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Some of the many CA ladies at the convention

STATE CHAPLAIN - FATHER ERICK VILLA



CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER ERICK VILLA ON BECOMING OUR NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Father Erick Villa

FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT/NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ ESSIE WALKER



My dear sisters in Christ,

It seems like yesterday that I was writing my introduction letter to your State Board. It has been my distinct privilege to serve with you over the last two years. I have witnessed the members in your state, embrace our stated mission as each of you enthusiastically participated in dialogue, special liturgies, and activities under the banner of Unity and Charity.

Your contributions are evident in the work you have done. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for your dedication and service. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you and for your devotion, commitment, and loyalty.

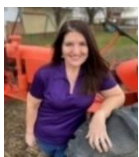
So, as we come to the end of our two-year journey together, let us continue to listen to his voice and open ourselves to receive his grace and peace. As we help each other through good times and troubled times, be reminded that we can be content by depending on Christ who gives us the strength to preserve in any situation.

As a gentle reminder, please continue to check in on our sick and shut-in CDA sisters. Remember, they helped paved the way to where we are now.

As I always say, you are the most valuable resource within our organization. May you continue to be blessed.

Essie Walker

STATE REGENT ~ MARIA SANTOS-SILVA



Hello CA CDA Sisters

I hope that all of you had a restful and family filled summer. As our Courts start to come back this month the State Board is excited to see all the old faces and many new ones throughout the state working hard and letting their CDA Lights Shine Bright.

Over 80 CA CDA's attended the CDA National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Several CA CDA Courts and your State Board were recognized for numerous National Awards and Recognitions. We all learned a lot about our CDA Organization, meeting up with old friends and making several new ones along the way. We have a new slate of National Officers and some new By-Laws that will be out in the upcoming publication of our National By-Laws which should be out before the end of the year. Please make sure your Court officers have a copy of the updated By-Laws.

One issue that was a topic of discussion at the National Convention was the update on the Robe Survey. The State Board hosted an informational Zoom session on this topic with over 52 attendees.

A quick synopsis of the topic is as follows;

First off we are waiting for more direction from our National Board once they are able to meet and discuss the issue.

Secondly the issue ONLY applies to Local, State and National officers and District Deputies.

Thirdly the dress code, for officers and DD's, will be: White top, black skirt or pants and black shoes. All officers and DD's will have a medallion representing their positions. The cost of the medallion has yet to be determined but your Court should plan to have a budget line item to cover the costs of the medallions for your court.

The State Board would like to encourage all CA Courts to plan to purchase the medallions prior to the State Convention in April. Those Courts who process in wearing their medallions will have them all blessed as one group during the opening Mass of the Convention, on April 24th at 10:00 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Visalia. I am looking forward to participating in this beautiful historic event with all of our CA CDA Courts at the beautiful new St. Charles Borromeo Church. A new tradition for CDA receiving blessing at one of the state's newest Churches.

Good luck and Blessings on your new Court Year and make sure to let the State Board know of any of your Court's events and holiday activities. We would all love to try to join you.

María Santos-Silva

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY



Happy New CDA Year!

September is upon us, and many courts are getting ready to meet again, and hopefully, your officers have attended a Zoom training, or an in-person training or plan to attend the upcoming Zoom training. Even if you have been a local court officer for many years, it is important to attend Officer Training. We can always get a reminder, learn something new, or help others learn as we share our own experiences. We do this training in Unity.

As we start this new year, let us focus on our Unity. We do great at charity. Our Unity could use a few tweaks. Let us let petty jealousies go, critical nature go, envy, greed, pride, and all those things that get in the way of our Unity, let them go. We are sisters – we do not need to fuss like sisters. Why am I remarking on this? We often see this fussing in our organization. It can turn potential members away and that is a sad loss. I joined CDA because I wanted sisters. I found them. Some of them are as far away as Arkansas and New York. Let us help other women find their sisters.

I had the pleasure of reviewing the Quality Unit Award applications. I am proud to announce the following winners:

Gold Award

Compton #942
Holy Spirit #1803
Mary Queen of the World #2400
Regina Coeli #1521
Santa Barbara #293
St. Francis of Assisi #1652
St. Joachim #2553
St. John #2526
St. John Chrysostom #2658

Silver Award

St. Anne #2517
San Ysidro #1507
Sr. Emmanuel Cardinale #2745
Whittier #519

Bronze Award

St. Alphonsus Liguori #2696

Thank you for participating. Next year, we hope to see more submissions. Yours in Christ,

Lorine Bakowsky

SECOND VICE STATE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA



Dear CDA Sisters

In August over 1,400 CDA sisters were in New Orleans for the National CDA Convention. It was a time for us to rejuvenate, visit, pray and work together on National business.

In the Business meetings, we learned some very valuable information on:

- Various Speakers that discussed different National Charities or other topics
- Voting on the National Officers, National Directors and Nominating Committee
- Reviewing the National survey on the CDA Robes
- Reviewing and voting on the National By-laws

But after our meetings we as Catholic Daughters blended together to pray at Masses, Adoration and saying the Rosary. We had fun visiting with our past friends while meeting and getting to know new ones from California as well as from all over the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam to name a few. We came together in Unity for a common cause of learning more about Catholic Daughters and giving back to others.

At each CDA National convention there are workshops the afternoon before Convention begins. I strongly encourage everyone to attend these workshops as you can learn so much from the National Officers and Directors. This year I attended the Spirituality Workshop given by Brenda West. During the workshop it was referenced,

* "The Spiritual Enhancement program of CDA is to look for the many ways to bring us closer to our Lord and fellow sisters in spirit and love while improving sanctification and blessings."

*The key to propelling spiritual growth is in our attitude.

