Attend or support their events. We are going to have a combined recruitment with the Knights. We are hoping to get the wives and husbands to join together.

This is the time of year to think of families, friends and of course God. Gathering together is the best way to keep your faith strong and to support each other. Have a good Fall and Holiday and send me your events so I can present them to my court, family and friends. Hope to see you or meet you at an future event.

Thank you,
Michelle Eck

A promotional graphic for a Zoom meeting. The background is a soft-focus image of pink and white flowers. On the left, there is a collage of images including a pink rose, a small American flag, a logo for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (California & Nevada), and a '100th Anniversary' banner. In the center, there is a small image of a rosary. On the right, there is a painting of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, with a lamb at their feet. The text is centered and reads: "Please Join us every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 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". Below this, it says "Zoom Log In Information Meeting ID: 884 6902 9376 Passcode: CACCCA". At the bottom, there is a quote: "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.

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- Matthew 5:16*



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.

EDUCATION



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How Does My Love Shine for Others? Educational Theme 2023-24

Dear CDA Sisters, I am sure that most Courts are up and running again after a full and hopefully restful summer. I know that I have been busy with many things this summer and have a full fall ahead. As your State Education Chairman I truly hope to see every Court submitting entries to go before the National Convention. Any age can participate, CCD classes, RCIA, schools in categories of Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. Each Court decides the number of awards in each category and submits the winners to the State, so this is a wonderful way to validate the efforts of all. Your Court can make an award ceremony for the community. So please consider encouraging plenty of entries and use this in a way that enriches your local community in the field of education. For detailed instructions, check out the National Website which still has last's years' theme however the guidelines are the same.

The theme for 2023-24 is "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky." Luke 1:7,8 How does my love shine for others?

So much of what we try to do as Catholic women of faith is let our love shine for others using the talents that God has given each of us. So encourage members of your Court to submit entries, visit their children's schools or grandchildren encouraging the theme. Letting our love shine for others can be a theme in any school setting public, private, or home schooled.

Normally I try to write something a bit more profound about faith for the season, yet I am sure many of you wanted to know this year's theme as soon as possible. One way that I let God's light shine is in my garden. It is something I have always enjoyed and when my trees were smaller, I had enough flowers year round that anytime the need arose I would make someone a bouquet of fresh flowers to lift their spirits. Now I have an abundance of fruit that I share and can as time allows. Recently I began a garden at the local college and am so enjoying seeing plants grow from seeds that will hopefully yield an abundance of produce that I can share with other people. Seeing the healthy plants and tiny seedlings make me think of God's love and kindness shining on us. Ladybugs were on many plants which are wonderful at keeping aphids at bay. The recent storms did not seem to hurt my young plants yet my thoughts this last week were definitely with those in Southern California that had devastation or for the people impacted on Maui. There seems to be no end of needs cropping up that really ask us to look deeply in how we can help uplift others even from afar.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer them as quickly as possible. I look forward to seeing all your entries this spring.

Cheryl Vitali

FAMILY



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Farewell to Summer

As summer draws to a close, it leaves us with a bittersweet taste—a mingling of joyous memories and the anticipation of what lies ahead. The end of summer signifies a transition, a turning of the page from carefree days to the structured routines of autumn. It is a time of reflection, a moment to savor the experiences that have shaped us, and an opportunity to welcome the changes that the coming seasons will bring.

As we experience transition, we welcome our new change in leadership. It is my goal as Regent, to model our change in season. I think of transition as both exciting and challenging. The season to demonstrate that I willingly embrace the opportunity to learn and grow and will take time to listen and understand.

The end of summer is not a goodbye, but rather a transition filled with gratitude and anticipation. It is a reminder that every season carries unique charm. As the final days of warmth and sunshine give way to crispness of autumn, let us carry the lessons, connections, and memories of summer with us. Let us embrace the change of season with open hearts and open minds.

Your Sister in Christ,
Laura McQuoid

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

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Hello ladies,

I want to first thank you for a new term as your spiritual enhancement chairman. I apologize for not greeting you in the July issue. I was on Vacation at the time. Please be assured of my prayers for you all. This term I would like for us to all focus on Imago Dei. This is the theology of the image of God. We are all created in His image, and we are called to reflect that image to all we meet. In the coming

articles I will focus on this topic, and I am hoping to hear from you all on how you are living out this theology. I pray that your summer was blessed.

PAX

Wynsdey Adams

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

LEADERSHIP



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Blessings CDA Sisters in Christ, how time flies when you are having fun! It has been a whirlwind of training, meetings, and everything Catholic Daughters and I am so honored to be involved! The beginning of my term has taken off like a skyrocket as I have unveiled and launched the H2H (Here to Help) Command Post at our DD/Leadership Training throughout the State. It has been well received and the feedback has been very positive. The H2H Command Post was first introduced in Compton, then it made its way to Dublin, then to Porterville and I look forward to introducing it at our next two (2) upcoming DD/Leadership Training in San Luis Obispo and San Bernardino. The H2H Command Post is constantly evolving so please feel free to email me any suggestions you may have that will make our H2H Command Post even more effective.

As your Leadership Chairman, I am so proud to have met all the CDA LEADERS I have had the opportunity to meet thus far and look forward to meeting many more of our wonderful CDA Leaders throughout the State CDA Courts.

One of the many blessings I have received in my short term of Leadership Chairman, is how we are all willing to step up and help each other! Thank you all because it is a reminder of why I am part of this organization! It is my prayer that in my 2-year term I am able to visit as many State Courts as possible. Please reach out to me and invite me to attend one of your meetings or I may just reach out to you and ask to attend.

