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

CDA ROSARY

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

JCDA MEETINGS

3rd 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 MARCH MESSAGE

My dear sisters in Christ,

We move through Lent, fasting contemplating our relationship with God. We are preparing ourselves for Holy Week and ultimately the resurrection of Jesus. Reminding us of the ultimate sacrifice, that Jesus died so that our sins are forgiven.

As I recover from my recent fall, in my absence at our March 8, 2026 meeting, we installed a new member: Sister Florence. State Secretary and court member met her at the RECongress, and told her about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and about Court Compton #942. Thank you to Vice Regent Alicia Jeter for installing Sister Florence.

Bonita Carter, Regent



Congratulation to OLV's Deacon Alberto Reyes as this year's recipient of the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization (AACCE), Keeper of the Flame Award. The ceremony was held on February 28, 2026, at the African Am. History Month Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, presided by Archbishop Jose Gomez. The annual award is presented in remembrance of the founder of the National Black Catholic Congress, Daniel Rudd. Rudd's passion for evangelization was demonstrated in 1889 when he called together the very first National Black Catholic Congress. The award is given to those who have kept the Flame of Evangelization burning in the Los Angeles African Am. Catholic Community. Sixteen churches participated this year.

Father Gilberto, Rodriguez, S.T., Pastor, Court Compton Catholic Daughters and OLV parishioners were present to congratulate Deacon Reyes.



2026 Flame Award winners with Archbishop Gomez



Fr. Gilberto, Deacon Reyes and family

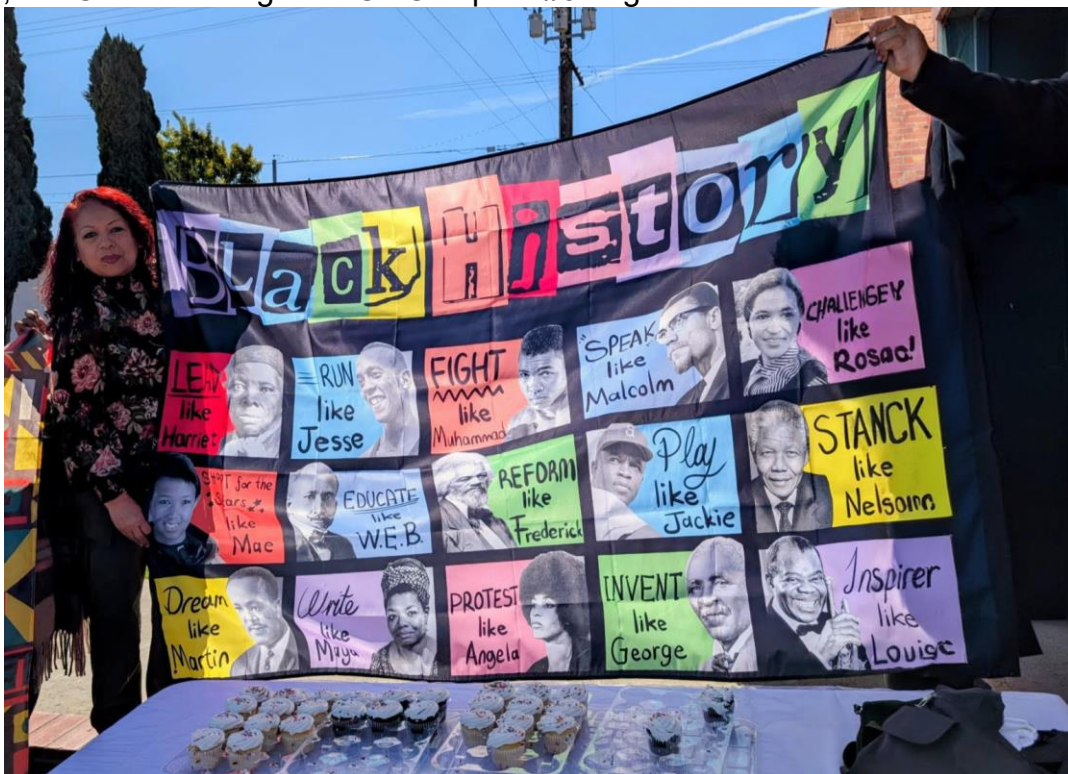


Deacon Reyes with Our Lady of Victory church members

On Saturday, February 28, 2026, it was a fun night of delicious pasta, wine and fellowship at our Court's convention fundraiser. Thank you to the Mares Sisters, Alicia, Amparo and Frances for putting the event together, cooking and hosting! Thank you to Officers (Amie, Lucy and Debbie) from our sister Court, Our Lady of Victory #1344 for joining us.



