



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Queen of All Apostles #2258, Houston, TX

Newsletter

Letter from the Regent



Happy Fall Y'all! Join me in diving head first into our exciting and challenging 4th quarter!

First and Foremost: The 3rd Annual Christmas Market

CDA's biggest event and fundraiser of the year!

Saturday, November 15th 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 16th 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

A CALL TO ALL MEMBERS:

**"ALL HANDS-ON DECK! TIME TO MOBILIZE! RALLY!
ACTION! TEAMWORK! LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!"**

NOW IS THE TIME! When we share our strengths and the responsibility of a large, multi-faceted fundraiser, we will accomplish our mission! **I am requesting that each member volunteer in some capacity to ensure the success of the Christmas Market. What will you do?** Will you sell Raffle tickets after Masses? Will you work at an assigned time & role at the Market, with various options to choose from? **Sign up NOW, and let's dive in together!**

We need your support! 1) Be present at the Market 2) Invite family & friends 3) Help promote the event to any group you're involved with and on social media 4) Pass flyers out to your favorite merchants to display, 5) Shop the Market to support our valuable vendors! **Will you answer the call?** I'm sure counting on **YOU!**

With Appreciation, Gina Magaly Rodriguez



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New Installation



Cynthia Mendoza-Orbe was installed as Treasurer by Antonia Ledesma, DD #66, in August.

Congratulations Cynthia!

Houston Area Women’s Center (HAWC) benefits from “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” Event



Event Snapshots



Kudos and gratitude to new member, **Norma Harris**, whose initiative led to the successful fundraiser, **“Breakfast at Tiffany’s”**. It was hosted by Norma at her home on June 18th to benefit victims of domestic abuse. It was presented by the **Membership Committee**.

All the ladies made a fashion statement, as they captured the allure of the Hepburn style of the 1960’s, wearing chic, sophisticated, and timeless outfits. Everyone enjoyed an elevated brunch set on a luxurious tablescape of Tiffany blue tablecloths, gold-rimmed china, sterling flatware, pearl decorations, and fresh flowers. **Simply dazzling!**

At the function, we learned that the **Houston Area Women’s Center (HAWC)** helps survivors transform their lives free from violence by providing resources, such as safe housing options, legal help, counseling and employment. CDA members gathered at this event with a **key purpose**: to fuel the dignity, safety and care that defines HAWC’s work. Through our event donations of \$550.00 in gift cards and heartfelt prayers, we can start rebuilding lives.



3RD ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT



At the CDA Spiritual Retreat, **Father Peter Wood** presented **“Jesus Heals Women, As Revealed in the Gospel”**. Father discussed how Jesus healed women of the Bible, both physically and spiritually, using specific biblical accounts. He made the important point, that **we too** can heal others. **“Go do the same with others!”** So, if Jesus heals, what can I do? What can I give? How can I serve? Father also gifted us with many meaningful blessed items: a **Miraculous Medal**, a **St. Benedict Medal**, a **World Mission Rosary**, a **“Mary of the Knots”** prayer card, copies of **The Litany of the Sacred Heart**, **Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart**, and the **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**, - all to strengthen our commitment to Christ. We thank Fr. Wood for the terrific presentation and for spiritual revitalization!

Mission, Motto & 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 & Charity

Purpose: CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out faith and spirituality.

OCTOBER, the month of the Most Holy Rosary



Standing as a beacon of hope, a weapon of spiritual warfare and a conduit for grace. Let us pray!

2025 IMPACT REPORT: COURT QUEEN OF ALL APOSTLES, #2258

MISSION: As Catholic Daughters, we are called to extend our faith and hands in service to those in need. We embrace the opportunity to be instruments of God’s love and mercy. Through fundraisers and the generosity of members, our Court has been able to distribute a whopping **\$22,310 in donations** through October to the organizations below:

Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province	\$2,400
Supporting the Seminarians of St Mary’s Seminary	\$3,200
Houston Pregnancy Help Center	\$2,400
Guadalupe Radio 1430AM	\$2,400
Nery’s Promise	\$2,400
Steps for Students:	
Shrine of the True Cross Catholic School	\$1,200
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	\$1,200
St. Vincent de Paul	\$4,060
Scholarships for students at St. Michael School	\$1,500
Houston Area Women’s Center	\$550
Priest Retirement Fund	\$500
Diocesan Services Fund	\$500
Total	\$22,310