*Each CDA sister needs to "Open a window and Let the Blessings IN." While we let the blessings in we need to reach out to help others in need.

In closing, I want to THANK our National Regent, Emily, her officers, National Directors and New Orleans CDA for all the hard work they put in at this convention. Thank you to all the CDA sisters in attendance for an amazing week.

I use to ask God to help me.
Then I asked if I could help him.
I ended up by asking him to do his work through me.
By Hudson Taylor

Have a blessed year,

Sheri Kanagawa

STATE SECRETARY ~ YVONNE CONNOLLY



Hello Ladies

I hope you have all had a good summer and are ready for Fall and the start of our CDA year. For those of you amongst the 1,400 + that attended the National Convention, I know you will have come home with lots of enthusiasm and good ideas for your courts. The Masses were so inspiring, just to hear the Bishops and Priests thanking the Catholic

Daughters for all that we do for the Church, our local Parishes and for our Charities across the USA and beyond. It really was quite humbling to be praised so highly. Ladies, never doubt what you do in your own court, and in our State, is multiplied across our Nation. We do make a difference!! That is the beauty of attending a CDA Convention you meet so many "strangers" and leave with so many "new friends," it is quite an experience. The next National Convention will be in Iowa, the next State Convention will be close enough for everyone to attend because it will be in Visalia, CA April 24th -26th 2025. Your State Board is already hard at work planning it. For it to be successful we need you there so mark your calendars now!

Ladies as you update your bylaws, prepare your budgets, and make plans for the year, we are here to help you make your Court the best it can be. Do not hesitate to reach out to your DD's or your State Supervising Officers. Your success is our success. Send us your Court Newsletters and Calendars we always love to hear what you are doing and if we can support you by attending any of your events, we will do our very best to do so.

God Bless you all, and as Fr Shenan Boquet said at one of the Masses in New Orleans "Do not hide your light under a basket let it shine, We do not brag or boast but when people ask what we do lets tell them what Catholic Daughters do"

Blessings and thanks, to you all,
Yvonne Connolly

STATE TREASURER ~ MICHELLE ECK

Happy Fall!!!

September is the start of a new CDA year with new possibilities. It is a time to plan your CDA year. Plan new charities, ways to spend time together and ways to show your CDA sisterhood. This year try new ways to recruit members. Be creative. Have charity fundraisers where the parish can participate. Be visible and show the unity of your court and in your faith together. Plan one more celebration using the soon to be retired robes. CFF or CCD classes are starting so it would be a good time to do a project with the children who are our future – maybe including a Circle of Love project. This time of year gives us a promise of renewal and possibilities. Many courts have new officers. Help support them and teach them how to be an officer. Many of us have lost members this year, remember them in all our prayers and keep them in our hearts while we work in our fundraisers and projects. I wish all of you a prosperous and successful CDA year. Be well and be happy.

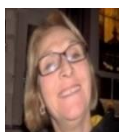


Michelle Eck



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.



FAMILY ~ Laura McQuoid ~ l_mcquoid@yahoo.com

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." - Pope Saint John Paul II

At the National Convention, I was particularly drawn to the presentation introducing Family Theater Productions. Their mission to uplift and celebrate the family, inspire hope, and restore unity resonates deeply in today's world, where positive and meaningful entertainment can often be hard to find. The preview of their upcoming series, *The Carpenter*, left a lasting impression. The family friendly series offers a unique and thoughtful portrayal of Joseph's life as a father and husband. Through this lens, the show delves into profound responsibility and trust placed upon him, making it relatable and engaging for viewers of all ages.

In a time where we are often glued to our devices and consumed by the demands of the outside world, it is refreshing to have content that encourages us to slow down and connect with timeless values. The Carpenter promises to provide that rare opportunity for families to come together, reflect on what truly matters, and draw inspiration from a story that highlights the strength and faith that can be found in the heart of a family. This series represents a much-needed departure from the noise and distractions of modern life, inviting us to reconnect with each other and the principles that build strong and loving families.

To access to the 35 minute pilot contact: Cathy Downes@: cdownes@hcfm.org

Laura McQuoid

EDUCATION ~ Cheryl Vitali ~ Cheryl.vitali@gmail.com



To Truly Be Members of the Body of Christ

Summer is ending and our active time of ministry as Catholic Daughters is starting up in full vigor. I was deeply touched by a reflection on St. Augustine and a quote that in the Eucharist, "You receive the mystery that you are." He urges us to truly be members of the Body of Christ in how we live (Sermon 292). Later in the reflection, by Kimberly Baker PhD, she quotes from the prayer in the Mass, 'nourished by the Eucharist, "the sign of unity and the bond of charity" we go forth together as Christ and as with Christ.' What a beautiful blessing. It also has me wanting to read more of the writings of St. Augustine.

Since the new education theme is not announced yet, I wanted to reflect further on the theme above and how it relates to our mission as Catholic Daughters.

I pondered these words sitting on a favorite ledge overlooking the magnificent Conte Divide of the High Sierra with Mt. Goddard in the distance. Going over that divide was quite a challenge in 2008; a pass called Hell for Sure! My body cannot do that anymore, yet I find the high mountains are always a place for reflection and awe over the wonder of God's creation. Hiking back my mind drifted to an song from Amy Grant. about mountain tops and faith.

"Love to live on a mountain top,
Fellowshipping with the Lord.
I would love to stand on a mountain top,
'Cause I love to feel my spirit
Soar...

But have to come down
from the mountain top
To the people of the valley below;
They will never know
That they can go
To the mountain of the Lord."

Read the rest of the lyrics and it is all about letting God's spirit live through you.

