



Queen of All Apostles

Court #2258 Newsletter

CDA Court Queen of All Apostles Board 2022-2024



Left to right: Treasurer, Laura Facciponte; Financial Secretary, Troyce Rejsek; Chaplain, Fr. Peter Wood; Regent, Ling Bickham; Pastor, Fr. Wayne Wilkerson; Vice-Regent, Cindy Del Monte; Recording Secretary, Mary Abrams; District Deputy #66, Antonia Ledesma.

Reflections from our Court Chaplain, Rev. Peter Wood

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, now Saint Mother Teresa, has shared that it was on a train ride to Darjeeling that Jesus spoke to her. Jesus asked her to “Be My Light” among the poorest of the poor. So, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order of nuns consecrated to Jesus to serve the poorest of the poor.

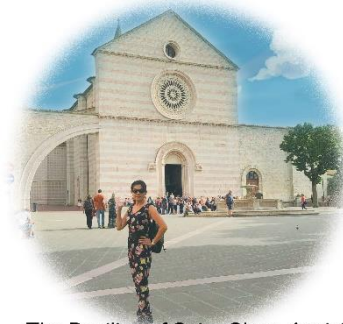
One day Mother Teresa decided to begin the work. And as she walked out into the streets of Calcutta, she came across a poor, dying, destitute man lying in the streets. Mother Teresa picked him up and took him to her home for the dying. The man asked Mother Teresa, “Why are you doing this?” St Teresa responded, “Because I love you.” Mother Teresa would say later that had she not stopped and helped the first one she came across, the work would never have begun. And what a great work the Lord accomplished through her because Mother Teresa was willing to lend a hand.

God works in mysterious ways and in various places and environments. How is the Lord calling upon us to lend a helping hand? We all struggle with the tendency to procrastinate, or to think-let somebody else do it. But perhaps, when any one of us is in the moment where we see a need, perhaps the Lord has chosen us to respond to it.

We Pray for the grace to see the need right in front of us and to respond to it as best we can with faith, hope and charity.

Message from Regent Ling Bickham

Clare is my confirmation name because I love the stories of the lives of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi. Clare was the first Franciscan nun, and the first woman to establish a rule of life for religious women – originally the Order of Poor Ladies later named the Order of St. Clare.



The Basilica of Saint Clare, Assisi

The “Poor Clares” dedicate themselves to prayer, penance, contemplation and manual work. We, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, whether new or long-standing members, can take some inspiration from St. Clare as we strive to use our talents and works for the sake of Charity and to bring about Unity. Your new board members are working hard to achieve these ideals. We need your help and support!

New Officers’ Installation Ceremony

September 14, 2022

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CDA is now 119 years old with over 63,000 dues-paying members. On October 16, 2022, members of our Court attended Mass at St. Michael the Archangel at which Fr. Wood was the Celebrant. It was a well-attended Mass with our members dressed in white and at the front of the church in reserved seats. Father Wood presented and read a Proclamation from the City of Houston declaring October 16, 2022 as CDA Day.

Speaker Series:

Cynthia Bollinger spoke at the October meeting.

Key issues were: how an App is different on a phone, tablet, or computer and what you must do to protect yourself.



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our Court is in "FULL Swing" and has a FULL calendar of "to-do's"!

As meetings and events take place, numerous committees are needed to carry out our work.

Some examples are fundraising, raffles, recruiting, room set-up, hospitality, welcoming new parishioners, and there's more!

Have YOU thought about joining a Committee?

Our members have accepted the task of serving God, which means sharing our time, resources, skills, and abilities with CDA.

Please ask the Regent or any Officer "What can I do?"

Please help us carry the load. We need you.

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET: TINA DEGEORGIO, LAURA FACCIPONTE, RAQUEL LEWIS

CIRCLE OF LOVE: CINDY DEL MONTE

FINANCIAL REVIEW: RAQUEL LEWIS, DEE MCBRIDE, ALICE CHOVANEC, LINDA KONARIK

HOSPITALITY: GLENDA BAUTISTA, CHRIS CARMONA, LORA KOWALSKI, JUDY VILLAGOMEZ, JEANETTE PEARSON

MASS CARD: TROYCE REJSEK, RAQUEL LEWIS

MEMBERSHIP: TROYCE REJSEK, GLENDA BAUTISTA

NEWSLETTER: PAT KELLER

SCHOLARSHIP: RAQUEL LEWIS, LINDA KONARIK, MARLENE BERNARD

SEMINARIANS: GLENDA BAUTISTA, LANA JEZIERSKI, MERCEDES COOK, RAQUEL LEWIS, ARLEEN FOWLER, JEANETTE PEARSON, SYD KYRISH

SILVER ROSE: TINA DEGEORGIO, CLAUDIA JANSSENS

WAYS & MEANS:

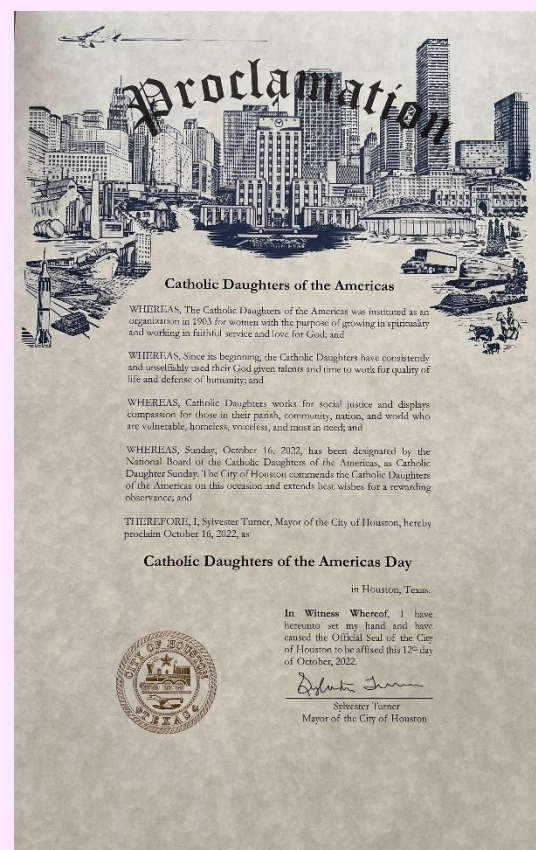
(BAKE SALE, RAFFLE TICKET):

(WAA): RAQUEL LEWIS, MABLE DUMAS

WEBSITE: CYNTHIA BOLLINGER

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS: MARLENE BERNARD, MARGARET FULLER, TERRI ROMANO, CLAUDIA JANSSENS, LINDA KONARIK

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SUNDAY PROCLAMATION



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Queen of All Apostles 39th Anniversary



Court #2258 Houston, Texas

OH, HOW TIME FLIES! Can you believe that our Court, Queen of All Apostles has completed 39 years of "UNITY & CHARITY"? We celebrated with a delicious Birthday cake,

as members who have achieved the status of 5 years to 35 years of service received beautiful CDA pins. Each of these recipients has shared their time, resources, talents, and skills to live up to the ideals of our organization. These women continue to be a bright light to the world.

"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve"

--Mother Teresa

"Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal."

-St. Clare of Assisi

Welcome New Members

Patricia Amuzie
Michelle Bates
Syd Kyrish
Margo Shioura





Silver Rose

The Silver Rose Prayer Service helps to spread the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promotes respect for life. Silver Roses are stewarded from town to town by the Knights of Columbus (KOC) along eight different routes in Canada, the United States and Mexico, where prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady are held. This year, the journey of the Silver Rose began on February 26th and ends on December 12th. St. Michael received one of the Silver Roses, and held a Silver Rose Prayer Service after the 12:10 pm Mass on Friday, September 30th.

Our Sisters participated in the Prayer Service by wearing their CDA logo purple shirts and sitting together. Father Wayne led the Prayer Service. It was blessing to receive the Silver Rose on its annual pilgrimage and to have participated in the Silver Rose Prayer Service at St. Michael the Archangel.

New !! Lunch with Fathers – Please sign up for future lunches – first come, first served!

Officers and past Officers luncheon with Fr. Wayne on September 21, 2022

The newly elected Officers and past Officers recently had the distinct pleasure of having lunch with our Pastor, Father Wayne Wilkerson. It was the perfect opportunity to meet informally in a relaxed setting while getting to know each other. And the food was great!

New ideas, plans, projects and goals were also discussed for the new term. We are sincerely appreciative and thankful of Father Wayne's strong support of CDA through the years! Our Court is here to lend a helping hand and reciprocate where support is needed for this amazing Parish.

The Court received a very nice Thank You note from Fr. Wayne after the luncheon.



Officers and past officers had a farewell luncheon with Rev. Leon Strieder on July 30, 2022. A gift from Court #2258 was presented with a CDA card signed by current officers. The luncheon ended with hugs and Good-bye!

MEET OUR NEW CHAPLAIN!

We are blessed to have Father Peter Wood of St. Michael the Archangel Church accept the position of Chaplain for our Court! He will lead us on our spiritual journey through the 2022-2024 term! We look forward to growing in faith together.

RUN AND WALK FOR LIFE!

The Houston Coalition for Life

2022 invited everyone to 'Run and Walk for Life' on September 10th, 2022.

