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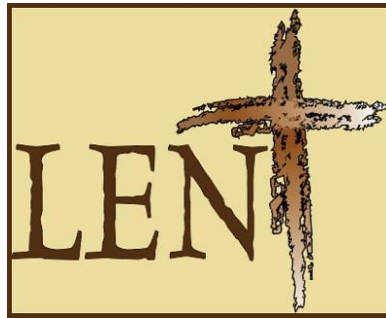
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STATE CHAPLAIN ~ FATHER ERICK VILLA



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Father Erick Villa

NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ YVETTE GRIEGO

Greetings to the CDA Members of California,



Last September, our National Regent Susan Mone appointed me to serve as your National Supervisor. Having been a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the past 20 years. I served as Local Court Regent for five years and serve as chairman of the different spokes on the Circle of Love. Elected to serve on the New Mexico State Board in the offices of Treasurer (two terms), Second Vice State Regent and First Vice State Regent and serving as State Regent during the Covid Pandemic. Which proved to be difficult thus forcing us to "think out of the box" to conduct the business of the State Court. Currently, I am in my second term as National Director. I have been assigned to serve as National Supervisor California State Court, Oregon State Court and Kentucky Territorial Court. I am also assigned to serve as the National JCDA/Youth Chairman for a second term.

Your State Officers are diligently planning and preparing for the 50th Biennial State Convention. I will attend this convention to assist with the Biennial CDA State Convention. The convention will be held in Visalia, CA on April 24-27, 2025. I look forward to meeting the many dedicated members of the

California CDA Courts. The theme selected by State Regent Maria Santos-Silva is “Shining in the Light of Divine Mercy.”

Our National Board along with National Chaplain Father Erick Villa will be leading the prayers in Daily Reflections, Prayers & Actions Prayer Lenten booklet “The Peaceful Path of Hope.” This program will begin on March 5, 2025, and each day throughout Lent at 12:00pm Central Time on the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Facebook Page. A National Board member will lead the daily prayer, Father Erick will be leading the prayer on Fridays throughout Lent. This Lenten Prayer Booklet can be purchased from the CDA Store on the National CDA website for \$5.00. All CDA members are welcome and encouraged to join our National Facebook page for ongoing news and happenings within our National CDA organization. If you would like to become a member of our Facebook page, please complete the two questions; how long you have been a member and the name and number of the CDA court you belong to, city and state. Looking forward to a peaceful and prayerful Lenten Season as we prepare our hearts during this Jubilee Year for Pilgrims of Hope.

In Unity and Charity,

Yvette Griego

STATE REGENT ~ MARIA SANTOS-SILVA



“A journey is best measured in friends rather than miles.”

Tim Cahill’s quote about traveling with friends

It is hard to believe that after my six-year journey, this will be my last article for the Golden State Tidings as a member of the California State Board; it was just six years ago when I filled out my paperwork to run for State Secretary. My family was coming off possibly the worst five years of our lives. We had taken in my sister-in-law, who desperately needed love, care, and safety. The conditions in which that event took place were sad beyond measure. But coming through that, I felt I was called to serve. Before those five years, I was always very active in my community, busy always finding a way to serve others. Once things settled down with what we had been through, my children were concerned that I had lost myself somewhere along the way and encouraged me to find another way to serve and find the life that I had loved again.

During that time, the state release came out, and they were looking for people to run for the state office. I filled out my paperwork and attended the state convention; little did I know that it would be a journey like no other. A journey that I needed and a journey that I knew had a purpose. The journey was not always easy, but along the way, the friends I made are now my lifelong sisters. As many of you know, I grew up in a small town in Central California. Even though I went away to college and traveled, I never truly experienced culture or individuals outside of my small area. I remember the first time we were at a board meeting; we went to Mass in Ontario and walked into a beautiful church. The Second Vice State Regent, Tess, leaned over and whispered in my ear. “Every time you enter a church for the first time, you get to make a special request—a special prayer.” That simple whisper in my ear has significantly impacted everything I have learned, experienced, and known over the last six years. You see, this country girl from Central California has been given the opportunity over the past six years to celebrate Mass in some of the most beautiful churches that California and the Nation

have to offer. Whether in Grand Cathedrals or Simple Chapels, I made a special prayer request every time I entered a new one, which resonated in my heart. I fondly remember our departed Tess whenever I walk into a new church and make that special request. Many of those special requests revolved around my family, and I must tell you, I have truly felt the Blessed Mother's response to those requests in my daily life.