Always a bit difficult for me to head down from the mountain top as it is something I have done ever since my earliest memories, yet there's also excitement about this year and how we can help bring God's love through action. It is not something that we do alone and in a solitary way; it is in actively being the Body of Christ and working together in Unity and Charity sharing with others the profound gift we receive in the Eucharist. Truly coming together is such a true blessing.

Cheryl Vitali

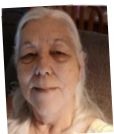
The new 2025 Education Essay Theme:

'He who forgives an offense seeks love,' Prov. 17:9

Or

How do I feel when I forgive?

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT ~ Gloria Roberg ~ fivesons31@yahoo.com



Hi. I first joined Catholic Daughters of the Americas in 1986 when my pastor(boss) asked that a CDA court be formed in our parish. The year after I joined, I became 2nd vice regent for my court (Court St. Pius X 2270). Two years later I was regent for my court. In 1999 my family moved back to California, and I joined Court St. Francis of Assisi #1652. I have been regent here and am currently vice regent. In 2022 I became a dual member for both my previous and current courts. I have been a District Deputy for California since 2017. Currently I am D.D. for four courts. I look forward to helping Maria Santos-Silva organize the masses for our upcoming state convention in Visalia this coming April.

Gloria Roberg



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As the election nears it is time to review the Catholic Daughters guidelines as it pertains to endorsement. CDA of a 501(c)(3) institution qualifying for Internal Revenue tax-exempt status. Therefore, no one speaking on behalf of CDA may encourage or discourage voting for or against a specific political party or candidate. In addition, we are not to take action that could be reasonably construed as endorsement or opposition. Our obligation is to become better informed on the issues pertaining to human life, human rights, justice and peace. Once again, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas do not endorse candidates nor any political party.

Patty Lepe

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION~NORTHERN ~ Maureen Laubacher ~ maurlaub@aol.com



We spent a fabulous week at the CDA Convention in New Orleans. Enjoyed the company of 3 Daughters from our court for lunches as we sampled the food from restaurants near the Hilton. Celebrated dinner the first night there on a paddleboat on the Mississippi - our first sampling of Creole food and bread Pudding. On Tuesday, I attended the workshops on Membership and Circle of Love. Learned about retaining members and court projects. The next day and a half were spent reviewing the survey about retiring our processional robes and then discussing and voting on changes to the National bylaws. The Louisiana State Court had created a beautiful Chapel where we heard mass daily and shared nightly rosaries. Attended the California State dinner on Thursday evening, a Mardi Gras party on Friday evening, and the Installation Dinner on Saturday evening. But my favorite day was Sunday after the convention when Bob and I went to mass at St Louis Cathedral with the Archbishop presiding and then had a leisurely brunch at Brennan's with our final sample of bread pudding. Fantastic ambiance, food and service. Thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

Maureen Laubacher



While I was disappointed that there was no program for spouses, I thought the evening events more than made up for it. The Mardi Gras night music was great! The CA State event at the zoo was nice and showed that y'all put business before pleasure. Hence the late scramble to get there. I enjoyed the opportunity to do a few lunches and dinner with the St Raymond group. I was impressed by the

numbers of folks at the Masses and devotions. I included one picture I took so I would remember how large the group was. I am biased but I really do enjoy participating in Court St Raymond social activities when possible.

Bob Schoenborn (Maureen's husband)

Maureen Laubacher



JCDA Court Our Lady of Grace #1306 (additional story on page 18-19)

Maribel Lara

PARLIAMENTARIAN ~ Laura Vacca ~ Lauraspencer.vacc@gmail.com



Greetings CDA Sisters,

It was a pleasure to attend the National Convention in New Orleans and represent my Ct. #2400, Mary Queen of the World as their delegate. As your State Parliamentarian, I was able to see our National Parliamentarian in action as she guided the board on many voting issues. Copious notes were taken as I thumbed rapidly through my own Rules book to check optional amendments. I was very proud of our State Regent who brought motions/amendments to the floor for discussion, and of our National Regent as she presided over the business meeting, not an easy task.

This brings us full circle to our Local Courts. Let me quote "Why do we hold business meetings? Simple...to get business done." For most local Courts, September brings a return to our local court meetings. There are some dos and don'ts explained in Robert's Rules to aid the Recording Secretary (RS) in their job. Often, a new RS will feel the pressure of writing down everything that is said. Some courts use recordings to assist the RS with recall to ensure the minutes have Motions written down correctly, and details of new business captured. When we were on zoom, the transcript feature was awesome! Yet, in person, it is important to remember "the RS is not a Stenographer. Ater all they are minutes NOT "seconds"!

1. Do use the Agenda as your guide and record the action taken for each item of business. Remember that the minutes support the creation of the next agenda for next month's meeting.
2. Do enter the exact wording of the final motion as agreed up by the vote. These are legal historical documents.
3. Do record all vote types Example: 4 Aye /6 Nay. An *abstention* does not count as any type of vote for recording purposes. It is sometimes seen as vote for the opposed. Do not record them. Or if it a 2/3rds required vote, write "passed by majority".
4. Do not include the opinions or content from debate. Listing opinions is not relevant to the decision that is ultimately passed or not passed.
5. Do not spend a lot of time in passing the meeting minutes. A formal amendment is not needed to change a grammatical error.

In the end, if you the RS are confused by a motion, members probably are, too. Remember, it is the Recording Secretary's job to clarify what details are to be included in the minutes and ask for clarity. It is the Regents role to repeat the motion verbatim prior to a vote.

Citation: This article references concepts from the video: "Meeting Minutes Do's and Don'ts." YouTube, uploaded by Susan Leahy 14 Mar 2022 For more Do's and Do nots visit this site.