Participants could walk 2 miles or run 5 miles. Several of our Court members joined our Pastor, Father Wayne Wilkerson's team as part of the friendly competition! Funds were raised to save lives from the devastation of abortion. Participants included Mary Abrams, Ling Bickham, Gail O'Neill, Jeanette Pearson and other CDA members.

Father Wayne led the team of St. Michael the Archangel which raised \$29,395 and ranked as the second-place team.

It was a meaningful and worthwhile event! We hope to see YOU at the next walk for life event in 2023!

Mission Motto and Purpose

Our Mission

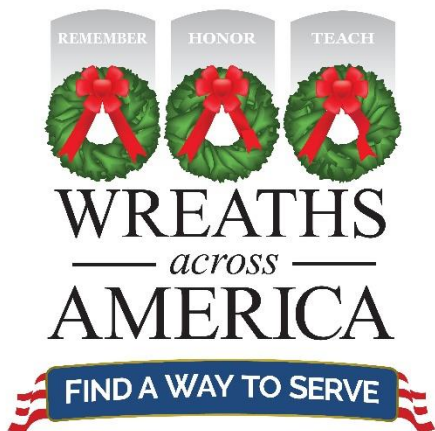
Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Our Motto

Unity and Charity

Our Two-fold Purpose

The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women. Helping others through charitable works in the spirit of Christ is the heart of our organization.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! For the 3rd year, Catholic Daughters is partnering with National Wreaths Across America (WAA) to place wreaths on the headstones in honor of our fallen U.S veterans. Last year, over 2.5 million wreaths were placed in over 3400 locations in the U.S. and abroad.

REMEMBER the Fallen . . . **HONOR** those who serve. . . **TEACH** our children the value of freedom.

Please support CDA’s fund raising project by purchasing a wreath for \$15 to help us remember as many fallen Heroes as possible. Thank you for your support to make this worthy cause a success! **Please note the deadline to purchase a wreath is 11/23/2022.**

Please contact WAA committee chair Raquel Lewis at (832) 767-1955 or go to website

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0939P

Prayer for ALL SOULS’ DAY

“The Souls of the JUST are in the hands of God, no torment shall touch them”

As we celebrate All Souls’ Day, let us remember the loved ones who loved us, cared for us, and supported us. We remember them with joy in our hearts knowing they are enjoying the fullness of the risen life with Jesus and all The Saints.

Let’s Support Our Seminarians!

Our Court is supporting Matthew Lydick, who was at St. Michael’s Church and is now in his second year of seminary formation for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at Holy Trinity Seminary near Dallas. We also pledge to pray for vocations. As Matthew says, “The Harvest is great, The Laborers are few!” If you can help us support Matthew, or the seminarians at St. Mary’ Seminary, please call the Chair of the Seminarians Committee, Glenda Bautista, at (713) 882-9617, glbautis@yahoo.com or Regent, Ling Bickham, at (713) 503-8818, lingx9688@gmail.com Your gifts are needed and appreciated.

Stay Connected. To learn more and stay current with CDA

go to the National website at: www.catholicdaughters.org and the State website: www://texascda.org

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 9 CDA Meeting 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 27 Advent Begins

DECEMBER 2022

- 8 Dinner with the Seminarians
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 17 CDA Meeting 5:30 & Christmas Party with KOC 6:30
- 25 Christ is Born!

National News

Did you know? National CDA has 5 National Projects that keep in mind the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mary. They are:

1. **Habitat for Humanity** – building simple, affordable houses for economically disadvantaged people
2. **SOAR!** – Supporting our Aging Religious who have dedicated their lives to serving
3. **HOLY CROSS Family Ministries** - Founded by Father Patrick Peyton, this ministry encourages family prayer
4. **LABOURE** – encourages vocations to religious communities by financially helping aspirants.
5. **National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)** - NCOSE exposes and combats pornography and sexual exploitation
At the recent CDA National Convention, donation gift checks were awarded as follows: \$10,000 to NCOSE, \$5,000 to SOAR! and \$2000 to EWTN. The 1150 Courts within CDA each donate \$100 or more per year in order to support our National Projects.

State News

Congratulations to the State CDA on their 10th **Habitat for Humanity** house build In Angleton, Texas! Donations from Texas Courts made this happen! Watch for the date of the House Blessing!

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR OUR SISTER, CELIA VASQUEZ AND HER DECEASED HUSBAND, CESAR;

PRAY FOR OUR SISTER ALICE LEW’S HUSBAND, ED. THAT HE MAY HAVE A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM SURGERY; AND

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTER - MABLE DUMAS’S FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM SURGERY.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ARLEEN FOWLER WHO HAS MADE RED ROSES FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR COURT OVER THE YEARS!



A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, thank you for the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal : our faith, heritage, food, shelter, health, and the love we share with one another, family, and friends. In your infinite generosity, Grant us continued blessings in the coming year.