May God bless you and all of yours and remember, I am HERE TO HELP!

Ismaela Muniz Heiden



STATE STORE-ON-SITE SALES



Irene Santos

Hello, My name is Irene Santos. I am a member of Court St Rita #2610 in Tulare. Serving as your State Store Special Assignment Chair has been a real privilege. I am enjoying meeting many of you at CDA events and look forward to helping you acquire items from the state store.

Irene Santos

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

YOUTH/JCDA



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Watch the JCDA video that National JCDA Chairman Yvette Griego made for the State & Territorial Workshop in July 2023:

[- Catholic Daughters of the Americas - New York, NY](#)

JCDA PHOTO HUNT CHALLENGE IS ON!

Maribel Lara, JCDA Chairperson



Get ready all Junior Catholic Daughters (JCD) for a fun JCDA Photo Hunt Challenge! [The Photo Hunt Challenge](#) was developed by Yvette Griego, CDA Junior National Director,

I hope that all of our JCDA Members participate and use the photo hunt challenge as a networking project to get to know each other. Members are encouraged to use the checklist to coordinate their time and use their creativity to frame representative photos. JCDA members are encouraged to ensure that all members participate. Also, the challenge can be used as a way to recruit other members as they see the members participating in the photo hunts.

The Photo Hunt Challenge has begun and the deadline for completing and submitting all 12 pictures is on December 31, 2023. Good luck to all JCDA Members and advisors! Remember to have fun and enjoy your time together.

Thank you, Yvette, for this wonderful idea, I know that all juniors are excited to start the Photo Hunt Challenge.

God Bless

Maribel Lara



PARLIAMENTARIAN



Laura Vacca ~ Lauraspencer.vacc@gmail.com

Greetings CDA sisters,

By now your meetings have been in full swing and you have been able to plan and hold events. Planning requires a bit of communication and control during meetings. As a new Regent (now a Past Regent), I often chuckled internally as I became familiar with using the GAVEL. It seemed so LOUD or too soft. Some

Regents use a "light tap," while others immediately enjoy the call to action with the "firm tap." Still, others get excited and "tap, tap, tap" as they try to control the room.

Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) addressed the proper use of this "Symbol of Authority" as:

- One tap - After a vote [To instruct members to sit down] To adjourn the meeting.
- Two taps - Call the meeting to order.
- Three taps – "stand in union" such as when we salute the US Flag

It is acceptable to use a quick tap with a gavel followed by a polite "Order please" when too many private side conversations are disrupting the flow of the meeting but use this sparingly.

Unacceptable use of the gavel: Gaveling through a vote/cutting off the rights of members to speak or drowning out a disorderly member – either by voice or gavel.

Finally, did you know that if the Regent wishes to take part in debate, she can temporarily Pass the

Gavel? Deciding to do this requires some caution as the Regent is a facilitator who does not enter

into discussion or vote unless by ballot. This enables the chair to maintain neutrality. Ordinarily, the chair would pass the gavel to the Vice Regent unless she is also involved in the debate.

However, there are some circumstances where a chair should step down. Examples might be:

- 1) When the chair has a conflict of interest pertaining to the motion being considered.
- 2) When the motion being considered refers only to the chair in a capacity not shared with other members, or that commends or censures him with others
- 3) When the chair wishes to take part in debate

See Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th edition 43:29) for more information.

Knowing how and when to use this "Symbol of Authority" will benefit both Regent and members in

understanding how and when to respond to each call to action during a meeting.

Have a wonderful year!

Laura Vacca

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION ~ CENTRAL



Kathi Morris ~ Kathi.Morris51@comcast.net

Greetings to all my CDA Sisters from near and far!

While many Courts went dark for the summer, some of us continued to stay busy supporting one another. As Membership Chair for Central California, when I learned that three courts in Monterey Bay needed some extra love, I enlisted help from sisters in the Central Valley. Members and officers from Court St. Joachim's, # 2553, and Court Daughters of Divine Mercy, #2753, cheerfully traveled 175 miles in mid-July to share their knowledge.

The intimate setting with one-on-one training was rewarding and beneficial. The networking and camaraderie set the stage for future encounters and follow-ups. To witness the exchange of information and friendships forming from across the miles was truly a blessing to all involved.

On a side note, I was staying alone in a vacation rental when all five courts came together. A few days after our meeting, I became very ill. Regents from all three Monterey Bay Courts checked up on me while I was laid up with the worst sore throat of my life. It brought so much comfort to know that these women whom I had just met were there for me. To know that women of faith were praying for me, cared about me, and were there for me gave me a sense of peace that words cannot express.

We are truly blessed to be a part of this loving organization.

Kathi Morris

Between May 2023 to July 2023, we gained 3 New Courts

St. Clara of Assisi
Instituted - May 27, 2023
Susan Marshall, Regent
204 Morgan Court
Waynesboro, VA 22980
tomschmitz2@aol.com

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Instituted - June 11, 2023
Mary B. Serke, Regent
1805 W. Sleepy Ranch Road
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Roses of St. Mary
Instituted - July 30, 2023
Denise George, Regent
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ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
1158	St. Theresa	Gustine	9/7/1930	93
1939	St. Felicitas	N. Highlands	9/25/1965	58
2517	St. Anne	Banning	9/6/2003	20
2637	Our Lady of Grace	Reedley	9/11/2010	13

OCTOBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
1162	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	10/12/1930	93
1520	Guardian Angel	Montebello	10/2/1949	74
1521	Regina Coeli	Porterville	10/3/1949	74
1652	St. Francis of Assisi	Hanford	10/4/1953	70
2418	Queen of the Americas	Sylmar	10/29/1995	28
2520	Santa Sophia	Spring Valley	10/11/2003	20
2525	St. Basil the Great	Vallejo	10/25/2003	20

NOVEMBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
1387	Our Lady of Fatima	Upland	11/4/1943	78
1450	St. Mary Margaret	Pittsburg	11/13/1947	76
1661	Our Lady of Good Success	Clovis	11/15/1953	70
1707	Our Lady of the Miracle	Navato	11/2/1955	68
2610	St. Rita	Tulare	11/28/2008	15

DECEMBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2023
293	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	12/10/1916	107
1454	Immaculate Conception	Fontana	12/7/1947	76
2440	Dominic Franci	Dinuba	12/21/1996	27
2526	St. John	Fresno	12/14/2003	20



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
National Officers and Territorial Conference
Scottsdale, Arizona July 20-23, 2023

RESOLUTION

Whereas Bishop Fulton Sheen became one of the 20th Century's most influential voices through his popular radio show, The Catholic Hour, and later his weekly TV show, Life is Worth Living; and

Whereas Bishop Sheen inspired millions to witness his personal relationship with God and to see the relevance of Catholicism with his over 70 books and inspirational homilies; and

Whereas Bishop Sheen influenced countless conversions to the Catholic faith; and

Whereas, more than 100 million dollars was raised for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which supports missions in the poorest parts of the world; and

Whereas Bishop Sheen was the face of Catholicism for 40 years and with his teaching and preaching made people feel good about being Catholic; and

Whereas Bishop Sheen addressed our 24th Biennial National Convention in 1952 and challenged CDA to extend their charity to the needs of the poor all over the world; and

Whereas the title of "Venerable" was conferred on Bishop Sheen June 28, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI; and

Whereas the miracle of baby James Fulton Engstrom, after being born in 2010 with no signs of life and with no vital signs for 61 minutes, did survive to be a healthy child and has been attributed to the family praying for the intercession of Bishop Sheen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Catholic Daughters pray for funding for the soon anticipated Beatification ceremony of the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in Peoria, Illinois where he is buried; and be it further

Resolved, That even after beautification, prayers continue for a second miracle for the future Canonization of Archbishop Sheen; and be it further

Resolved, That Catholic Daughters support and pray for the Bishop Sheen Foundation as they raise funds and promote the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Archbishop Sheen, a beloved servant of God.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host" Bishop Fulton Sheen

Submitted by : Michele Bowman and Irene Gramza
National Resolution Committee
Approved July 19, 2023



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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RESOLUTION

Whereas CDA members, as a family, need to support each other as we all struggle to meet life's challenges; and

Whereas many of our members are aging gracefully while others suffer a variety of health issues both acute and chronic; and

Whereas many members function as caregivers to other family members due to age or disease; and

Whereas our members are saddened by the loss of members, spouses, parents, children and longtime friends; and

Whereas many of our current and past members reside in nursing facilities and are often lonely; therefore, be it

Resolved, that members help and support each other as we see the need with visits, rides, food, prayer, uplifting notes, or phone calls; and be it further

Resolved, that we attend funerals for our CDA sisters who have passed whenever possible, offer Masses for their intentions, and pray the Rosary for deceased members and their families.

Submitted by National Resolutions Committee
Michele Bowman and Irene Gramza

Approved July 19, 2023

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

THE 2023 SOAR DINNER IN NEW YORK CITY



Catholic Daughters presented a \$15,000 donation to our National Project at the SOAR! Banquet in New York City. National Regent Emily Guilherme would normally make the presentation, but she was ill and could not attend so National Regent-Elect Susan Moné presented on her behalf.

Catholic Daughters presented a \$15,000 donation to our National Project at the SOAR! Banquet in New York City.

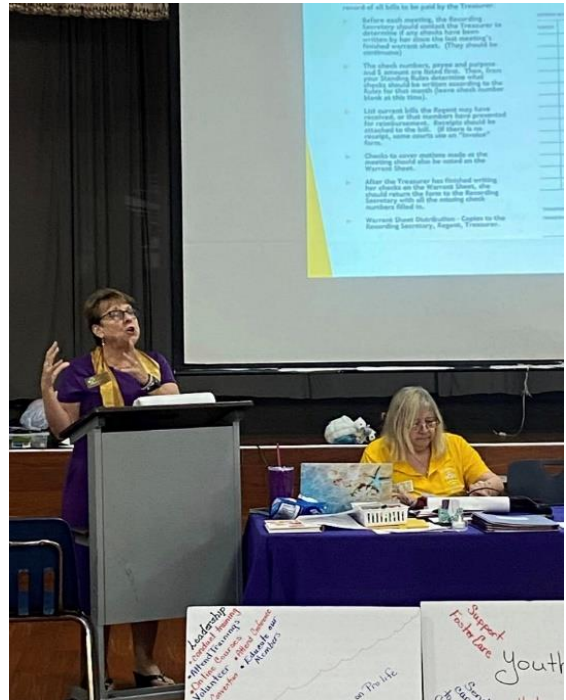
DISTRICT DEPUTY & LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS

AUGUST 5, 2023: FIRST WORKSHOP HOST - COURT COMPTON #942

Leaders were State Regent Maria Santos-Silva, 2nd Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa, State Leadership Chair Izzy Muniz-Heiden



The many ladies from various courts who came to learn more about being a District Deputy or how to be a successful leader





Maria leading the Workshop



Shirley and La Verne signing in people



Edible Rosary



Shirley Creighton, La Verne Russeau, Linda Davis



Special Circle of Love Opportunity! School Supplies Drive for CCD programs distributed by Court Compton



CA State Regent Maria Santos-Silva, Deacon Alberto Reyes, 2nd Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa, Chaplain Father Gilberto Rodriguez

AUGUST 12, 2023: SECOND WORKSHOP HOST - COURT ST. RAYMOND

Leaders were First Vice Regent Lorine Muehl Bakowsky, State Treasure Michelle Eck, State Leadership Chair Izzy Heiden and our State Chapin Father John Erick Villa.