On February 22, 2026, the last day of Black History Month, we celebrated at OLV Mass with a guest speaker, Compton Mayor Emma Sharif who spoke black history commemorations. Afterwards, the Catholic Daughters Ct. Compton #942 gave out donuts.



COURT NEWS

Bonita Carter, Regent

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)

APPLEBEE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Where: Applebee's Signal Hill
899 East Spring St.
Signal Hill, CA

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Cost: \$12.00 per person (must have a ticket)

Contact: Patty Gutierrez at 323-719-3118

Betty Ponce at 310-704-4947

CDA ROSARY

When: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Where: Zoom - Meeting ID: 837 9698 8058
Passcode: 825419

Time: 7:00 pm

Leader: Patty Gutierrez

Intention: **FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

JCDA COURT MOTHER LUPITA MEETING

When: March 29, 2026

Where: OLV Cafeteria
519 E. Palmer St.
Compton, CA 90221

Time: 10:30 am

PRAYER

"Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
he who seeks finds;
and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7,8

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STATE NEWS

Lorine Bakowsky, State Regent

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: 1st 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: RISE & RETREAT WORKSHOP – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

When: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Where: SANTIAGO Retreat Center
27912 Baker Canyon Rd., Silverado, CA 92676

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Fee: \$25.00 per person – includes materials

Fee includes Breakfast and Lunch

Contact: Yvette Manard, 12320 Hedda Dr., Cerritos, CA 90703-8434

See flyer on Page 12

Questions: Call Yvette at 562-400-8079

Due date: **March 30, 2026**

Download registration forms:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzQfBsnXPVqwzhcXktXvQWCCWCQd?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Download workshop selection form: https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Southern-Workshops-April-25th_Revised.pdf

Speakers: Cheri' Ballinger, firm producer, speaker and philanthropist
Dr. Lois Lee, Founder and President of the Children of the Night organization

HOLY SPIRIT

"Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said,
streams of living water will flow from within him."

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who
believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time
the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet
been glorified.

John 7: 38, 39

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NATIONAL NEWS
Susan Moné, National Regent
www.catholicdaughters.org

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

PHASE II OF 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST – March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026 has begun
PHASE III OF 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST – April 1, 2026 – April 30, 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.

1st Place Prize -- \$100.00 2nd Place Prize -- \$75.00 3rd Place Prize -- \$50.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO OURF NEWEST CAMPUS COURT:

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception #2831
 Catholic University of America
 Washington, DC

SAVE THE DATE: JCDA BIENNIAL #LOVEYOURSELFIE RETREAT

When: June 9 – June 12, 2026

Where: Camp Karol Retreat Center: website: 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

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 9th 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.

Check out the newest video about CDA: <https://catholicdaughters.org/videos>



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.

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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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 National CDA Legislative Quarterly-December 2025”
[natl qtrly WINTER 2026.docx-1.pdf](#)
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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

MARCH CALENDAR

- 2 Read Across America
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 St. Joseph's Day
- 22 Annunciation of our Lord
- 29 Palm Sunday

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6 La Verne Russeau
- 30 Elisapeta Fido

MARCH ANNIVERSARYS

- 8 Janet Castaneda 11 years

SYMPATHY

Lovie Leslie's brother
PSR Mary Bernard's sister

MARCH SAINTS

- 3 Saint Katharine Drexel
- 4 Saint Casimir
- 7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity
- 9 Saint Frances of Rome
- 17 Saint Patrick
- 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
- 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
- 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
- 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYING THE ROSARY

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

#1 Ct. Compton #942 Rosary

When: 3rd 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

A devotional message emphasizing following God's plan, referencing Abraham and the Transfiguration from Deacon Philip.

This message encourages leaving the past behind during Lent and trusting in God's direction and concludes with encouragement to follow the Lord for a blessed life.

Whenever you wake up in the morning and there is life in you, it is a sign that God is not done with you yet. Each new day is God's way of saying, "I love you." When you feel life coursing through your veins, God is inviting you once again: Begin a new walk with me. Follow me. Walk by my side. Trust me, and I will bless you.

These are the words God spoke to Abraham in today's first reading. God says to Abraham, "Go forth leave your land, leave your people, and go in the direction I point out for you. I will bless you. I will protect you against your enemies. I will defend you."