As many of you have seen at CDA events, my husband Joe has supported my CDA journey. Last year, when we discovered an unexpected health issue, he made it a point to drive and attend every event he could with me. The time we spent traveling and the moments he shared with my CDA sisters brought us closer; he better understood why we do what we do. I witnessed a side of my husband I had never seen before. He began stepping outside of his comfort zone more comfortably, whether it be having to sit at a head table next to a Bishop or attending an event at Court Compton where they make him stand up and address the crowd or driving in LA traffic to get someone to LAX on time, he always had a big smile on his face, and it was only I who knew how uncomfortable he was. I am so proud of him for being a good sport, and as time went on, he became more comfortable at these events and learned to enjoy them. This six-year journey was one that I will remember for my entire life, and my membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas completely defines the person the Catholic woman I have become. As I transition into your Immediate Past State Regent role, I plan to ensure that our members are aware of and participate in the Circle of Love.

I am embarrassed to say that before my involvement on the State Board, I did not know what the Circle of Love was or what it meant to our organization and our membership, the communities, and the individuals we serve. Circle of Love is who we are, and for the retention and recruitment of new members, we all need to become fluent in understanding and talking about what this program is and why we do what we do. *"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. This verse I chose for this State Board term was one that always stood out to me as important for all to shine in the good work they participate in. But as my CDA journey evolved, I realized that, in fact, it is linked to the Circle of Love program, which I have come to want to promote. The Circle of Love programs and competitions for our Courts are a way to allow Courts to Shine Their Lights on a level that not only enables them to get the recognition they deserve but also allows sister courts to learn how to serve their own communities better by reviewing the winning entries.

My CDA State Board journey is measured by only six years. But the Hope, Faith, Love, and Friendship I have gained during this time are immeasurable. My faith as a Catholic Woman has expanded to such a great love for our Catholic Church, our Blessed Mother, our organization, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Thank all of you so much for your love, support, and friendship on this journey. I look forward to seeing you all at our 50th Biennial CA State Convention in Visalia. Those who will be attending should expect to experience professional business meetings conducted within a weekend of "Retreat-Like Spirituality." My goal is for all of us to leave that weekend spiritually refreshed, with important business completed. Most importantly, we have many new friends to add to our journey. Thank You, and God Bless

Maria Santos-Silva

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this will enable them to Observe your good works and give praise to your
Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

FIRST VICE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY



Happy Spring and the Mercy and Hope of our Lord Jesus be with you, Wow, there was a lot in that greeting, but as I write this article, our dear, Beloved Pope Francis is ill and hospitalized. I have been constantly praying for God's mercy on Pope Francis, and I have great hope that he will heal and be strong enough to return to his normal routine. It occurred to me that I also often pray for all our CDA members to be well, happy and loved. I also hope for a great future in our organization, and I look forward to the upcoming convention.

We are blessed this year at convention because it falls on the second Sunday after Easter and it is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our whole convention includes many opportunities for prayer, confession and meditation. Whether you are able to attend convention or not, please join us spiritually on April 26 th at 9pm as we close the convention with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Evening Prayer.

Did I mention prayer? In March, we celebrate St. Patrick who was a great example of how prayer can give you courage, strength, peace and insight. It also lead to his call to serve God. After escaping slavery in Ireland, God called to Patrick to serve others and return to Ireland. Like Patrick, this call must have surprised him as does God's call to us. It can be a prompting to take a path we might never have considered if left to ourselves. Patrick teaches us to hold ourselves in readiness for the Lord's surprising call in our lives. This call may even be a position of Leadership in our organization. Convention is the end of one leadership term, but it begins another, one we Hope is full of Love and Mercy.

