



COURT COMPTON # 942  
Compton, CA  
"In Unity & Charity"

## FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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.

#### CDA MEETINGS

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Where: OLV Annex or Cafeteria  
519 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA

#### CDA ROSARY

When: 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday of Month  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Where: ZOOM  
Meeting Id: 837 9698 8058  
Passcode: 825419

#### JCDA MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Where: OLV Annex or Cafeteria  
519 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA

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### REGENT'S FEBRUARY MESSAGE

My dear sisters in Christ,  
We are fast approaching Ash Wednesday. The beginning of Lent. This is also time of true reflection, sincere repentance, and renewed love for Christ, so that we may celebrate Easter with joy, hope, and faith. Let us focus on how we can be of service to others. Especially those in need.

"Help me to acknowledge my sins and my deep need for your loving forgiveness and grace".

"Help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit".

"Help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing your will".

"Help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace".

"Help me to correct my faults and raise my mind to you and thus grow in holiness".

"Help me to master my sinfulness and conquer my pride".

"Help me to remember how much I need you in my life".

"Help me to be aware of those who are in so much more suffering than I am".

"Help me to honor this day with the ashes on my forehead".

Purpose of Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a holy season of prayer and penance. It is a day of remembrance of one's need for redemption.

*Bonita Carter, Regent*

On Saturday, January 17, 2026 was the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Proud Bird's Grand Ballroom West. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and Father Gilberto purchased a table. The speaker for this event was Dr. Ansel Augustine.



**COURT NEWS**  
**Bonita Carter, Regent**  
[www.compton942.org](http://www.compton942.org)

**Bonita's theme: "Stand firm and in your faith, Let all that you do be done in love. "  
 (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)**

**JCDA COURT MOTHER LUPITA MEETING**

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026  
 Where: OLV Annex  
 519 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA 90221  
 Time: 10:30 a.m.

**CDA COURT COMPTON #942 101<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026  
 Where: OLV Mass – members will process into the church  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 After mass, CDA members will serve cupcakes & a Membership Drive

**NATIONAL JCDA DAY – PROCLAMATION**

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026  
 Where: OLV Mass  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.

**CDA COURT BLESSED SACRAMENT #2024 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026  
 Where: Blessed Sacrament Church  
 14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. Mass with Fr. Tuyen Van Nguguyen, Chaplain  
 11:00 a.m. Rodrigo's for Sunday Brunch  
 15101 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
 RSVP: Angie Revelles  
 714-791-0675 or adrev@msn.com

**CDA ROSARY**

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
 Where: Zoom - Meeting ID: 837 9698 8058  
 Passcode: 825419

Time: 7:00 pm

Leader: Marnee Melendez

Intention: **FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

When: Sunday, February 22, 2026  
 Where: OLV Church  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Speaker: Mayor Emma Sharif  
 Theme: "A Century of Black History Commemoration"  
 Snacks and bookmarkers will be given away after mass

**NATIONAL NEWS**  
**Susan Moné, National Regent**  
[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

**Susan's theme: A Beacon of Hope, A Light in the Darkness**

**WINNER OF CDA QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST – Oct. 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025**

AZ002677 St. Clarie of Assisi – increase 14  
 TX001907 John Fitzgerald Kennedy – increase 13  
 FL002582 Mother Teresa – increase 12

The 2026 Membership Drive Contest will begin February 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026  
 Prizes will be awarded to the top three Local Courts with the most increased members, in the event of a tie, a drawing will take place.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize -- \$100.00      2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize -- \$75.00      3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize -- \$50.00**

**WINNER OF THE GIRL'S TRIP TO CDA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS – for up to 5 guests**

**ROSIE STOCKWELL**

**SAVE THE DATE: JCDA BIENNIAL #LOVEYOURSELFIE RETREAT**

When: June 9 – June 12, 2026

Where: Camp Karol Retreat Center: website: [www.campkarol.org](http://www.campkarol.org)  
 Lake Charles, Louisiana

Activities: Pilgrimage to the gravesite of Blessed Charlene Richard “the little Cajun Saint”  
 Field trip to Lazy Gator Water Park

The Retreat will also include a variety of faith-oriented and engaging events

Member Registration Fee: \$199.00 per person (includes lodging, retreat programming, all meals and snacks, retreat T-shirt, and Field trip transportation)

Arrival Information: Please plan to arrive at Retreat registration check-in table between 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Camp Karol Retreat Center is located 17 miles from Lake Charles Regional Airport. Which include the following accommodations: Bunkhouse-style rooms and shared bathroom facilities. Please plan to bring the following: twin sheets, pillow, blanket, towels, and washcloths.

Checks made payable to: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Mail check & registration summary to: **Yvette Griego, JCDA National Chairman**  
**1028 Diego Rd.**  
**Santa Rosa**  
**New Mexico 88435**

[Yvettegriego.cda@gmail.com](mailto:Yvettegriego.cda@gmail.com)

Cell phone: 575-799-5189

**Registration Deadline: April 12, 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE: CDA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

When: July 22-26, 2026

Where: Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center – **SOLD OUT**  
 300 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville, Iowa

Opening of the Convention is on July 22, 2026

More information is coming soon.

