



Queen of All Apostles

Court #2258 Newsletter

CDA Court Queen of All Apostles, Houston Texas

CDA – Seminararians 12.6.2022



Members of our Court experienced a very special Christmas celebration with 37 Seminararians and Priests, headed by Very Rev. Eurel Manzano and Rev. Matthew Suniga of St. Mary's Seminary. The group shared a deeply spiritual Mass together, followed by a delicious meal and desserts. The CDA project was to support each seminarian. Ling Bickman, Regent and officers presented a special-designed CDA greeting card and donations to each seminarian. These highly impressive young men were joyful and so appreciative of the fellowship, support, and gifts. Please keep them in your prayers in 2023.

Chaplain, Rev. Peter Wood

Chaplain, Fr. Wood spoke about "My Family Miracle Story" during our January meeting. Officers pledged and welcomed a new member, Mable Dumas-Izeqbu, who was in ICU for over 20 days. Regent, Ling Bickham, also mentioned our very young-looking 90-year old member who participates in CDA activities and attended the meeting.

Message from Regent Ling Bickham



This newsletter showcases "Unity & Charity", the official motto of CDA!
***"As a Catholic Daughter,
 Charity has to be
 in our thoughts,
 in our words,
 and in our heart.
 It has to show in our ACTIONS"***
 Let us pray that each of us will live these words to the fullest!
 In Christ we Live!



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CDA is now 119 years old with over 63,000 dues-paying members. 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:

November Speaker: Ling Bickman introduced us to Ikebana, the Japanese art of using blossoms, branches, leaves and stems to make a floral arrangement reflecting the beauty of nature while invoking emotion in the viewer. She learned Ikebana in Japan, where she lived for over 15 years for study and work.



December Speaker



Inspiring talent! Member Lee Auchter shared her son Christopher's acrylic and watercolor original art pieces and corresponding greeting cards at our December meeting. Her son was a student of St. Michael school from 4th to 8th grade. The painting of Holy Star won the 1st prize in contest. His Christianity, faith and amazing talent could be seen in each piece of artwork.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- BUDGET:** TINA DEGEORGIO, LAURA FACCIPONTE, RAQUEL LEWIS
- CIRCLE OF LOVE:** CINDY DEL MONTE, MAVIS KATHRYN DUGAS
- CHRISTMAS MARKET:** RAQUEL LEWIS
- 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 JEZERSKI, MERCEDES COOK, RAQUEL LEWIS, ARLEEN FOWLER, JEANETTE PEARSON, SYD KYRISH, SUSAN MENKE, VESNA JURICK, GRACE MURRAY
- SILVER ROSE:** TINA DEGEORGIO, CLAUDIA JANSSENS
- WAYS & MEANS:**
 - BAKE SALE:** PAT KELLER, MERCEDES COOK, GAIL O'NEILL, TROYCE REJSEK, LINDA KONARIK, ALICE LEW, GLENDA BAUTISTA, CHRIS CARMONA, MABLE DUMAS, LEE AUCHTER, SUSAN GARRISON, ARLEEN FOWLER, RAQUEL LEWIS, TINA DEGEORGIO, MARY ELLEN
 - WAA:** RAQUEL LEWIS, MABLE DUMAS, LAURA FACCIPONTE
 - WEBSITE:** CYNTHIA BOLLINGER, PAT KELLER
 - WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:** MARLENE BERNARD, MARGARET FULLER, TERRI ROMANO, CLAUDIA JANSSENS, LINDA KONARIK



Do you know ? Queen of All Apostles 40th Anniversary in 2023



CDA served coffee & donuts

"What does the Lord your God ask you, But to fear the Lord your God, To walk in all the ways To love Him, To serve the Lord your God, With all your heart and soul" --Deuteronomy 10:12

Membership Pledge

I gladly accept membership, in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and through the presence, of the Spirit in our lives, dedicate ourselves, to the work of this organization, to foster **Unity and Charity**, among all men and women, through the love of God.

Welcome New Member, Kylie Minor, in February meeting.





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.

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

Officers, past Officers and members had luncheon with Fr. Wood on 11/15/22, and Deacon Denny on 12/12/22.



It is a privilege and a gift to share our faith and humanity, as we break bread with the clergy of our Parish!



It was Fabulous! Yes, our CDA Christmas Party, joined with the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Wayne, Fr. Wood and Deacon Lu on December 17, 2022. The room was filled with joy and Christian love as we celebrated together! Red and green tablecloths, {continue to bellow column}



Bake Sale

We are partnering with Knights of Columbus to bake desserts for their Lenten Fish Frys offered to all parishioners. This is our largest fundraiser of the year.