Pax,

Lorine Bakowsky

SECOND VICE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA



With Spring right around the corner so is the Season of Lent. As we all know Lent is a 40- day period of reflection, repentance and fasting that leads up to Good Friday with Jesus dying on the cross and the Morning of Easter when Jesus rises from the dead. Lent is the perfect time to form live giving habits and give up others. As a teenager or even young adult I would give up sodas, candy or sweets. But there are lots of things we can do instead of giving up things. Here are a few examples of things you can do

for Lent:

- 1) Give something up: besides the obvious you could give up negative things, speaking poorly of others or even procrastinating. You could also make a positive swap: like praying the rosary instead of watching TV, or read an amazing Catholic book like, "A GIFT OF JOY AND HOPE" by Pope Francis, for the National CDA Zoom Book Study starting March 10. There is also a Daily Lenten Book called "The Peaceful Path to Hope" which will be led by Father Erick and the National Officers.
- 2) Join a Spiritual Challenge. You could create a small challenge with your CDA sisters and friends, sign up for a local Bible Study or start your own.

- 3) Deepen your Prayer time. Catholics often say special Lenten Prayers such as the Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, Popular Litanies, morning and evening prayers or even Adoration. Every Friday during, so many churches offer doing the Stations of the Cross and what a way to embrace the prayers.
- 4) Instead of giving up something, do something positive for others in need. My mom sews 40 dresses during lent to give to "Dress A Girl", or volunteer helping others. Another thought is to start an exercise plan and while exercising daily say the rosary. This way you improve your health and reach deeper in your spirituality.

Your main goal for Lent is to take your spiritual Life seriously. Take these 40 days of Lent to explore God's dream for your life and it can change everything. ARE YOU READY?
Hoping I see every one of you the week after Easter at our California 50th Biennial State Convention in Visalia, California.

Sheri Kanagawa

SETATE SECRETARY ~ YVONNE CONNOLLY



In January, I attended my home court, Santa Barbara 293 annual retreat. The theme was Gratitude, so I thought I would share some of that and my own thoughts on Gratitude with you.

The Ultimate Act of gratitude is the Eucharist. This is something we need to remind ourselves of during the forty days of Lent. These forty days are our walk with Jesus, our footsteps should be there with His on that walk. During our walk we should reflect on the times when we have shown gratitude and when we have failed to do so. When have we shown Him gratitude for all the blessings, He has showered upon us or in the trials He has challenged us with. St. Mother Theresa tells us "The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy." Remember. Jesus was not only faithful to the Lord's command, but He was also, always grateful. All of us know this certainly is not easy but something to strive for.

During Lent let us set aside a time every day that is our time to pray. Gratitude and peace go hand in hand. We all need peace in our hearts, lives, families and our world. You can see I love to quote St Mother Theresa; I believe this quote deserves repeating, The best way to show my gratitude to God is try accepting everything, even my problems with joy. This is my goal for the 40 days of Lent, maybe we can try this together.

I am grateful for all my Catholic Daughter Sisters, and I wish you all Peace and Blessed Joy filled Easter.

Yvonne Connolly



It seems like it was just Christmas and New Years, but here we are approaching the Easter and Lent season. During Lent most people give up something for Lent. I am proposing instead of giving up something - adding something to your day. Read a passage a day. Below are some to get you started. Being Regent of a court over 100 years old, I come across many old things and some of them remind me of the people who have passed through our court. One of my members passed away this summer and her husband keeps bringing me CDA things and in it I found the following:

Emergency Phone Numbers



When in sorrow...	When you are in danger...
Call John 14	Call Psalm 91
When you have sinned...	When God seems far away...
Call Psalm 27	Call Psalm 139
When you worry...	When your faith needs stirring...
Call Matthew 6:19-34	Call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful...	When you are bitter and critical...
Call Psalm 23	Call I Corinthians 13
When you are down and out...	When you want peace and rest...
Call Romans 8:31	Call Matthew 11:25-30
When you want courage for a task...	If you are depressed...
Call Joshua 1	Call Psalm 27
If people seem unkind...	If your pocketbook is empty...
Call John 15	Call Psalm 37
If you want to be fruitful...	For dealing with fear...
Call John 15	Call Psalm 38
For security...	For reassurance...
Call Psalm 121:3	Call Psalm 145:18
For understanding of Christianity...	For assurance...
Call II Corinthians 5:15-49	Call Mark 8:35



Please Note: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is needed. All lines to heaven are open 24 hours a day! Feed your Faith and Doubt will starve to death.