Laura Vacca



Unity and Charity. Unity and Charity is the CDA motto and not unlike the church comprised of sinners who fall short of Christ's teaching, many in CDA fall short of its ideals. Many of us have asked, "Where was the unity and charity in that?" after an unpleasant encounter with another member.

Let us explore the word Unity

Unity The state of being one, or united; oneness; singleness. The quality of being one in spirit, sentiment, purpose, etc. Harmony; agreement; concord; uniformity.

Christian unity Christian unity as defined in the Bible, is a state of oneness, harmony, and love among believers in Jesus Christ. It is not mere uniformity, but a deep spiritual connection that reflects the relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

What is the meaning of true unity? Unity – universal oneness of God, man, and all creation. The only real unity is in Spirit. It is found nowhere else because personality always strives for its own success and aims for the good of the personal man, instead of all men.

What is the power of unity? The Power of Unity says we are all interconnected. The importance of connection and compassion are key tenets of Conscious Discipline. Connection is an essential impulse that is needed for survival. It keeps us in an optimal brain state that facilitates learning and problem-solving.

What did Jesus say about unity? The Savior prayed for unity among His disciples: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." (John 17:21). The gospel creates a unity of faith with our Father, our Savior, and our fellow believers.

How does this apply to CDA? Unity, harmony and goodwill are virtues to be fostered and cherished. When united everyone respects each other and can be themselves. The Court should be a place where members are confident that they will not be gossiped about or disparaged. Members should feel safe to share honestly how they feel. Open communication is where everyone feels seen, heard, and included. By communicating like adults, we create a harmonious space for learning, growth, and strengthened relationships, paving the way for meaningful connections and shared progress.

We are human. We will make mistakes. We have different personalities and different styles. When broaching touchy subjects, it is always best to meet face to face or call. Texting and emails without voice nuances can add to the problem.

What destroys unity? Gossip. Egos. Jealousy. Cliques. Excluding others. Avoiding others. Micromanaging. Dictatorship. Closed doors. Members pushing their own agendas. Lack of communication. Miscommunication. Perception. Disrespect.

What are the consequences? Contention, discord, hurt feelings and members that shut down, do not share, stop going to meetings, or leave CDA. Contention can spread like poison, dividing us from those with whom we should be closest. Because the Spirit departs when discord erupts arguments can leave us floundering without the Lord's help and guidance. Slander is poison to the soul.

How CDA sisters should strive to be different. Initiating a conversation or asking a question should not be synonymous with conflict; rather, it should symbolize a pathway to resolution, understanding, and mutual growth. When we address issues, seek clarity, and strive for resolution, we embark on a journey of learning and development together.

Effective communication transcends arguments, emphasizing collaboration, empathy, and shared understanding. Let us embrace maturity in our interactions, fostering open dialogue, active listening, and constructive communication. Accept that your perception may be inaccurate.

Everyone can benefit by recognizing the difference between personal issues and business. Just because something is questioned, or someone has a difference of opinion should never be looked at as a personal attack. It is the opportunity to resolve things, get clarity, learn, and grow together.

We are all called to self-examination. We cannot change what we do not acknowledge. Acknowledging our shortcomings takes strength of character. The willingness to change takes courage and fortitude.

CDA is our opportunity to show the secular world how a true Christian can rise above pettiness, egos, and jealousy. To show how it looks to truly forgive, regroup, love one another, and move on.

Mother Teresa said it best, "In the end, it was never between you and the other person. It was always between you and God." In other words, the person you are gossiping about or talking about disparagingly.... is, in reality, you are attacking God.

The Our Father cautions us when we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." God will forgive us in the same way we forgive others.

I belong to the Cultural Arts Rotary Club. In many ways, Rotary displays Christian principles based on a 4-way test. It is an ethical yardstick that reflects the high ethics and morals God would want in any organization:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

It would behoove us to recall those four elements the next time we feel compelled to talk about someone. May God and our Holy Mother continue to aid us in our endeavor to reach their likeness.

In Unity and Charity

Kathi Morris

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Share what your court is doing with your CDA Sisters. Send in Your Articles! Share with your Sisters! Your articles or updates can be sent either in email format with the text in the body of the email or as an attachment. **I DO NOT SHORTEN your articles).**

Karen Jones

DUE DATES

ISSUE	THEME	SUBMIT BY	DUE DATE
Fall	Convention or How To help courts grow	August 1-31, 2024	September 2024
Winter	Advent/Christmas	November 1-30, 2024	December 2024
Spring	Lent/Easter	February 1-28, 2025	March 2025
Summer	Growth within our CDA courts	May 1-31, 2025	June 2025

WELCOME OUR NEW COURTS

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OUR LADY OF MYSTICAL ROSE #2804

Instituted April 28, 2024
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OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS #2805

Instituted March 13, 2024
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OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS #2806

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ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	DATE	2024
1158	St. Theresa	Gustine	9/7/1930	94
2517	St. Anne	Banning	9/6/2003	21
2637	Our Lady of Grace	Reedley	9/11/2010	14
2792	St. Andrews	Pasadena	9/8/2023	1

OCTOBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	DATE	2024
1162	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	10/12/1930	94
1520	Guardian Angel	Montebello	10/2/1949	75
1521	Regina Coeli	Porterville	10/3/1949	75
1652	St. Francis of Assisi	Hanford	10/4/1953	71
2418	Queen of the Americas	Sylmar	10/29/1995	29
2520	Santa Sophia	Spring Valley	10/11/2003	21
2525	St. Basil the Great	Vallejo	10/25/2003	21

NOVEMBER

COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	DATE	2024
1450	St. Mary Margaret	Pittsburg	11/13/1947	77
1661	Our Lady of Good Success	Clovis	11/15/1953	71
1707	Our Lady of the Miracle	Navato	11/2/1955	69
2610	St. Rita	Tulare	11/28/2008	16



IRENE MARY GRAMZA

Irene Gramza passed away peacefully on August 23, 2024 at the age of 80. She is survived by her daughter Carolyn Hawkins (Allen Hawkins) and son Christopher; grandsons Nicholas, Adam (Kyla), and Jeremy (Cara), as well as 8 great-grandchildren Realynn, Hayden, Zephyr, Margaret, Evelyn, Donovan, Adrianna, and Ricky. She is preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years Stanley, her brother Ted Jakubowski Jr (Terrie), and her parents Ted and Sophie Jakubowski.

