



Queen of All Apostles

Newsletter

Court Queen of All Apostles #2258, Houston Texas



A Landmark Year! Our Court's 40th Anniversary!

Join us at the October 11th meeting as we celebrate this achievement with fellowship, a presentation, member recognition and more!

Your contributions have been the key to our success! We'll carry forward the "40" theme throughout this year! ... 40 helpers for our Christmas Market, 40 blankets for the homeless, and 40 hours for volunteer awards.

Message from Regent

I hope each of you had an *amazing* summer, full of relaxation and new memories with family and friends! This important time off gives us the necessary rest to renew ourselves, as we return to CDA and get ready to say "YES" to our new calendar year full of events! Please take note of the dates of key events that are on the Newsletter and Website. We need YOU to be part of the action! Have you thought about joining a committee this new calendar year? There's over a dozen to choose from! Together, let's make it happen!

Ling Bickham

And the Award goes to... Antonia Ledesma!



At the CDA 53rd State Convention, State Regent, Becky Brown recognized Antonia with a distinguished award for Top 5 District Deputy in Texas! We are so proud of her!
CONGRATULATIONS!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Special recognition and appreciation to **Cynthia Bollinger**, for using her wealth of talent, experience and knowledge in technology to create a brand new website for our Court! We are so grateful!

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On May 10th a CDA Officer Installation was conducted by Antonia Ledesma, D.D. Congratulations to our Court's new Vice Regent, Mary Abrams, Recording Secretary, Maggie Martinez, and Treasurer, Anna Banach-Aikin.

God Bless these Officers!

ANNOUNCING!

AN ALL NEW WEBSITE FOR QUEEN COURT OF ALL APOSTLES #2258!

Led by the technical expertise of member **Cynthia Bollinger**, the Website Committee which includes **Ling Bickham** and **Pat Keller**, has been working diligently for months to bring our valued members a new website where... **YOU CAN DO IT ALL!**

- ALL NEW LOOK!
- ALL NEW CAPABILITIES!
- ALL NEW INFORMATION!
- ALL NEW EVENT PHOTOS!
- EASIER TO USE
- MANY HELPFUL LINKS
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

At an upcoming meeting, the new website will be demonstrated for all!



**Queen of All Apostles
Court #2258
website**

“May God Smile On You Today”

CDA Awards Scholarships

to 4 worthy students at St. Michael’s Catholic School. The scholarships were paid for by CDA members **Susan Garrison** and **Tina DeGeorgio** and by CDA fund-raising activities. This year, we recognize the following deserving students pictured below: **Sophia Lopez-Diamond**, **Savannah Gonzales**, **Lily Johnston**, and **Lamees Razook**.



BAKE SALE ...ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

for all the volunteers who baked, served, donated and handled dine-ins and drive-throughs to make the Lenten dessert project such a success!

Bakers: Pat, Troyce, Mercedes, Gail, Arlene, Susan, Lee, Arlene F., Chris, Glenda, Mable, Syd, Mary Ellen and Debbie W. Other volunteers included Linda, Mary A., Tina, Maggie, Terry, and Laura.

Donations: Dee, Ling, Lee, Glenda, Raquel and Alice L.

Terry was pledged at the bake sale.

See photos of ALL the volunteers on our website.



CALENDAR & MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day
- 8 Birth of the Virgin Mary
- 13 CDA Meeting 11:30 – 1:00 pm PLC-A
- 29 Silver Rose Prayer Service 12:10 Mass

OCTOBER

- 1 Respect for Life Sunday
- 11 CDA Meeting 5:30 – 7:00 PM ACT-1 Celebrating Court’s 40th Anniversary
- 15 National CDA Sunday, 11 AM Mass
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Election Day
- 8 CDA Meeting 11:30 – 1:00 PM PLC-A
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 17 Christmas Market Cocktail Party & Pre-Sale Party 5:00-9:00 PM
Ticketed Event - \$25.00
- 18 Christmas Market 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

“Giving is the Greatest Act of Grace”



Bake Sale 2023 & New Members



Bingo Game & Helpers



Teachers Day ▲

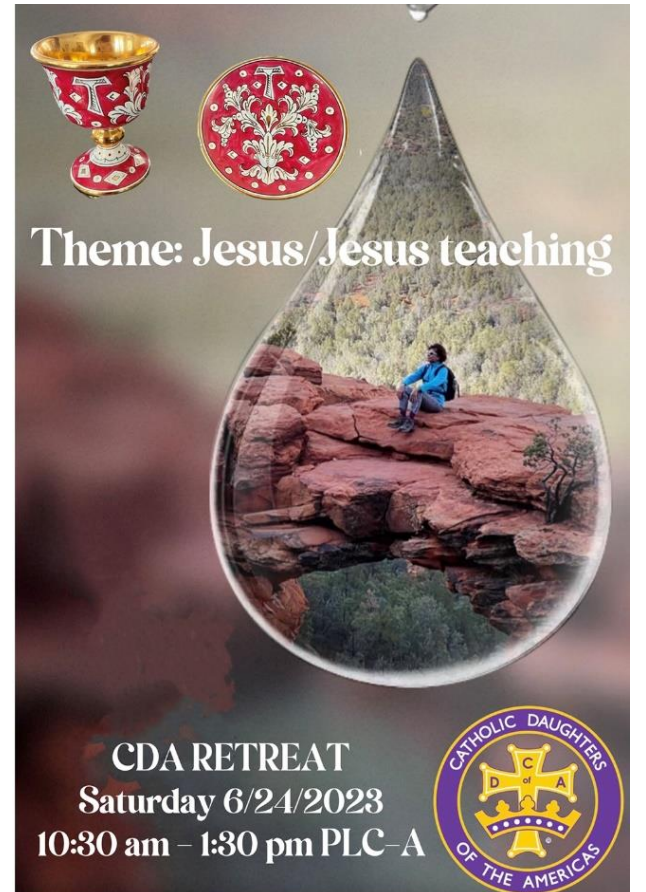


Welcome New Members!