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.

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



He is Risen, Let the World Rejoice!

In California winter is brief and already there are active signs of growth and life even after the leaves have fallen. So even though most of us have taken down our Nativities, we will soon be entering my favorite part of the year, the Lenten season leading to Easter Sunday. Soon Courts will be finishing Circle of Love Entries and sending them to Chairman. My mail will soon be filling up with the Education entries. Please send scholarship entries to our State Regent. I am thoroughly looking forward to seeing your individual entries, court entries, and setting up the committee to make the individual awards. Email me if you have any questions.

My apologies for missing the last Golden States Tidings as I love writing these short articles. Things were rather complicated this fall, and my husband had several health issues occur which are now, praise God, all resolving at this point. That said, there were far too many doctor appointments and frankly my focus on the task had been impacted. I cannot thank God enough for all the answers to prayer. I hope all of you had a very blessed Christmas season filled with friends and family.

So, I am joyfully looking forward to Easter and our upcoming convention in April. It will be so wonderful to see all my Catholic Daughter sisters. The convention is so energizing, and one comes back with so much new enthusiasm for what is possible. Think of it like planting bulbs in the fall that will blossom in the spring and multiply. I do love gardening, and I love my garden surprising me. Faith does that, it really surprises you in how it carries one through difficulties and joyous occasions. How does one even function without the Lord?

I am looking forward to sharing with you something truly special that the groundwork was started a year ago. It would take longer than this article to explain yet right now all our Court is involved with other members of our parish going through a very special consecration, and I cannot wait to tell you more about this at the convention. This is something I pray will be done by Catholic Daughter Courts and Parishes across the nation. The consecration powerful and focuses on the center of our Lord's passion, resurrection, and purpose in coming to be born in a manger in Bethlehem, it is "33 Days to Eucharistic Consecration" and I will share more about this very special consecration at the convention.

The Education theme is about how we can forgive others. We can forgive because we are forgiven, praise God, He is risen, let the world rejoice!

Cheryl Vitali

LEADERSHIP ~ Ismaela Muniz-Heiden ~ Ismaela.muniz@gmail.com



Blessings CDA Sisters in Christ!

As we enter this Lenten Liturgical Season, we are also entering a season of change as to our CDA Leaders. It's a time to reflect and pray unceasingly for God's guidance as to how to become holy and where to serve.

My term as your State Leadership will be coming to an end and I can't thank God and the State Board enough for this opportunity. It's always a bit nerve racking when you're called upon to do something new and get out of your comfort zone, but it has truly proven to be a great learning and spiritual experience. I want to thank all of you that I've had the opportunity to meet and assist where needed. I also want to thank you for the warm and loving reception when I've had the pleasure of attending either one of your monthly meetings or events.

It seems that God is always asking us to prepare and become better versions of ourselves and that's how I look at this Lenten Season, as well as the season of new CDA local, state and nationwide Officers.

This is truly a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Although the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, I believe we can continue the practice throughout the year. Just like serving in a CDA Leadership position, we can continue to serve in our Leadership capacities no matter what role we hold locally, statewide and nationwide.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving can be practiced all year long by spending time with our Heavenly Father in constant prayer, fasting because He has blessed us in abundance, and almsgiving by gifting and sharing the God given talents He blesses us with everyday.

May we find this Lenten Season truly a time of change, sacrifice and sharing of God's love and blessings.

Again, thank you for the opportunity of serving as your CA State Leadership Chairman and I look forward to not only meeting more of my CDA Sisters, but also spending some time with you either at one of your Court's monthly meetings, events, but also at the State Convention in April!

Please remember, I'm still 'Here to Help (H2H)!', so don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Blessings to you and all of yours!

Ismaela Muniz-Heiden

FAMILY ~ Laura McQuoid ~ L_mcquoid@yahoo.com



After extensive planning, I sent fifteen sets of information to our CDA courts by regular mail. With step one completed, I prepared to wait for responses. However, a fire in Southern California prompted me to review the affected areas. Adjustments were made, shifting from regular mail to emails, phone calls, and then Facebook posts. Despite these changes, an unforeseen challenge arose.