Abraham did not question God. He said, "Yes, God, I want to be part of it. What you have planned for me is not clear to me, but I trust you, Lord I want to be part of your plan." He left everything behind. As we hear in the first reading, the last verse says, Abraham got up and went in the direction that God had pointed out to him. He left his past behind his comfort zone, his history, both the glorious and the painful.

It was like the disciples, when Jesus called them. Scripture says, "They left everything and followed the Lord."

Lent is a time when God is saying to us: Leave your past behind and come, follow me. There might be attitudes, practices, or habits that have helped or harmed you. Whatever they are, with God, every day is a new day, and you are a new creation if you follow him. Your past no longer matters when you choose to walk with the Lord.

Abraham said yes to God. He left everything behind, and God gave him all things. He did not lose, he gained everything, because he embarked on a spiritual pilgrimage that changed everything. We all draw from the fountain of Abraham's blessing; we are spiritual descendants of Abraham because one man said yes to God.

God is calling you. Will you say yes like Abraham? Are you willing to leave your past and your comfort zone behind? Maybe you have tried many things, and they did not work—or perhaps they brought only temporary success. God is saying to you, as he said to Abraham: "Come, follow me, and I will give you a better, bigger, and brighter future."

In Nigeria, there is a saying in Pidgin English: "Follow who know road." Literally, it means "Follow the one who knows the way." More deeply, it means following someone who can connect you to opportunities and relationships that can change your life. So, follow someone who will not lead you to more suffering or pain.

If we, as human beings, seek company with people who can connect us, why wouldn't we follow the Lord Jesus, who says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages Timothy: Yes, you will face suffering and temptations, but remember, your life is not ordinary. You are following God's plan because you said yes to Him. You are called to a holy life, but you are also called to victory. The triumph that will be yours is assured because you are following the Lord. No one who follows the Lord will ever be disappointed.

Remember, the journey you undertake this Lent and indeed, the journey of life is a sacred walk, not an ordinary one, because you are not ordinary.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him to the mountaintop. God invites you every day: Come, let me take you to the mountaintop, so you can be transfigured and transformed.

These three apostles could have said no. They could have made excuses and would have missed one of the most extraordinary miracles in the New Testament outside the Resurrection. They said yes. They were chosen to be Jesus' closest collaborators present at Gethsemane, at the raising of Jairus's daughter, and at the Transfiguration. When God gives you a special vocation, He prepares you for it.

Peter became the head of the apostles; James was the first to die a martyr; John remained at the foot of the cross and became the great theologian who told Jesus' story intimately.

The Transfiguration is a sign to us: After the cross comes the crown. God says to Jesus, "You are on the right path. You will suffer, but I will crown your mission with success." The Transfiguration also points to the fulfillment of every human longing: Jesus is the consummation of the Old Testament; the promises of the old find fulfillment in the new. Moses and Elijah's presence signifies the continuity of God's mission.

The Transfiguration points to our own victory. It is a constant reminder that transformation is possible God can radically change you if, like Abraham and the disciples, you follow Him. We are transfiguration people. Of all Jesus' miracles, the Transfiguration stands out as something that happened to Jesus himself, revealing him as the beloved Son. If you follow him, what happened to him will happen in your life too.

You may suffer, but you will also triumph. Your life will be transformed from one degree of glory to another.

Let us follow the Lord. Lent is a time to climb that mountain. And as you go, may the Lord transform you, so that you reflect his glory every day.

Deacon. Chukwuma Maria

Rise & Renew



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SOUTHERN CA RETREAT AND WORKSHOPS



27912 Baker Canyon Rd,
Silverado, CA 92676

April 2026
Saturday
25TH

COME HEAR INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKERS



Be inspired by Cheri' Ballinger, the multi-faceted film producer, speaker and philanthropist as she speaks on "Be the Light!"

and

Welcome Dr. Lois Lee, Founder and President of the Children of the Night organization that provides intervention in the lives of sexually trafficked children.



Schedule

- 8:30am Registration Check In
- 9:00am Prayer Service & Communion
- 9:45am "The Missing Arms of Jesus" and "Trinity, Faith and God who is love" with Dcn Tim
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30pm-2:30pm Guest Speakers
- 2:30pm-4:30pm Workshops
- 4:30pm Closing Prayer

\$25 Registration fee includes Breakfast and Lunch. See Registration Form

I sent this out in the February 2026 newsletter, and I am resending it again. This is a chart of various ideas that each Circle of Love spoke could consider.