1st Vice Regent Lorine Bakowsky



Izzy Heiden & Father Erick



Leadership Chair Izzy Heiden



Various members



State Treasurer Michelle Eck





At the 2nd Workshop in Dublin, the Circle of Love Project for Quality of Life was a canned food drive.

AUGUST 26, 2023: THIRD WORKSHOP HOST - CT. REGINA COELI #1521

Leaders were State Regent Maria Santos-Silva, 2nd Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa, State Leadership Chair Izzy Muniz-Heiden



These ladies came to learn more about the responsibilities of being a District Deputy and also about leadership in their courts.



Special Circle of Love support for Hermanas De La Oración Palmdale!



Karen Aguirre delivered the collected Bath and Toiletries to Hermanas De La Oración Palmdale!



The many ladies in attendance for the workshop



CA State Regent Maria Santos-Silva



Circle of Love Chair: Quality of Life-
Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa and
Karen Aquirre

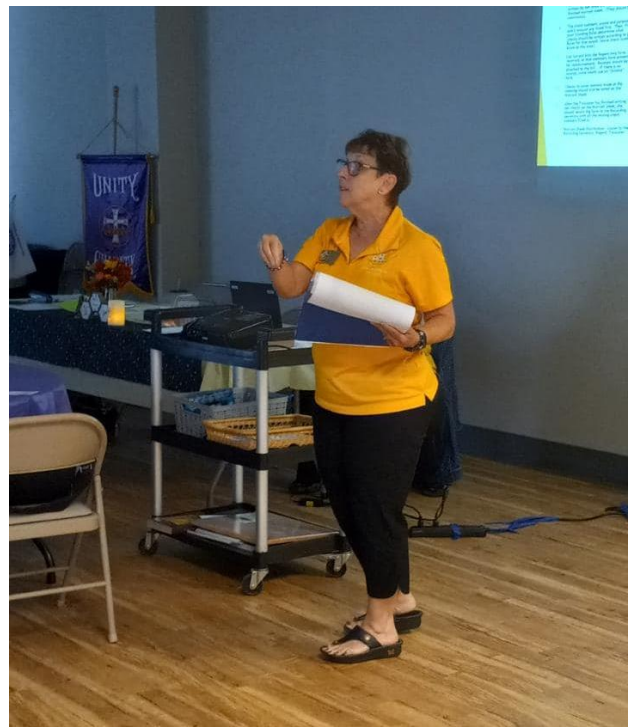
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023: 4th WORKSHOP HOST - SAN LUIS OBISPO #1162



These ladies came to learn more about the responsibilities of being a District Deputy and also about leadership in their courts. They hosted a Baby Shower for State Charity-“Tree of Life”



1st Vice State Regent Lorine Bakowsky



2nd Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa



Sheri Kanagawa, Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa, Izzy Muniz-Heiden





Ladies listening to the speakers



INSTITUTION OF COURT ST. ANDREWS #2792

You Are Invited to
Celebrate the Installation Mass
for
CA CDAs Newest Court
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Andrew #2792
Friday September 8, 2023
Time:
7:30 pm
Where:
St. Andrews Catholic Church
311 N. Raymond Avenue
Pasadena CA 91103
CDA Officers are to wear your Robes
Light Refreshments will be served
following Mass



Deacon Ryan, District Deputy Wynsdey Adams, the newly Installed court officers, Chaplain, Father Stephen Porter

The newly Court St. Andrews #2792 sign the paperwork



Treasurer



Financial Secretary



Recording Secretary



Vice Regent



Regent



The newly installed Court St. Andrews #2792 Officers addressing the audience



Spiritual Enhancement Chair Wynsdey Adams, Quality of Life Chair Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa, Karen Aguirre, State Regent Maria Santos-Silva, 2nd Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa, 1st Vice State Regent Lorine Bakowsky



Court St. Andrews member serving



Clara Harris and Karen Aguirre




NATIONAL ROBE SURVEY

Please be sure to complete the survey regarding the robes.

Note: All responses (paper or electronic) must be submitted by individual members. The Survey is due by January 31, 2024. The Survey will be in the next Share and Quarterly National Regent Emily Guilherme said, "A big Thank you to Past National Regent Helene Shepard, for accepting the Chairmanship of this committee after the passing of Past National Regent Joanne Tomassi. Thank you to Helene and your committee for a wonderful job."

Where Are We Going??



What do YOU think?

What do you want CDA to look like?

We need to go forward . . .

Complete the survey by January 1, 2024

Email survey via QR code or postal mail a paper copy

A committee of Catholic Daughters from many parts of our Nation has been appointed by the National Board with the task of studying the use of our ceremonial robes.