Communication

Imagine you are playing a game of catch with a friend. The ball represents a message. If you never throw the ball back, the game comes to a standstill, and your friend is left waiting, unsure of what to do next. Similarly, when we receive an text or email, it is like someone tossing the ball to us. A simple response, even if it is just “Thanks” or “Got it,” keeps the game going.

The power of one word. You might think that a one-word response is insignificant, but it can carry a lot of weight. It can provide the necessary feedback to move a conversation or task forward. It is like a small nudge that keeps things on track and ensures that everyone is on the same page.

While I do not have an answer on how to handle this modern fast paced age of communication, I have become accustomed to a constant stream of notifications, messages, and updates. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer volume of communication, responding to emails and texts, even with a single word, is more important than we realize. Just taking a moment to respond can make all the difference.

Responding to emails and texts, even with just one word, it is a small yet powerful way to maintain effective communication, show respect, build trust, and manage expectations. It keeps the line of communication open, reduces anxiety, and spreads positivity. So, the next time you receive a message, remember that a quick response can make a difference. After all, it is the little things that often have the greatest impact.

Laura McQuoid

MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION – Central ~ Kathi Morris ~ Kathi.Morris51@comcast.net



Greetings fellow Catholic Daughters.

As I write this our beloved Pope Francis is in the hospital with double pneumonia. Pope Francis is the seventh Pope in my lifetime and one of the most personable. I found an article written by Hannah Brockhaus that I would like to quote (in part) to pay homage to the head of the Holy See and the first Pope from the Society of Jesus.

“In his message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of living one’s life as a constant journey of conversion, choosing to walk in peace and hope aside one’s fellow humans. “May the hope that does not disappoint, the central message of the jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey toward the victory of Easter.”

He also quoted St. Paul's exclamation in the first letter to the Corinthians: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The pontiff wrote that this Lent is an opportunity to consider three areas where one may be in greater need of conversion: journeying with others, being synodal, and having hope.

"A first call to conversion," he said, "comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?"

On the virtue of hope, Pope Francis quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which calls hope the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."

"Thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint," the pope said, adding that hope "moves the Church to pray for 'everyone to be saved' (1 Tm 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven."

He recalled a prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila, to "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one."

Francis said a good Lenten exercise and examination of conscience would be to compare one's life to a migrant or foreigner, "To learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father."

He also encouraged Catholics to be more synodal by journeying with others while avoiding self-absorption, exclusion, oppressing and excluding others, or being envious and hypocritical.

"Let us all walk in the same direction, tending toward the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience," he urged.

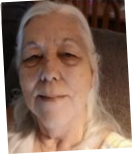
Pope Francis said the call to hope and trust in God and in eternal life is also an important aspect of Lenten conversion. Some questions to ponder include: "Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?"

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs?"

Let us continue to pray for our beloved Pope asking that God's will be done.

Let us pray for each other as we begin our Lenten journey. May we make concerted efforts to become holy women modeled after our beloved Pope – forgiving, humble, and kind.

Kathi Morris



**Special Meeting
Court Little Flower #1003
September 11, 2023**

Financial Secretary Lupe Schubert called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. She then handed the meeting over to Maria Santos- Silvas California Sate Regent.

A rosary was recited by members. Recording Secretary Maria Rios reconvened the meeting at 6:56 pm and handed the meeting back over to Maria Santos- Silva, flag salute and salute to the cross were said.

Maria Santos-Silva read the CDA mission statement and motto followed by opening prayer.

Roll call of officers: 3 court officers present Maria Santos-Silva asked guest to introduce themselves: Shari Kanagawa - CA CDA State 2nd vice regent, Lil Draxler – Central CA District Deputy Supervisor and Gloria Roberg - Court Little Flower District Deputy. Yvonne Connolly – CA CDA State Secretary on zoom

23 members present at meeting with 5 members on zoom.

The minutes for the August 2023 meeting were tabled until the October meeting. The treasurer's report was also tabled until October.