Irene was born in Depew, NY on 9/20/1943 and grew up in her family's business Colonial Bakery on Broadway Road. When Irene and a classmate walked into their freshman math class at Depew-Lancaster High School she spotted someone across the room and declared that she would marry him someday. That someone was Stan Gramza, and that day was June 25, 1966 when they were married. They started their married life in Pittsburgh where they became dedicated Steelers fans. A short move to Philadelphia preceded their final destination of Phoenix, AZ.

Carolyn and Chris were lucky to have a stay at home mom through high school years. She was there for school events, Girl Scouts, and basketball games. As this came to an end she found different ways to occupy her time. True to her roots, she would make beautifully decorated cakes for friends and family. Irene was Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council's cookie lady for years, traveling the state training new leaders for cookie time, along with supporting in town troops with their efforts. Irene is a Lifetime Member and received the Girl Scout Thanks Badge twice. Irene attended many national Girl Scout conventions, which turned into an every 3 year girl's trip for her and Carolyn.

Mustangs were the family's favorite car, so it was no surprise when she bought her 40th anniversary edition in 2003. She joined Chris on several Mustang Across America car rallies, showing off her 'baby' while sharing stories of both Chris and her brother Ted's cars.

When Irene retired from Dillard's after 22 years of service as the Store Secretary the family wondered what she would do with her time. They quickly realized that Irene was really just getting started. Irene was a member of the St Paul's Women's Guild, helping with as many events as she could fit in her schedule. She has a tree planted on the church grounds in recognition of her dedication to the St Paul community.

Irene was a member of the Phoenix Diocese Council of Catholic Women and then the National Council of Catholic Women. Most recently, Irene worked on their national nominating committee. Irene was most proud of her local, state, and national membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Irene has held many different positions within the organization across all levels of involvement. Irene is an Arizona past State Regent, and most recently finished two terms as a National Director. Wherever Irene went and to whomever she met, she was always proudly introducing herself as a Catholic Daughter.

For those who knew Irene and to those who were lucky to come in contact with her, they could be assured that she was always looking out for and hoping the best for them. Many homeless and in need unknowingly received a personal hygiene bag filled with supplies put together in Irene's family room. Irene's legacy exists not just with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren but also in the countless men and women she has inspired, mentored, coached, and not only let a hand but also a listening ear. We will carry her words and inspiration with us, passing it along to future generations. We will cook your sweet potatoes and mushroom soup, knowing they will not taste quite the same. We have been blessed with you and will miss you deeply.



PHYLLIS NADLER

May 29, 1949 — August 23, 2024

Phyllis Nadler, 75, born on May 29, 1949, in Waltham, MA, United States, passed away August 23, 2024 in Sylmar, CA. She was predeceased by her husband Jeff, sister Marie Anzalone, and brother Steve Anzalone. She is survived by her children Daina (Josh George) Nadler and Matt (Bhora) Nadler, grandchildren Ashur George and Greyson Nadler, and sisters Karen Mason and Paula Vondrak. She is also survived by her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and countless friends, all whom she adored. A devout Catholic, she was an active member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Arrangements are under the care of Forest Lawn, Glendale, CA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Phyllis' honor to either Catholic Daughters of the Americas or Breast Cancer Research Fund (BCRF).

A life so vibrant, muted. A flame so bright and intense snuffed out before we were ready to walk in the dark without it.

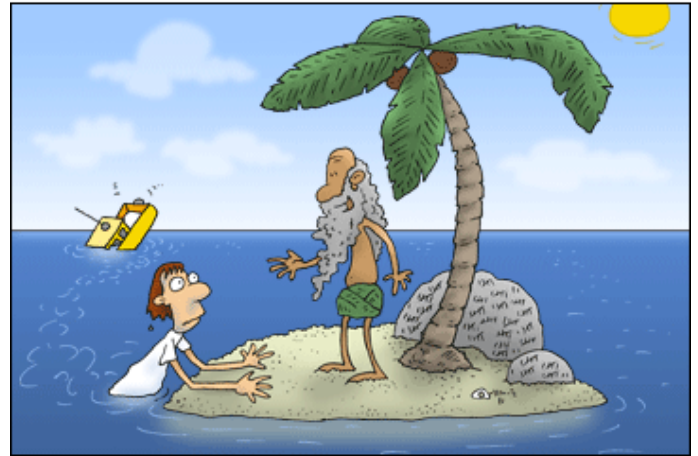
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OH MAN ... THIS SACKCLOTH TOTALLY FIT ME THE LAST TIME I WORE IT

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TELL ME, HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SAVING POWER OF PALM TREE?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY PATRIOTIC ROSARY

When: 1st Monday of every month
Where: 3737 W. McKinley, Fresno, CA 93722
Time: 6:00 p.m.