We are depending on each member of our Court to help make this a success. Volunteers needs on Fridays, - March 3,10,17,24, & 31.

Your support is needed in one of three ways:

- 1) **Bake** cakes or pies
- 2) **Volunteer** on one or more Fridays to help slice, package, organize and serve desserts

If you can't bake or serve, please consider making a donation to CDA #2258.

Volunteer Spotlight !!



Regent Ling serves at the Homeless Program.



Red and yellow Poinsettias throughout, created an enchanting holiday setting. An amazing talented quartet entertained guests. Fr. Wayne said the blessing and delicious Italian meal was served. Fr. Wood blessed the party for closing. Special thanks to Regent Ling Bickham and Grand Knight, Jonathan Bickham for all their hard work in making this a very special and memorable event!

Over 120 years ago, John Carberry from KOC founded CDA in NYC, as a charitable, benevolent, and patriotic sorority for catholic ladies. It is dedicated to the principles of "Unity and Charity."

CALL TO 53RD CDA TEXAS STATE CONVENTION



It only happens every 2 years....ANNOUNCING the 53RD BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION! And this year, It's in being held in our back yard, GALVESTON!

DATE: April 26 – April 30th

PLACE: Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention, Galveston

THEME: "Most Blessed are You"

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND! REGISTER FOR ONE DAY OR THE ENTIRE CONVENTION!

Here is just a snapshot of what you can expect:

INFORMATIVE! There are **28 Seminars and workshops** taking place on Wednesday and Saturday

SPIRITUAL! Take part in **daily Masses**, with the opening Mass led by State Chaplain, **Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**

BUSINESS CONVENTION SESSIONS: Get updated by the Texas State Chairman on all our CDA activities in Texas, be present for proceedings, the voting and election of new State Officers, and so much more!

SOCIAL! On Thursday evening, there's a "SIP & Stroll with wine through the Gardens" (\$25.00)

Friday evening is "Escape to Pink Paradise" Fun Night with entertainment (\$70.00)

Saturday evening is "We are Blessed" Appreciation Banquet(\$75.00)

COST: \$95.00 Registration for entire Convention (early bird) or \$65.00 for one Convention Day

Meet CDA members that come from 245 Courts across Texas for the Convention!

Shop the vendor booths full of unique items during breaks!

Celebrate your faith with your Sisters in Christ! It's an amazing and inspiring experience!

To see all the details and/or to register online, go to texasda.org and look under "events."

Stay Connected. To learn more and stay current with CDA

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

Calendar

MARCH

- 1 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Lenten Desserts
Bake, Serve or make a Donation
- 8 **CDA Meeting 11:30 – 1:00 pm PLC-A**
- 12 Daylight Savings time begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 25 *Annunciation of the Lord **Feasts of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

APRIL

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 6 Holy Thursday
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 12 **CDA Meting 5:30pm – 7:00 ATB -1**
- 16 Divine Mercy Sunday

National News

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL (HLI)

MARCH FOR LIFE! – REVISED ARTICLE

On January 20th, 2023, the 50th annual March for Life took place in Washington, D.C. and the Catholic Daughters from across the country and National Officers fully participated.

The March for Life is comprised of 4 separate events over 3 days. There was the Vigil Mass, an EWTN interview with our National Regent, a Legislative Meeting and the March. See photos at www.catholicdaughters.org. Please pray for the protection of the unborn.

State News

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM (MSF)

One of the Texas State CDA's most successful fundraising program is the MSF, raising about \$100,000 in the last term from 2019-2023. It was created in 1980 as a tribute to all living and deceased past State Regents.

This is how it works:

At our meeting, you can purchase a Mass enrollment card for \$3.00 then provide the person's name and if they are living or deceased. After processing, our State Chaplain remembers the intentions at Mass on the first Friday of each month for 1 year.

What a meaningful gift this Mass Card is for so many occasions – birthdays, graduations, or for illness, remembrance, etc...! It's one of the best ways to let someone know that you care.

Who could you gift with a Mass Card?

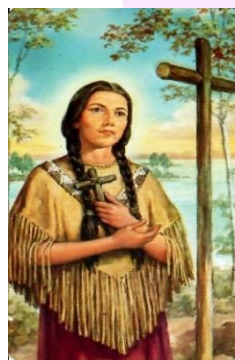
Prayers Needed

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Christ with me
Christ before me
Christ below me
Christ within me
Christ at my right hand
Christ at my left hand
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every mouth the speaks of me
Christ in every heart that thinks of me

Did you know? -Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA



Christ Our Lord. Amen.



THE TIME IS NOW! In early January, you were emailed and / or mailed an invoice requesting payment of **\$37.00** for 2023 dues. I thank you in advance for taking care of this promptly.