Maria Santos-Silva read the agenda for this meeting. She read the sanctions Court Little Flower will have to follow during Maria Santos-Silva's term as CA State Regent. A copy of these sanctions will be kept with the recording secretary's book. Members may look at this report, but this report is not to be copied or discussed outside of meetings.

Nomination of Vice Regent and Regent for Court Little Flower:

Renee Flores nominated Anna Navarro for Vice Regent. There were no other nominations. All members in the meeting room were asked for all in favor to raise their hands. Then members on zoom were also asked to raise their hands. Anna was voted in as new vice regent.

Elaine Castro nominated Ali Olivas for regent. There were no other nominations. All members in the meeting room were asked for all in favor to raise their hands. Then members on zoom were also asked to raise their hands. Ali was voted in as new regent.

Maria Santos-Silva asked Lil Draxler to install the newly elected vice regent and regent.

The court was told they needed to have someone who was not an officer chair their tea planned for November. Elvia Mendoza volunteered to chair the tea.

Next court meeting will be October 2, 2023

Maria Santo-Silva closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm

Gloria Roberg



Dear CDA Sisters,

As we approach the State Convention, I would like to share information related to upcoming bylaws voting and provide a summary of motions that will and/or may be used throughout the business meeting. The Bylaws committee has received and reviewed your submissions, held discussions, and guided correcting the format within the required deadline. The committee will present these Bylaw changes to the assembly for your discussion and a 2/3 vote of those in attendance.

Why is the 2/3 vote different from a Majority vote? The 2/3 rd vote is required for the adoption of any motion that: Suspends or modifies a rule of order already adopted | Takes away a membership or office | Closes, limits, or extends debate | Closes nominations. A Majority, according to RONR, is 50 percent plus 1 and is based on the number of members present. Example: 1000 votes, the majority = 501 votes. Note: The state convention does not allow voting by proxy votes. This is another reason we count delegates after breaks and each morning to ensure the correct numbers needed for each voting session. **What if you abstain from a vote?** p. 66 of RONR In Brief explains this: “s an abstention is not a vote and is not counted as a vote

“Convention Debate Protocol. Microphones will be set up within the assembly, which will indicate where speakers will stand to either speak in favor of or against the motion on the floor. The proper protocol when approaching the microphone is to greet the Monitor, who will maintain the order in which you approach the mic. and verify that you are only addressing the motion at hand. To allow for fair debate, the pro/con speakers will alternate until there are no more pro speakers.

Delegates remember this order of approach:

- 1) Approach and verify Pro or Con with the Monitor
- 2) Wait to be recognized by the State Regent
- 3) Speak into the microphone, “Worthy Regent, my name (from) Court Name/Number and I am speaking for/against this motion because...”

NOTE: Timekeepers will let you know when your time is up, and you must stop when your time is up.

You are not allowed to speak more than twice to address the same motion. The first person to speak in favor of the motion is the one who brought it to the floor.

To further understand the process of making a motion, amending motions, laying a motion on the table, or referring to the committee, please use this link to a Roberts Rules of Order “Cheat Sheet” [Affiliate Resource Roberts Rules of Order Cheat Sheet and Guide.pdf](#)

See you in April and have a blessed Lenten journey to a beautiful Easter Season!

Laura Vacca, Parliamentarian

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
3/2/1924	855	Angelus	Los Angeles	101
3/22/1953	1629	Our Lady of the Desert	Lancaster	72

APRIL

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
4/25/1926	1003	Little Flower	Visalia	99
4/29/1945	1378	St. Catherine	Torrance	80
4/3/1949	1505	Ramon Mestres	Monterey	76
4/24/1949	1507	San Ysidro	Tujunga	76
4/29/1962	1890	Our Lady of the Visitation	Sacramento	63
4/30/2016	2714	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Brentwood	9
4/23/2017	2733	Daughters of St Joseph the Worker	San Bernardino	8

MAY

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
5/5/1912	172	Sacramento	Sacramento	113
5/22/1921	640	Marysville	Yuba City	104
5/17/1942	1344	Our Lady of Victory	Redondo Beach	83
5/5/1946	1406	St. Raphael	San Rafael	79
5/26/1946	1407	Francesca Cabrini	Stockton	79
5/17/1959	1803	Holy Spirit	Yucaipa	66
5/3/1972	2057	St. Raymond	Dublin	53
5/10/1980	2218	Our Lady of the Holy Spirit	San Diego	45
5/20/1989	2312	Our Lady of Shasta	Redding	36
5/13/1994	2392	Our Lady of Wisdom	Rancho Cordova	31
5/25/1997	2446	Holy Innocents	Hesperia	28

CACDA 50TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 24-27, 2025

VISALIA, CA

This state convention will be very spiritual.
The second Call to Convention has come out.