Committee Members:

- Emily Guilherme, National Regent, California – Ex Officio
- Helene Shepard, Past National Regent, New York – Chairman misshelene2018@gmail.com
- Alicia Baer, State Officer, Massachusetts – aliciabaer12@gmail.com
- Rita Carlson, Immediate Past State Regent – Iowa – lowafarmgirl4@hotmail.com
- Rosie Duran, State Regent – New Mexico – rduran@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org
- Irene Gramza, National Director – Arizona – igramza@aol.com
- Debbie Lattus, Past National Director – West Virginia – lattusdl@gmail.com
- Barb Wiechmann, Past State Regent – South Dakota – mbwiech@charles-mix.com

A brief survey is attached. We hope **every Catholic Daughter** will respond **now**. The results will be compiled and presented to the delegation at the next National Convention in August of 2024 in Louisiana. Survey deadline January 31, 2024.

There are many factors that have motivated this study. It is time we updated our use of the robes. We must take into consideration the financial costs (*cleaning, alterations, fabric fading*) and the availability of these robes at affordable prices. Therefore, we need to research other possibilities that will allow us to maintain the dignity and distinction that we have had for so many years at our ceremonies.

Your input is very important as we plan to maintain our mark of distinction in all that we do. Please take the time today to give us your thoughts and ideas to help us accomplish this task. Feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Send your response:

- Email to: aliciabaer12@gmail.com
- Postal Mail to: Helene Shepard, Chairman
Robe Committee
PO Box 455
Washingtonville, NY 10992

In the name of the entire committee **Thank You** for your part in helping to make a difference in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

[National Robe Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

STATE CHARITY DISTRIBUTION LIST

The new Dues and Charity Distribution List ~ 2023 – 2025

CA CDA Special Funds

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

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



(One program)

YEAR

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**

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
Catholic Extension
Disaster Relief Fund
Apostleship of the Sea
Human Life International
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
check for \$140: \$10 per National
per year)

CA CDA STATE DUES: \$12.00 A YEAR

NATIONAL DUES: \$18.00 A

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

**A new Award the State Board is working on for our courts to achieve:
The Scoring sheets will be sent out in Flocknotes to all Regents and Vice Regents.
Questions? Email or Call any State Officer**

Looking at the Areas of Assessments, is your court participating in these areas.

Quality Court Award –Go for the Gold!

The California State Board is instituting a Quality Court Award in order to recognize those courts who have a strong, quality program. Courts will be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze standing in California. Many of our courts meet high standards already, but many go above and beyond and should be recognized.

The period being measured is from September to June. Points are awarded for the New Officer List and Officer Training in the even years when elections are held.

The Regent and DD should complete the form on page 2 and submit by June 30th to the California First Vice State Regent. Winning courts will receive a certificate and ribbon in July and winners will be announced in the Fall issue of Golden State Tidings. The ribbon may be hung from your banner standard (pole).

Below are the areas of assessment:

Administrative Procedures-Required by all courts

All courts must meet the minimum administrative functions such as electing new officers, completing required forms, paying dues and completing financial reviews.

Recruitment/Retention

The courts will have a growth plan that includes membership drives that serves the diversity in their communities and will have plans for retaining members through inclusiveness.

Spiritual

Courts will meet the CDA purpose of providing avenues of Spirituality for their members and will be recognized for maintaining an open line of communication with their Chaplain/Spiritual Advisor.

Communication/Collaboration

The courts will identify the avenues of communication they use to promote CDA, maintain communication with the State court and promote unity through sisterhood.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

OCTOBER

- 9 Columbus Day
- 15 CDA Sunday
- 22 Respect Life Sunday
- 28 Make A Difference Day
- 29-4 White Ribbon Against Pornography Week
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 All Souls' Day
- 3-5 Combined State Board, Chairman & Special Assessment Meeting Holiday Party in Visalia
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 Advent Begins
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 25 Christmas

GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS DUE DATES

EDITOR ~ Karen Jones ~ kdj4237308@gmail.com



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

Karen Jones

DUE DATE

Sept-Fall 2023
Dec-Winter 2023
March-Spring 2024
June-Summer 2024

SUBMISSION DATE

submit between August 1-22, 2023
submit between November 1-22, 2023
submit between February 1-22, 2024
submit between May 1-22, 2024

DUE DATE

Sept-Fall 2024
Dec-Winter 2024
March-Spring 2025
June-Summer 2025

SUBMISSION DATE:

submit between August 1-22, 2024
submit between November 1-22, 2024
submit between February 1-22, 2025
submit between May 1-22, 2025

UP-COMING COURT EVENTS

COURT DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE MERCY #2753

What: Public Square Rosary Rally – Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother Waits...
When: Saturday, October 14, 2023
Where: Pasa La Tiempo Clovis Park (located at Northwest Corner of Barstow & DeWolf)
Time: Rosary begins @ 12:00 noon
Contact: Regent Robin Roth @ 559-940-0616

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI #1652

What: 70th Anniversary Mass & Reception
When: Sunday, October 15, 2023
Where: St. Brigid Catholic Church
1001 N. Douty St., Hanford, CA 93230
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per person
On Sale until October 1, 2023
Contact: Terri Evangelo @ 559-816-8660

COURT ST. RITA #2610

What: Annual Tea & Luncheon
When: Sunday, October 22, 2023
Where: Tulare Angrense Athletic Club
1521 E. Bardsley Ave., Tulare, CA 93274
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Suzette @ 559-901-3119 for information or tickets

SAN BERNARDINO TRAINING

What: District Deputy & CDA Leadership Training
When: Saturday, October 28, 2023
Where: Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church
18386 Corwin Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lunch: \$15.00 (checks payable to: Court La Salette #2499)
Host Court: Our Lady of La Salette #2499
Contact: Maria Santos-Silva @ 559-901-3482 or MSantosSilvaCACDA@gmail.com
Registration forms and fees due by: October 10, 2023
Circle of Love Project: Split evenly between the Food Bank at Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church and State Charity Hermanas De La Oración Palmdale Holiday Food Drive.