There are 3 additional hotels that will be available, The National Regent is pending release of the link for 3 additional hotels.

## STATE NEWS

Lorine Bakowsky, State Regent

[www.Californiacatholicdaughters.org](http://www.Californiacatholicdaughters.org)

Lorine's theme: "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.  
Proverbs 16:3

### CA STATE REGENT OFFICE HOURS

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month (only exception is in January, office hours are Jan 8, 2026)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89702138529?pwd=NhOuZl10TM7BQ3X0INsLaW0uEUKIFP.1>

Meeting ID: 897 0213 8529

Passcode: 629254

### SAVE THE DATE: 2026 RECONGRESS

When: February 19-22, 2026

Where: Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

More information: <https://recongress.org/>

Or **Contact Us:** Religious Education Congress  
3424 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
(213) 637-7348  
[congress@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:congress@la-archdiocese.org)



### Do you need a new China Set?

CDA member Yvonne Iraldo's sister-in-law is selling her  
Chinaware set (20 plates) for \$100.00. If you are interested,  
please contact Yvonne at 310-678-9389.



## CIRCLE OF LOVE

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.

**The 2026 entries are due and postmarked March 1, 2026**

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 Yvette Manard ~ [proactivepatient@verizon.net](mailto:proactivepatient@verizon.net)  
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**The new 2025-2026 Essay Contest themes: The Least of These. Matthew 25:40 OR  
 The Least of These: Lifting Others Up.**

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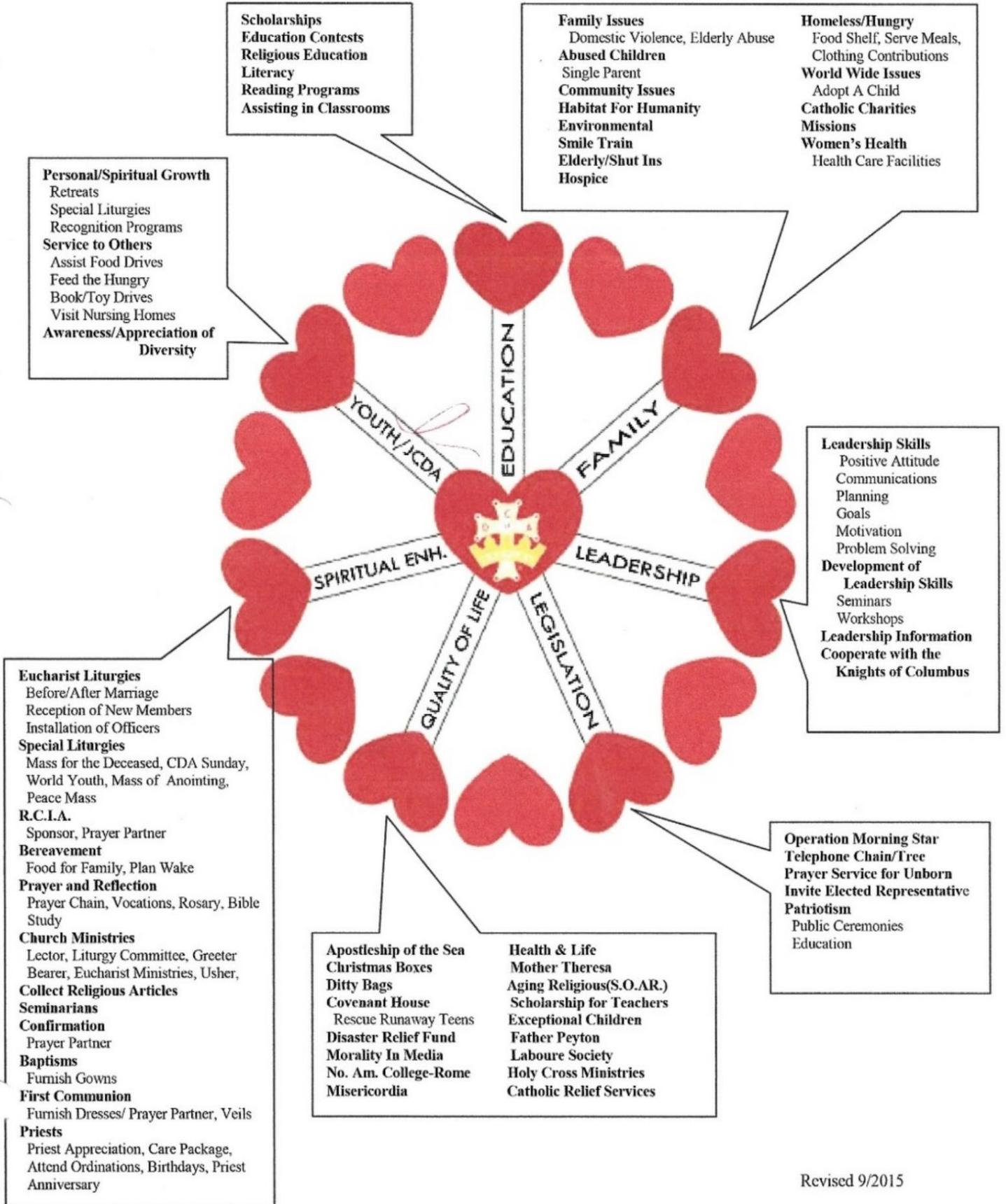
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 Karin Dudash ~ [dudashcdagmail.com](mailto:dudashcdagmail.com)

This is a chart of various ideas that each Circle of Love spoke could consider.