CACDA
50th
Biennial
State Convention
April 24-27, 2025
Visalia, CA

There will be several tours and events before and during the convention, the complete forms are in the Call to Convention. Regents should have the Release #109 or you can click on the above QRD.

Rosa Bros Dairy & Farm Store

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Kaweah Oak Preserve

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 BBQ In The Park

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Men's Spiritual Retreat with Father Erick Villa @ St. Anthony Retreat Center

Friday, April 25, 2025

Do not forget to make your hotel reservation at the:

Wyndham Visalia

1000 Airport Drive

Visalia, CA

The State Board has added additional room blocks.

CACDA 50TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 23-27, 2025
Wyndham Visalia Hotel
9000 W. Airport Dr.
Visalia, CA 93277

Theme: "CA CDA Shining in the Light of the Divine Mercy"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CONVENTION:

- 1) Boards must elect (not appoint) delegates to the convention in time to send the delegate list to the State Regent which has been extended to March 15, 2025.
- 2) Along with the delegate list, each Board must sign a Required Signature Form for
- 3) Each delegate and each alternate. These forms **MUST** be presented by the Delegate/Alternate at Registration. **(PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT OUT THE REQUIRED SIGNATURE FORM – STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION AND BRING WITH YOU.)**

Panda Express Fundraiser (if driving up, take advantage of this opportunity):

Please refer to the attached Flyer regarding a special fundraiser the State Board is sponsoring in order to offset the costs of this convention. On Wednesday, April 23rd anyone who orders Panda Express online with our code, a percentage of that sale will be donated back to CA CDA. **All orders must be made on-line. Please share this flyer with all of your family and friends to help us with this fundraiser.**

REGISTRATION (DUE MARCH 15, 2025):

\$250.00 – Delegate/Alternate/First Timer (includes meals)

\$25.00 – Convention T-shirt & 50th Biennial Pin

This is mailed to the State Second Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa

Meals are included for all who are registered, if not registered then you will

pay for the meals

CLERGY LETTER OF SUITABILITY FORM

Updated information in Release #119

It has just come to the State Board's attention that the Diocese of Fresno has updated this information regarding the Clergy Letter of Suitability form. The information in the Calls to Convention are out of date. Please use the attached link for your visiting Clergy for our upcoming CA State 50th Biennial Convention. If you have any questions, please email our State Regent MSantosSilvaCACDA@gmail.com

A flock-note with the updated information will be going out this afternoon.

Visiting Clergy Requests

For Priests wanting to visit the Diocese of Fresno, please write a letter of request following the sample below. Letters of request must follow the diocesan format, sampled below.

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extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://files.ecatholic.com/.../Sample%20Letters%20for...>

Please mail to 1550 North Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93703-3711

MEMORIAL MASS

The deadline for adding Deceased Members to the list for the Memorial Mass is April 1st. Please send the list to our State Regent. If your Court would like to donate flowers for the Chapel in memory of all of your deceased members, friends, or family, the list is included. You can also donate arrangements in honor of someone who is living. Thank you in advance for your help in making our Chapel and convention spaces look welcoming as beautiful for all those attending. There is a form listed in the Call to Convention to have your deceased members honored.

CA CDA State Convention Chapel Flowers

The CA CDA State Board has worked on a Very Special Opportunity for Local Courts or Individual Court Members to Honor or Memorialize those who are Special to them.

Working with a local florist, a floral bouquet is available for purchase to help decorate the CA CDA 50th Biennial State Convention. All the bouquets will have the names of those they Honor or Memorialize on a card affixed to the arrangement. They will be used as decorations in the Chapel, Meeting Rooms, and Altars.