COURT LITTLE FLOWER #1003

What: Holiday Tea
When: Sunday, November 12, 2023
Where: Wyndham Hall, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$35.00 per person

Pre-sold only beginning September 12, 2023 to October 27, 2023

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 STATE RETREAT

When: May 24 – 26, 2024

Where: St. Anthony Retreat Center
Three Rivers, CA

More information to follow

STATE OFFICERS CONFERENCE

State Regent Maria Santos-Silva, 1st Vice State Regent Lorine Bakowsky, 2nd Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa, State Treasurer Michelle Eck attended the 2023 State Officers Conference



All the State Officers who attended the State Officers Conference – July 13-15, 2023



There were 42 first time Conference Goers who brought fresh energy and perspective.
Welcome First-Timers!



COURT ACTIVITIES

COURT COMPTON #942

August 12, 2023, Ct. Compton #942 held its 7th Annual Salad Tea Social. Photographed are our National Regent, current State Officers, and Past State Regents.



Left to right: State Secretary Yvonne Connolly, Past State Regent Susan Killian, Past State Regent Daphne Bernestine, National Regent Emily Guilherme, 2nd State Regent Sheri Kanagawa.



Ct. Compton Tea chairs: Jacqueline Dunn and Patty Gutierrez

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE PARK

Quality of Life State Chairman Andrea Rodriguez-Ochoa and Leadership State Chairman Issy Muniz-Heiden represented CA CDA well on August 23, 2023 at Catholic Night at the Grizzly game with Bishop Brennan:



FRESNO GRIZZLIES

Catholic Night AT THE Park

AUGUST 23, 2023
CHUKCHANSI PARK
1800 TULARE ST.
FRESNO, CA 93721

FIRST PITCH AT 6:50 PM
GET TICKETS AT
DIOCESEOFFRESNO.ORG/CATHOLIC-NIGHT

JOIN THE DIOCESE OF FRESNO AND
THE FRESNO GRIZZLIES FOR
CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE PARK!

COURT ST. JOHN 2526

Some of the projects for our Court September through November 2023:

09/02/23 Yard Sale

09/07/23 Patriotic Rosary (held the first Thursday of every month via zoom-all Courts are invited to participate.)

09/09/23 Court St. John 2526 Traveling Rosary Laton, CA (All CA Courts are invited to host one month during the year.)

09/09/23 Work at the Fresno State Pardini's Concession Stands for all six (6) home games (09/09, 09/23, 09/30, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18)

10/04/23 Panera Fundraiser

10/07/23 Craft Faire

10/14/23 Court St. John 2526 Traveling Rosary, Divine Mercy, Clovis, CA (All CA Courts are invited to host one month during the year.)

10/14/23 Court St. John 2526 America Needs Fatima Rosary

10/21/23 Couples Retreat

11/11/23 Court St. John 2526 Traveling Rosary, Our Lady of Good Success, Clovis, CA (All CA Courts are invited to host one month during the year.)




Please join us for
 Court St. John #2526
Fall Craft Fair
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
FROM 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
3737 W. MCKINLEY AVE, FRESNO CA 93722
MCKINLEY/BRAWLEY
FREE ADMISSION
 Vendor Space Available 10 x 10 for \$20
 Contact:
 Ismaela Muniz, Regent at (559) 908-3818

COUPLES RETREAT	
 CDA Court St. John 2526	
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023	
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Whether you have been in a relationship for a few or many years or would like to be in a relationship in the future, this retreat is for you!
RSVP to: Ismaela Muniz Heiden, CDA Regent 559-908-3818 ismaela.muniz@gmail.com	\$20.00/person Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CDA COURT 2526 MAIL TO: 6213 N. GILROY AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93722	 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 10/14/2023
Please drive to the back of the property, bring your Bible & writing materials to take notes.	
THE GARZA'S HOME 3737 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93722	

COURT REGINA COELI #1521

The ladies showed up to support their cause of Sewing Prayer Blankets.



COURT ST. ANDREWS #2792

Karen Aguirre – Charter Member of St. Andrews #2792
Hello again Dear Catholic Daughters!

I pray you have all been doing well this summer, soon the holidays will be here, and Christmas is my favorite time of year, so I am always ready for it. Your Catholic Daughters have been busy offering leadership trainings throughout the state this summer.

We have hit Court Compton with CCD supplies, our Cloistered Sisters in the Desert with toiletries, and later in the month San Luis Obispo will be hit with baby necessities for our ongoing pro-life work.

I can re-affirm that God's timing is perfect... I had asked Mother Letty of the Missionary Sisters of the Word, Silence and Peace in Lake La what she would like or need for the sisters, and she said, "toiletries would be very welcome." Little did I know that shortly after the items were delivered, they were actually housing 40 additional women religious for an international retreat! What a blessing we are to them, and you all are a part of that as the sisters uphold you all affectionately in their prayers .God's timing is indeed perfect! ❤️

As I write this note I want to inform you that plans for our newest court in Pasadena are well underway. They will be called Court St. Andrew # 2792.

They are a wonderful bunch of ladies who have attended leadership trainings, and served their parish at the hospitality table even before they were even installed. They look forward to meeting each of you!



On September 24, 2023, Ct. St. Andrews #2792 held their very first court meeting.

COURT MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD #2400

From a Successful Church Ministry Fair, Court Mary Queen of the World #2400 gained 10 possible new members as a result. The new JCDA had 11 members sign up!! Keep up the Wonderful Work Ladies we are so Very Proud Of You!!!