L.A. ARCHDIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ACCW) ROSARY

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
How: Call-in @ 1-425-436-6200
410510# (this is a toll-free call)
Time: 8:00 P.M.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND BANQUET FOR SUSAN MONE

MASS: When: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Where: Church of the Resurrection
3201 S. Evergreen Road
Tempe, AZ
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Livestream available at youtube.com/resurrection/live

BANQUET: Where: DoubleTree by Hilton
1011 W. Holmes Avenue
Mesa, AZ
Time: 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – No Host Cocktails
Followed by Dinner
Semi Formal Attire
RSVP: Friday, September 6, 2024
Marie Gilchrist Hunter - marieghunter@icloud.com
856-404-5834
Cost: \$65.00 per person (complete the dinner reservation form)

[Release-82-SusanMone_Reservation-Form.pdf \(californiacatholicdaughters.org\)](#)

“WITH MARY, WE PRAISE GOD IN ALL CREATION” - 7TH MARIAN CONFERENCE

When: October 11-12, 2024
Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513
925-634-4154 | ihmchurch@ihmbrentwood.com

Speakers: Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, and other esteemed speakers in the fields of Mariology and Theology from the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton in Ohio and the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

CDA DIOCESAN ROSARY

When: Saturday, October 12, 2024
Where: Casa Emmaus
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
45118 Park St., Indio
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
RSVP: Lynda Bloomquist @ slbloomq@aol.com or 760-238-2780
By October 9, 2024

Refreshments will be served following the Rosary

12th ANNUAL LINKS FOR LIFE – PINK PASSION PICNIC

When: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Where: Hanford Civic Auditorium
Time: 10:30 a.m. – doors open; 11:30 a.m. – Lunch served
Tickets: \$35.00 – NOT SOLD AT DOOR
What: Buy a picnic lunch and give hope! Male Fashion Show / Opportunity Drawing / Picnic lunches catered by Pardini's of Fresno
Speakers: Breast Cancer Prevention Partners: Nancy Buermeyer & Erika Wilhelm
More information & purchase tickets, contact: 559-786-4632 or 559-904-6405
Checks payable to: Links for Life Deadline for ticket sales: September 23, 2024

COUPLES RETREAT

When: Sunday, October 20, 2024
Where: The Garza's Home
3737 W. Mc Kinley Avenue, Fresno, CA 93722
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$100.00 per person Deadline to register: October 11, 2024
Make checks payable to: CDA Court 2526
6213 N, Gilroy Avenue, Fresno, CA 93722
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided
Please drive to the back of the property, bring your Bible & writing materials to take notes.:
Whether you have been in a relationship for a few or many years or would like to be in a relationship in the future, this retreat is for you!

SAVE THE DATE: CDA CT. REGINA COELI #1521 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

When: Sunday, October 20, 2024
What: Mass @ 9:30 a.m.
Where: 1705 North Newcomb St.
Porterville, CA
Celebrant: Rev. Father Dan Avila
Luncheon: Where: St. Anne's School, Dillon Hall
385 N. F Street
Porterville, CA
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per person – Limited Seating
Deadline: October 1, 2024
Make checks payable to CDA Court #1521
Mail to: Ida Herrera
31682 Mill Dr., Springville, CA 93265
Contact Ida @ 559-359-7001

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 CA CDA STATE CONVENTION

When: April 24-27, 2025
Where: Visalia, CA
Theme: CA CDA Shining in the Light of the Divine Mercy
Mass: Opening Mass on Thursday, April 24, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia, CA
<https://www.gseparish.com/churches-/st.charles-borromeo>
[More information to come](#)

OFFICER TRAINING IN SACRAMENTO

St. Paul Church, Sacramento, CA

July 20, 2024



Joint installation of the new court officers



Michelle Eck and Lorine Bakowsky



OFFICER TRAINING IN SAN LEANDRO

St. Felicitas Church – St. Mary's Center, San Leandro, CA

August 24, 2024



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #1306



New Court Officers with our Chaplain, Fr. Juan Lopez, Past Local Regent Yolanda Guevarra, and members of Knights of Columbus at OLPH Catholic Church Indio, CA.

New Officers get blessing from Court Chaplain Fr. Juan Lopez



Regent Sarah Romero



Vice Regent Elizabeth Jimenez



Rec. Sec. Cathy Romero



Fin. Sec. Carole Arias



Treasurer Lynda Bloomquist



2024 – 2026 Court Officers

COURT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION #1454



NEW JCDA Court Instituted ~ Our Lady of Grace #1306

Saturday August 10th was an exciting day. There was lots of enthusiasm in the air with giggles, nervousness, and laughter. The girls looked beautifully dressed in white getting ready to process into mass. They were preparing for a newly formed Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The Institution took place at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 4:00 pm mass. There were sixteen young girls ages 6 – 17 years old, that were sworn in as members of Court Our Lady of Grace #1306.

The girls have been focusing on the JCDA motto which is “Be useful.” Their basic goals are: Develop character as a Catholic; Learn to work for the good of others, Grow spiritually in their Catholic faith, and Be creative and flexible. JCDA’s Principle criteria are - Love God, Serve Others, Live Nobly.

Celebrant Very Rev. Father Alex Gamino gave a beautiful homily where he encouraged the community to follow the basic goals of JCDA. Deacon Steve Serembe and Deacon Mike Jelley assisted with the Liturgy. Our Cantors were Deacon Erik Vilchis and his wife Rosalie and John Koss.

Our Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Representative, District Deputy Supervisor, Debra Burley swore in the girls after the homily. Their pledge:

I promise to be a faithful member
of the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
to promote development
of myself,
as a whole person,
to promote service to others,
and to encourage
spiritual growth in our members.

The girls that became the Charter members of our newly instituted Court, were Teresa Garza, Milani Gutierrez, Isabella Gutierrez, Nataly Gutierrez, Emalyn Hernandez, Iliana Adriana Martinez-Hernandez, Jerusalem Hernandez, Christy Ibanez, Cali Ibanez, Mia Juarez, Ivy Martinez, Elena Moore, Alma Sanchez, Cristina Sanchez, Marilyn Solis, and Isabella Young.