- Terry Kelley
- Marcy Driscoll
- Maggie Martinez
- Ebere Ezema
- Cynthia Marks
- Teresa Kenton
- Ashley Curtis
- Ana Burger
- Nilda Kison
- Daphne Mendonca



The CDA 2023 RETREAT: "JESUS, JESUS TEACHING."



What a great opportunity to step away from the world and lean into God's love! Father Peter Wood conducted an incredible retreat and led us to encounter our faith in a whole new way! A film in Israel set the stage for Father Wood's retreat teachings. He interacted with the group and challenged us with key questions, which invoked contemplation and discussion. We were nourished with the word and felt bonded together with our mutual love for Christ. A huge Thank you to Susan Menke for providing and serving breakfast and lunch to everyone!



LENDING A HELPING HAND

CDA supported KOC First District of Texas Summer Exemplification on June 10th, 2023. While approximately 100 Knights were in training and ceremony, CDA members volunteered to host the Ladies Program for the wives of the KOC. It began with breakfast, followed by Ling Bickham demonstrating Ikebana, which is Japanese flower arranging. She wowed the crowd with an array of unique, awe-inspiring designs! Then the Bingo began!

New CDA member, Ashley Curtis jumped right in as the Bingo Caller! And oh what fun everyone had! Special thanks to Pat Keller and Ling for providing 40 awesome prizes! Our 12 members also helped at the lunch banquet setting up, serving, and cleaning. Thank you to Ling, Teresa, Pat, Alice Lew, Anna, Troyce, Ashley, Susan, Raquel, Ebere, Chris and Maggie! Grand Knight Johnathon Bickham gave us a Thank you letter with KOC's sincere appreciation for CDA's support. See pictures on page 2 (Bingo Game & Helpers). Together, we're stronger!

*"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve" –
Mother Teresa*



Come work for the Lord.
The work is hard.
The pay is low.
But the retirement benefits
are out of this world!

*"Jesus loves
the hell out of you!"*

CHRISTMAS MARKET!



BRAND NEW! CDA has created a new event and is hosting it's very first Christmas Market at St. Michael's Church! Plan to attend the VIP Party on Friday, November 17th, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the PLC-A Room. Enjoy food, drinks, raffles and the St. Michael's children's choir as you enjoy shopping with 40 quality vendors! Tickets are \$25.00 for this event. FREE admission is on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, where you can enjoy the Christmas Market from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please bring your family and friends! Also, we ask members to volunteer in one or more areas to help make this a success! The Event Chairman is Raquel Lewis, 832-767-1955

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Celebrate Christmas with the Seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary. The event will be held on Thursday, December 7th, 2023, from 5:15 PM – 7:00 PM. Mass will be held in the Chapel, followed by dinner in the Rectory. Each year, participants have enjoyed sharing Christmas joy, prayer, and fellowship at this very special event.

The CDA Project is to show our support by presenting each Seminarian with a gift card. To raise funds for the gift cards, each CDA member is asked to make a donation to the Seminarian Project. Donations can be accepted at the meetings, or mailed to the Church. Checks should be made out to CDA #2258. Together, let's support the future Priests of the Church as they fulfill their divine calling.

Stay Connected. To learn more and stay current with CDA

Go to the National website at: www.catholicdaughters.org and the State website: www://texascd.org

Wreaths Across America

REMEMBER. HONOR. TEACH.

REMEMBER the Fallen . . . HONOR those who Serve . . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

This is the 4th year that CDA is partnering with WAA to place wreaths on the headstones of our fallen U.S. veterans. Last year, over 2.5 million wreaths were placed on veteran gravesites across the U.S. CDA is excited to undertake this worthy, patriotic fundraising project again. Each CDA member can help make this a success by purchasing one or more wreaths.

Can we count on you? One wreath is \$17.00. There are additional options as well. Members can purchase wreaths at a CDA meeting or go online to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0939P.

For assistance or questions, contact: Maggie Martinez Ways & Means Chairman at 832-955-2434



National News

National CDA has added Human Life International (HLI) to our list of National Charities. It's a U.S. based Roman Catholic anti-abortion organization, the largest pro-life organization in the world with affiliates in over 80 locations, led by Father Shenan J. Bouquet, President, who also serves as our CDA National Chaplain. PRO-LIFE. CATHOLIC. GLOBAL. Sign up for a weekly email update at hli.org

State News

READ ALL ABOUT IT! There is a ton of news to share about the CDA TEXAS STATE COURT! You'll find it in the Lone Star Messenger June 2023 Edition. Go to texascd.org and click on Events & News to find the newsletter.

Congratulations on the success of the 53rd CDA Texas State Convention!



See All the photos on our website.



IN MEMORIAM



We were deeply saddened with the passing of our Court's Treasurer, Laura Facciponte on May 15, 2023. She joined CDA in 2021 and quickly engaged with our mission and members. Laura enthusiastically accepted the Treasurer's position in 2022. We are so grateful for her contributions and to have known her! Many CDA

members attended her Celebration of Life and wore white in her honor.

In June, our one and only centenarian member, Ellen Roberts passed away at the age of 105.

“O Lord, Bid them eternal rest forever and ever”