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

On Sept. 4th of 2023 our Catholic Daughters Court, Our Lady of Peace #1306 in San Bernardino, California, met after our summer break to discuss plans for the 2023/24 year's events. To kick things off, we wrote notecards to in-patients at St. Bernadine's Hospital to cheer & comfort them during their hospitalization. Olivia Guerrero, our Regent, provided the blank notecards and a variety of stickers to affix to the cards. Olivia's family also participated in writing cards. Our guidelines were to wish them healing and comfort during this difficult time with a prayer and a blessing by gifting them with a lovely, caring sentiment.

On Sept. 28th Regent Oliva Guerrero, Eva Garza, Elvira Sepulveda, Felita Nobleza, Rosalinda Ranas. Janet Ochoa, Pam Morlan & Frances Marquez presented 86 cards to Catholic Chaplain, Father Edward and Kathleen McDonald, Director of Mission Integration, so that they could distribute them to patients. Our spirits were lifted by writing these happy notes for our patients. God is Good.



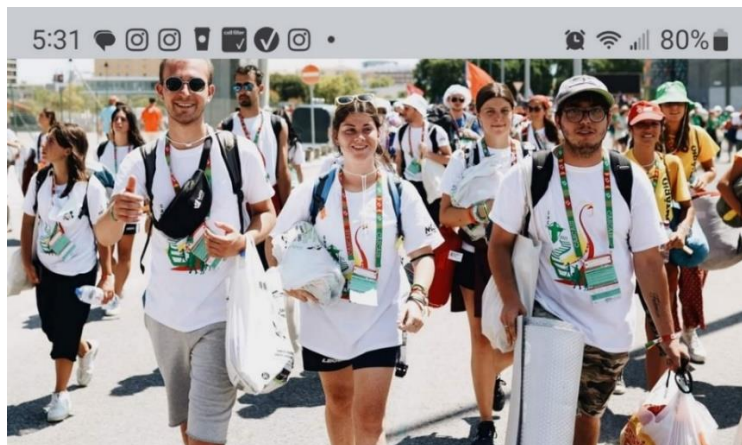
Left to Right, rear: Regent Olivia Guerrero, Claudia Doyle, Elvira Sepulveda, Inez Lanas, Connie Rodriguez, Lupe Zavala, Lori Vasquez, Janet Ochoa, Frances Marquez, Eva Garza, Rosalinda Ranas, Pam Morlan. Left to Right, center: Gloria Siliezar, Marge Peterson, Lee Aguilar, Glenda Gipson, Virginia Soto. Front: Felita Nobleza.



Left to Right: Gloria Siliezar, Claudia Doyle.

JCDA EVENTS

A group of youth from **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** enjoyed a wonderful time at the World Youth Day in Portugal. They were a sea of pilgrims to welcome Pope Francis.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 NATIONAL EDUCATION WINNERS

ART DIVISION I

1ST PLACE Lydia Haggerty Ct. Owatonna #1180, Owatonna, MN
2ND PLACE Briley Benoit Ct. St. Landry #119, Opelousas, LA
3RD PLACE Madeleine Mae Deal Ct. St. Thomas #1483, Franklin, PA

ART DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Katherine Downey Ct. Stella Maris #288, Atlantic City, NJ
2ND PLACE Katie Richter Ct. Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa #2570, Flatonia, TX
3RD PLACE Andrew Arguiarro Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, North Merrick, NY

ART DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Alberto Cartela Ct. St. Monica #877, Norfolk, NE
2ND PLACE Hanna Merron Ct. St. Cecelia #283, Algona, IA
3RD PLACE Madelyn Ellioff Ct. Lady of the Lake #695, Lake Charles, LA

ART DIVISION IV

1ST PLACE Amanda Konechne Ct. St. Patrick #1699, Kimball, SD
2ND PLACE Anne D. Marrin Ct. Fidelis #342, Wesley, IA
3RD PLACE Sandra Rogers Ct. of Assumption #1672, Franklin, LA

COMPUTER ART DIVISION I

1ST PLACE Isabella Yepes Ct. Kavanaugh #54, Alexandria, VA
2ND PLACE Sean Borrromeo Ct. Notre Dame #1452, Alexandria, LA
3RD PLACE Anna Egan Ct. St. Rose of Lima #4, Cuba City, WI

COMPUTER ART DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Catherine Workmaster Ct. Queen of Peace #1872, Arlington, VA
2ND PLACE Jihyo Song Ct. Our Lady of Good Counsel #216, Fort Dodge, IA
3RD PLACE Deianira Hondl Ct. of St. Catherine of Siena #323, Dickinson, ND

COMPUTER ART DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Brynn Sogaard Ct. St. Cecelia #1151, Billings, MT
2ND PLACE Plum Brugenhemke Ct. St. Anthony #330, Council Bluffs, IA
3RD Bree Whittington Ct. Sacred Heart #1759, Salisbury, NC

ESSAY DIVISION I

1ST PLACE Alex Gullingsrud Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls, MN
2ND PLACE Keaton Sorum Ct. St. Elizabeth #170, Minot, ND
3RD PLACE Tenley Sage Ct. St. Rita #916, Rapid City, SD

ESSAY DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Jerome Carranza Ct. Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration #2036, Bellevue, NE
2ND PLACE Grace Skoog Ct. St. Rita #916, Rapid City, SD
3RD PLACE Clare Livedalen Ct. Little Flower #1193, Rugby, ND