## MEMBERS PAGE

### MEMBERSHIP

Do you know ladies who might want to join our Court. We need new members with new ideas and new talents and willing to share their talents and gifts with us. Please invite someone to come sit at one of our meetings and their blessings will be many. For more information, please contact our membership chairmen:

**Amparo Marez @ 310-594-9897**

**Yvette Manard @ 562-400-8079**

**Alicia Jeter @ 310-667-2395**

### DUES

The 2026 dues are \$40.00 for the year. If you would like to start paying now, you may submit this to Rosa. Please bring your money to our meeting or mail it to Rosa at the below address:

Please mail your dues to:

Financial Secretary

Rosa Cadena

3002 Clarendon Ave.

Huntington Park, CA 90255

323-819-9374

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 15 JCDA Day
- 16 Presidents' Day
- 17 Mardi Gras
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 22 First Sunday of Lent

### THE MEMORARE

Remember. O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Shirley Creighton
- 8 Liliana Gonzalez
- 17 Ingrid Humphrey
- 24 Yesenia Ardon

### FEBRUARY SAINTS

- 2 The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Saint Blaise  
Saint Ansgar
- 5 Saint Agatha
- 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions
- 7 Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 Saint Scholastica
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 Saints Cyril and Methodius
- 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 21 Saint Peter Damian
- 23 Saint Polycarp
- 27 Saint Gregory of Narek

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARYS

- 12 Karen Jones      20 years
- 25 Doris Wilson      40 years

### SYMPATHY

Lavina Villa – National Chaplain Fr. Erick Villa's grandmother

## PRAYER CORNER

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

Praying for ourselves, our families, our church, and for world peace.

#### #1 Ct. Compton #942 Rosary

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
 Time: 7:00 pm  
 Where: ZOOM  
 Meeting Id: 971 925 5126  
 Passcode: 825419

#### #2 ACCW ROSARY

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
 8:00 p.m. PST  
 Call in: 1-425-436-6200  
 410510#

#### #3 OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Every Sunday  
 7:45 p.m. PST  
 Call in: 1-425-436-6200  
 410510#

### POPE LEO XIV PRAYER CARD

#### Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, O.S.A.

O God, who chose your servant Pope Leo XIV in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the prayers of Your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brothers and sisters and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in You, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Born: September 14, 1955  
 Ordained Priest: June 19, 1982  
 Ordained Bishop: December 12, 2014  
 Elevated to Cardinal: September 30, 2023  
 Elected Pope: May 8, 2025

### PRAYERS – Karen Jones

Pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 NLT

#### MEMBERS:

Alice Avery and her family (*Jacob, Ontario, Frances, Danielle*) Friend (*Linda*)  
 Joan Braun and family (*Edwards & Paul's*)  
 Janet Castaneda and family (*Kathy*)  
 Bonita Carter  
 Elisapeta Fido  
 Maria Flores  
 Louise Harris and husband (*Roy*)  
 Carole Gilmore and husband (*Rodney*)  
 Sandra Koch  
 Amparo Marez and daughter  
 Doris Wilson and family  
 Nyah Wilson (*Doris's granddaughter*)  
 Cynthia Carpenter  
 Terron Walton – Mama Dee's grandson  
 Suzette Martinez (*Yvette's sister*)  
 Pedro Gutierrez – *Patty's father*  
 CA State Regent Maria Santos-Silva  
 CA State Regent Mary Beasley  
 CA Past State Regent Melody Ciaravino  
 CA Past State Regent Mary Bernard  
 Barbara Welch  
 Father Domingo  
 Father Stan Bosch  
 Deacon Alberto Reyes  
 Father Roberto Mena  
 Linda Wilson-Davis  
 Vanessa Simms Green (*Bonita's sister*)  
 Steve Bell – *Dee's husband*  
 Pat Smith – *Bonita's cousin*  
 Father Victor Ramos (priest at Sacred Heart)  
 Denise Gonzalez (secretary at Sacred Heart)  
 Eleanor Heithoff (*Jo Bryant's granddaughter*)  
 Shirley Creighton



## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT COMPTON #942**



### **101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Cupcakes Celebration! Membership Drive**

Please join us as we commemorate our 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary!

When: February 15, 2026

Where: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Time: 9:00 AM - Mass Ceremony

After Mass, CDA & JCDA members will offer cupcakes and membership information for parishioners.