During the Liturgy, the officers presented the Gifts and Symbols. The symbols represented the following: Rose – symbolizing Love, Shield – symbolizing Honor, Sword – symbolizing Obedience, Plant – symbolizing Development and Globe – symbolizing Progress.

After the Liturgy, we reconvened in the parish hall where JCDA Chairperson Olivia Guerrero began the Installation where the officers took their oath. The Officers were sworn in by the JCDA Adult Leaders Claudia Doyle, Pearl Ellis, Haley Hobson, Maria Lootens and District Deputy Lisa Corral. Our other JCDA Adult Leaders Roselyn Hernandez and Denise Hernandez were on the sidelines as they watched their daughters sworn into their positions.

We were excited to have our Mayor Helen Tran of San Bernardino present, to support these young girls. She awarded the newly installed officers with Certificates from her office recognizing this milestone.

After the installation, we celebrated with a dessert reception and fellowship. It was fun visiting with our CDA sisters in Christ, our parishioners, and families. Parish community members and local CDA daughters came out to support the Institution, which was a beautiful event.



The newly installed JCDA Court Our Lady of Grace #1306 members



Top: Court Our Lady of Grace #1306 new officers
Bottom: Mayor of San Bernardino presenting Certificates to the girls



JCDA Court Our Lady of Grace #1306 new charter

COURT ACTIVITIES

COURT MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD #2400

Court Mary Queen of the World, San Leandro, kicked off its CDA year with an homage to National Convention Mardi Gras night. Decor, jambalaya, mini po'boys, fried green tomatoes and King's Cake and tales of convention fun were shared



COURT COMPTON #942

Ct. Compton #942 8th annual Salad Tea. In attendance was our State Regent Maria Santos-Silva and her husband Joe Silva. Also in attendance was our guest speaker Debra Burley, DD Supervisor for Southern California.



MC Jacqueline Dunn & one of our JCDA member



Future JCDA young ladies and a future Knight of Columbus



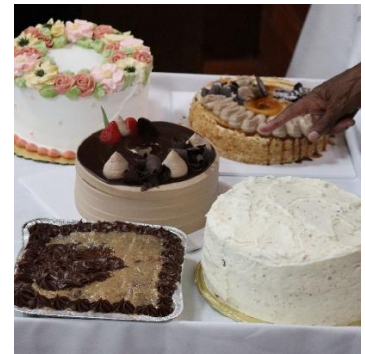
Guests enjoying Hat Parade



Joe & Maria Silva, Debra Burley



Some of the guests enjoying themselves



Our very successful Cake Walk

COURT SACRAMENTO #172

Ct. Sacramento #172 with the Knights of Columbus help make St. Paul's 50th Festival successful.



COURT ST. ANNE #2517

CDA Court St.. Anne 2517 had a Sip "N" Bingo in Beaumont, CA and were joined by Ct. Our Lady of the Valley #1462. The event was at Blessed Kateri Tekawitha Catholic Community in Beaumont, CA. A wonderful time and a chance to meet some great people and one of our members from Ct. #1462, Teresa, walked away a big winner.



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2024 CDA WOMAN OF THE YEAR - PEGGY GUCKIN



Peggy and Emily



Father Boquet, Peggy & Emily



Peggy's family, Peggy, Emily, Susan



2024-2026 NATIONAL OFFICERS and DIRECTORS



2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



2024 VIRTUAL WALK/RUN

4 UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

THE JUBILEE OF ROME 2025

May 12 – May 23, 2025

Led by: Karin Dudash, Oklahoma State Regent

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, Past National Chaplain

Price per person sharing room: \$4,650

Deposit: \$400

Single Supplement: \$700

Land only price: \$3,800

Open spots: 1

https://www.lpjp.org/trips/oklahoma-cda-state-court-the-jubilee-of-rome-2025?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0yZdY5BAHHS01MMuS1luA7zu21qnPIkvtuHLvILPFw1ZDMkyFXLITXGg_aem_a25xQgqngN1Kg0olwRqOTQ

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE – FLORIDA CDA & HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 23, 2025 – June 3, 2025

Fr. John Peter Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastor & Fr. Anthony Bonela

Price per person sharing room: \$ 4,900

Deposit: \$400

Open spots: 4

Single Supplement: \$700

Land only price: \$4000

12 DAYS FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL GREECE – OCTOBER 17 – 28, 2025

Led by: National Regent Susan Monè and National Chaplain Fr. Erick Villa

Price: \$5,600 all-inclusive except lunches

\$100 early bird special – book by December 31, 2024

Enrollment fee: \$800 (payable on booking)

50% due – May 17, 2025

Full balance due – July 17, 2025

Contact: Email: www.Lpjp.com

Mail: L.P. Pilgrimages

P.O. Box 2015, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Phone 1-833-944-8242

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE – The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY

November 3 – 14, 2025

Led by: State Regent Connie Breindel with State Chaplain Father Rob Orłowski

Price per person sharing room: \$ 4,790

Deposit: \$400

Open spots: 42

Single Supplement: \$750

Land only price: \$3,900

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY (lpjp.org)

Reflections of our delegation to the National Convention in New Orleans

Being present in New Orleans for the CDA National convention was exhilarating despite the 100 degree balmy weather. My favorite experience was participating in the annual Eucharistic Procession on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption. Several boats left Baton Rouge the day before to sail down the Mississippi River with Christ exposed in a 14-foot-tall golden monstrance. I waited on shore at the dock for the boats to arrive alongside 1500 exuberant Catholics. Other special memories include: CDA opening Mass celebrated by the Archbishop; beautiful sunsets especially from the paddleboat evening cruise; frozen coffee at Café Du Monde; Sunday Mass at the Cathedral with Stephanie and meeting the Hillbillies Thomists Dominican musical group; walking endless hours in the French Quarter with jazz vibes; a tour of churches which included National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and an orphanage complex (now a girls high school) founded by Saint Mother Cabrini; meeting keynote speaker Johnnette Benkovic Williams of EWTN's "Women of Grace" after 20 years of watching her TV show; hotel room views of the Mississippi; watching "Pretty Woman" movie with Nita and Stephanie; brunch with Father Erick and the group from St. Raymond. Blessings, **Sylvia San Miguel**



Our very own Father Erick is the New NATIONAL CHAPLAIN of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!!



CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER ERICK! Many, many blessings to you!! 🙏🙏🙏

*At the recent CDA National Convention, I was humbled and deeply blessed to encounter people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially in the midst of a lot of things happening simultaneously. To have the adoration chapel open for extended periods of time every day of the convention, and the various opportunities to pray individually and as a bigger group outside of the Masses was truly grace-filled. I encourage our State Boards and local courts to continue offering these opportunities in our desire to foster unity and charity in everything we do as CDA! **Father Erick Villa***

Maureen Laubacher's reflections on page 7.

This was my sixth National Convention, and it was just as impressive as the first. To be with over a thousand like-minded women (and men) was a stimulating and touching experience. Workshops, business meetings, devotions, masses, sightseeing (and a lot of food) filled my heart (and tummy!) My hope and prayer is that many more members take the opportunity to travel to conventions – State and National – in the future. It is inspiring and rewarding. In the photo, taken at the California State dinner, we were joined by Laura Vacca (Court Mary Queen of the World in San Leandro) and dual member Capria Woodson-Tabor and her husband, Gilbert. Capria joined our court in 2008 and started a new CDA court when she moved back to Tuscaloosa! What a blessing! **Nita Volker**



I feel so blessed to be able to go to a NOLA National Convention! The French Quarter was my favorite place to visit because of the music, the architecture of the buildings, and the food (beignets and fried gator!) It felt like you walked into Disneyland but the REAL thing! As a Filipino-American, it felt nice to see a statue of St. Joseph and Mary in brown skin at the convention's adoration chapel! In the church, they had saints that I do not usually see as statues like Mother Teresa, Saint Rita and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha along with many relics! The number of officers from each court was a sight to see and not even all the courts were at the convention! Most of all, I loved meeting people from all over the US and getting to know more about others that I have met before! The speakers were all uplifting especially talks from the priests and specifically the foundation for Single Catholic mothers!

Stephanie Antonio



60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION - NEW ORLEANS

AUGUST 14-18, 2024

OPENING MASS



CA STATE DINNER w/ AL, AR, OR - AUDUBON CLUBHOUSE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024



LOUISIANA FUN NIGHT
FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 2024



APPRECIATION BANQUET
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024



WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard

proactivepatient@verizon.net

CDA CA State Website A Valuable Information and Recruitment Tool



As you are aware our new state website is live at www.californiacatholicdaughters.org. It is important that you visit and refer others to review and learn more about our State CDA and all of our vibrant California courts.

Make sure to have the URL handy and bookmark our website on your cell phone and other devices! *

Some new updates include new [JCDA Courts](#) and the [Featured Court Pages](#).

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/news/featured-courts/>

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/junior-courts/california-courts/>

See below some useful links for information.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR RECRUITMENT

Information page with links to history, organization and structure:

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/state-of-california/>

WHY JOIN AND HOW TO JOIN, SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

Why Join the CDA

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/why-join-cda/>

How to Join

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/how-to-join/>

Spiritual

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/spirituality/>

List of CDA Courts by Area:

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/local-courts/>

Golden State Tidings State Newsletter

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/news/golden-tidings-newsletter/>

HELPFUL LINKS FOR CDA BUSINESS

Tool of the Trade

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/tools-of-the-trade/>

Forms

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/tools-of-the-trade/forms/>

State Releases - Misplaced your Flock Note? See All State and National Releases!

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/state-releases/>

Remember, a website is a dynamic resource that requires your input to be vibrant and new. Thank you for your submissions. *Please do not visit the **OLD** website catholicdaughterscalifornia.org, as we are trying to get this website taken down.

Yvette Manard, CDA Court Compton #942
State Webmaster



Dues & Charity Distribution List 2023 – 2025

CA CDA Special Funds

Apostleship of the Sea
(California)
Covenant House
(West Coast)
Emergency Relief Fund
Right to Life/Pro Life
Meals on Wheels

State Regents Charity

Hermanas De La Oración
"Missionary Sisters -
Servants of the World"
Palmdale

CA CDA Special Projects

California State Scholarship
Bishops Burse
(Courts Diocese)
Tree of Life
(CA Central Coast)
Smile Train

All Contributions to State
Court Special Funds,
State Regents Charity or
Special Project Contributions
should be
Made payable to:
CA Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
One Check for \$200
(\$20 per State program per year)

Please mail all Charity Checks to:

CA CDA State Secretary
Yvonne Connolly
1433 Jesuita Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

National Projects

Habitat for Humanity
Labouré Society
National Council on Sexual Exploitation
Holy Cross Family Ministries
SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

National-Charities Endorsed by National CDA

The North American College
Tutwiler Clinic
Catholic Relief Services
The Disaster Relief Fund
Apostleship of the Sea
Missionaries of Charity
Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

All Contributions for the National Projects or
Charities should be made payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
One Check for \$130
(\$10 per National program per year)

CA CDA State Dues: \$12.00/Year
National CDA Dues: \$18.00/Year

Please Mail All National CDA Donations to:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16