ESSAY DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Adelynn Connors Ct. Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster, PA
2ND PLACE Abby Schumacher Ct. Little Flower #988, Columbus, NE
3RD PLACE Bree Whittington Ct. Sacred Heart #1759, Salisbury, NC

POETRY DIVISION I

1ST PLACE James Costello Ct. Kavanaugh #54, Alexandria, VA
2ND PLACE Eden Massie Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead, MN
3RD PLACE Miller-Grace Fuselier Ct. St. Francis #1519, Iota, LA

POETRY DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Elise Eickhoff Ct. Our Lady of Fatima #1549, North Platte, NE
2ND PLACE Samuel Arnaud Ct. St. Landry #119, Opelousas, LA
3RD PLACE Rosemary Edmonds Ct. Marion #718, Mt. Angel, OR

POETRY DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Mary Wilson Ct. St Rita #916, Rapid City, SD
2ND PLACE Jada Larsen Ct. St. Anthony #330, Council Bluffs, IA
3RD PLACE Bree Whittington Ct. Sacred Heart #1759, Salisbury, NC

POETRY DIVISION IV

1ST PLACE Kathy Flagen Ct. Sacred Heart #1908, Harey, ND
2ND PLACE Debby Wagner Ct. Champaign County #1070, Champaign, IL
3RD PLACE Marjorie Hamm Ct. St. Ann #699, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Brie Kennedy Ct. Our Lady of Faith #2604, Omaha, NE
2ND PLACE Owen Dammacco Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, New York, NY
3RD PLACE Adele Breman Ct. Ave Maria #1011, Appleton, WI

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Abby Schumacher Ct. Little Flower #988, Columbus, NE
2ND PLACE Emma Clause Ct. Eunice #208, Eunice, LA
3RD PLACE Natalie Rooney Ct. St. Rita #409, Perham, MN

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION IV

1ST PLACE Nicole Gullingsrud Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls, MN
2ND PLACE Susan Harris Ct. Durham #1576, Durham, NC
3RD PLACE Adriana Pulido Ct. Margaret Mary #768, Monroe, NY

MUSIC DIVISION II

1ST PLACE Catherine Mutchler Ct. St Rita #916, Rapid City, SD
2ND PLACE Jessica Moore Ct. of our Lady #647, Johnstown, PA
3RD PLACE Maya Villalobos Ct. Sacred Heart #1759, Salisbury, NC

MUSIC DIVISION III

1ST PLACE Alex Johnson Ct. St. Cecelia #1151, Billings, MT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2023 AWARD WINNERS

2023 Campus Court Scholarship - \$2,000

Nora Carlson
St. Theresa of Lisieux #2711
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa

National Scholarship for JCDA Member entering College in the Fall of 2023 - \$1,000

Katelyn Fuchs
College entering: Carroll College
JCDA Court: Court St. Bernadette #1979
Hardin, Montana

National Scholarship for 8th grader entering 9th grade in a Catholic High School-\$2,000

Arkin Kukadia
High School: St. Vincent Pallotti
Laurel, Maryland
\$1,000

Layla Marie Guiteau
High School: St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School
Hammond, Louisiana
\$1,000

2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS -- STATE ENTRIES

Category IV Division I

1st Place Martha Karin Dudash Oklahoma

Category IV Division II

1st Place Patricia Adams Massachusetts

Category V Division I

1st Place Lorrie Holland Arizona
2nd Place Mary Baer North Dakota

Category V Division II

1st Place Bonnie Fox North Carolina
2nd Place Tess Cersovski Oregon
3rd Place Dianna Bourne Maryland

Category VI Division I

1st Place Theresa Duran New York
2nd Place Shirley Hall Pennsylvania
3rd Place Rita Carlson Iowa

2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS--LOCAL ENTRIES

Category I Division I

1st Place	Sherry Wittrock	Mary Queen of Peace #2423	Omaha NE
2nd Place	Deb Lutmer	Saint Bernard #886	Lismore MN
3rd Place	Linda Mitzel	St. Rita #534	Watertown SD

Category I Division II

1st Place	Cynthia Bishop	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration #2036	Bellevue NE
2nd Place	Lory Barnhill	St. Jane Frances de Chantal #2699	The Woodlands TX
3rd Place	Carla Brady	St. Anne #1840	Medford MN

Category II Division I

1st Place	Regaina Forsythe	St. Joseph #1642	Paulina LA
2nd Place	Katie Bailey	Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364	Lake Jackson TX
3rd Place	Phyllis Galio	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448	Bellefonte PA

Category II Division II

1st Place	Clare Wieber	St. Joseph #2300	Eldersburg MD
2nd Place	Dorothy Meuth	St. Peter the Apostle #2690	Boerne TX
3rd Place	Cheryl Lovelace	Madonna #114	Port Jervis NY

Category III Division I

1st Place	Janet Spies	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville TX
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JCDA ENTRIES Category IX Division II

1st Place	Leanne Stoll	St. Teresa of Calcutta #409	Perham MN
2nd Place	Shirley Antosh	Annunciation #1962	LaGrange TX

2023 NATIONAL WEBSITE WINNERS

Category I Division II - Local Court Established Website Winners:

Place	Court #	Location	Name of Regent
3rd Place	Court St. Rita #409	Perham, MN	Leanne Stoll
2nd Place	Court Clare of Assisi	Surprise, AZ	Teddi Murray
1st Place	Court Genevieve of Paris	Thibodeaux, LA	Jessica Harvey

Category V Division II - State Court Website Winners

Place	State	Name of Regent
3rd Place	New York	Theresa Duran
2nd Place	Minnesota	Mary Pufall
3rd Place	Arizona	Lorrie Holland