“For it is in giving, THAT WE RECEIVE”
- St. Francis of Assisi

BENEFITING:

- Religious Sisters
- Seminarians & Priests
- Pro-Life Initiatives
- Catholic Radio Station
- Domestic Violence Victims
- Children’s essential needs
- Student Education
- The poor, hungry, elderly, and those facing financial crisis

“Welcome Fall, Share the Blessings”, a Gathering benefiting St. Vincent de Paul



Gracious host, **Georgia Sbrana** welcomed the CDA members into her lovely home on September 25, 2025, for the *“Welcome Fall, Share the Blessings”* event, benefiting **St. Vincent de Paul**, and organized by the Membership Committee. The turnout was fantastic and the fellowship was buzzing! Inside, everyone was admiring the fall decorations and beautiful tablescapes --all creating a cozy autumn haven! The kitchen island was filled with a smorgasbord of appetizing food, Brazilian coffee and punch. Georgia was honored to welcome **Rick Plaeger, President of St. Vincent de Paul** as our guest speaker. He gave a heartfelt thank you for our Court’s strong, consistent support. Rick spoke on the dire need for assistance all over the St. Michael’s Church area. He spoke of the hardships and shared real-life situations. In closing, Rick stressed the need for all of us to actively live out our faith by providing hope to our neighbors. Georgia presented Rick with \$660 in event donations.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” - Galatians 6:2



State News:

NOW AVAILABLE! The September issue of **The Lone Star Messenger**, which is the official newsletter for the State CDA, is out! Go to: www.texascca.org. Get engaged in the “big picture” and read all about it!

Presenting your 2025 – 2027 Texas State CDA Officers



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding”
– Proverbs 3-5

Pictured (L to R): State Secretary, **Janet Purdy**, First Vice State Regent, **Melissa Gonzalez**, State Regent, **Virginia Olsovsky**, Second Vice State Regent, **Debbie Johnson**, & State treasure, **Christine Maniscalco**

National News:

SOAR! Support our Aging Religious is one of our prized National Projects. Many Catholic Daughters attended the annual

Awards Banquet in New York City on August 8, 2025. Our **National Regent, Susan Moné**, spoke to the gathering and presented a \$15,000 check to SOAR!’s President, Sister Kathleen Lunsman. Did you know that in 1986, CDA founded SOAR! with \$25,000 in seed money received from our Courts? We are strongly committed to this non-profit organization to ensure our elderly religious are supported.

Supporting our Youth:

Focus on Education

Since 2018, our Court has been committed to uplift students at St. Michael School with scholarships. Chair, **Marlyn Greiner** and her committee comprised of **Myrna Alfonso**, **Mercedes Cook**, and **Regent, Gina Rodriguez** reviewed submissions and made selections. They attended the Mass and Graduation Awards Ceremony where **Marlyn** presented Award Certificates to three deserving students. These scholarships were funded by CDA fundraisers and the generosity of **Mercedes Cook**. Congratulations to all!



With joy, **National Regent, Susan Moné** (L), presents a donation to SOAR!’s President, Sister Kathleen Lunsman.



Well done Committee!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2025

- 5 Respect for Life Sunday
- 8 **CDA Meeting & Our Court’s 42nd Anniversary!**
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Activity Bldg., Room 1
- 19 **National CDA Day**
12:30 PM Rosary
1 PM Mass in Church
- 31 Happy Halloween!

NOVEMBER 2025

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Soul Day
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 12 **CDA Meeting**
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, PLC-A
- 15 **CDA Christmas Market**
10 AM – 7 PM
- 16 **CDA Christmas Market**
8 AM – 1 PM
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 30 Advent Begins

DECEMBER 2025

- 6 11:30 AM Christmas Party
- 8 The Immaculate Conception
- 10 **CDA Meeting**
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Activity Bldg., Room 1
- 12 Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 25 Merry Christmas!

Welcome New Members



Clarisa Briones
Norma Teague
Regina Ayetigbo

LAUGH CORNER

Let’s meet at my house on Sunday, before the game!
–God
When life gives you more than you can stand, **KNEEL!**
Lord, help us to be the people our dog thinks we are!