Please call in your order to the number listed below up until April 1, 2025. Just let them know you are ordering for the 50th Biennial CA CDA State Convention. All flowers will be delivered by the florist, and following the convention, you can pick up the flowers you ordered to take home, or they will be donated to a local hospital or nursing home.

Pictured is a sample of the small arrangement. The medium and large arrangements will have these same flowers but will be the size of Floral Alter Sprays.



The Costs for Arrangements, Including Tax and Deliver:

\$75 Small Bouquet

\$125 Medium Alter Arrangement

\$175 Large Alter Arrangement

***ALL FLOWERS USED FOR DECORATIONS MUST BE ORDERED FROM:
JULIE'S LITTLE FLOWER SHOP IN TULARE
(559) 685-1980***

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

This is open to everyone, we have calls from CA, MN, LA, FL)

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

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

When: Saturday, March 8, 2025
Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Casa Emmaus
42118 Park Street, Indio, CA 92201
Time: 10:00 AM to 2:99 PM
Lunch will be provided
Leader: Rev. Rafael Partida, E.V., Episcopal Vicar of Diocese of San Bernardino
RSVP: Email to: CDAIndio@gmail.com by 3/3/2025

LENTEN RETREAT: Why did Jesus die?

When: Saturday, March 15, 2025
Where: Nativity Church Annex
1415 Engracia Ave., Torrance, CA 90502
Time: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Speaker: Rev. Hung Tran, Nativity Church Pastor
RSVP: by March 10, 2025
Necy Sumait @ 949-309-8682 or Marissa Reyes @ 310-483-9083
CDA Court Catherine #1378

SAVE THE DATE: SPRING LUNCHEON & OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

When: Sunday, March 16, 2025
Where: McHugh Hall
1000 N. Harris St., Hanford, CA
Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Cost: \$30.00 a person (no tickets sold at door)
RSVP: Terri @ 559-816-8669

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN RETREAT - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

When: Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Where: Mary & Joseph Retreat Center
5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
Time: 8:00 am to 2:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Marinello Saguin, Pastor Our Lady of Grace in Encino, CA

RSVP: Marissa Reyes (310) 483-9083 or ACCW.SW19@gmail.com
Donation: \$40.00 per person
Payable to: ACCW-SW
Mail to: Marissa Reyes, 23031 Petroleum Ave., Torrance, CA 90502
Fellowship, Continental Breakfast, Lite Lunch, and Mass included

SAVE THE DATE: BINGO! FUN

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025
Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral – Parish Hall
2525 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino, CA
Time: 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Cost: \$15 Entry Ticket – includes Lunch, dessert, beverage & 2 Bingo cards
\$1.00 for Additional Bingo Cards
RSVP: Olivia Guerrero 909-838-7690 for tickets

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 CA CDA STATE CONVENTION

When: April 24-27, 2025
Where: 9000 Airport Ave, Visalia, CA
Theme: CA CDA Shining in the Light of the Divine Mercy
Information is in CA State Release #109 and Pages 15-17 in this GST issue.
Deadline to submit before late fees – March 15, 2025; after that April 1, 2025

BLESSINGS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy
and blameless before him.
Ephesians 1:3-4 ESV

PRAISE

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!...
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:1-2, 6 ESV

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 a room: \$4,650

Deposit: \$400

Single Supplement: \$700

Land only price: \$3,800

Open spots: 9

[OKLAHOMA CDA STATE COURT The Jubilee of Rome 2025 led by Fr. Shenan J. Boquet \(lpjp.org\)](http://lpjp.org)

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: 25

Single Supplement: \$750

Land only price: \$3,900

[12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY \(lpjp.org\)](http://lpjp.org)

DRESS CODE FOR OFFICERS ONLY

We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code.

White Dress Blouses:

Simple, all white blouse

- No visible cleavage or sheer fabric
- No sleeveless blouses
- No tank tops
- No crop tops
- No t-shirts

Dress Skirt:

Simple, all black

- To the knee or longer

Dress Pants:

All black dress pants

- No capris pants
- No Exercise pants
- No leggings
- No black jeans

Shoes:

All black shoes

- No flip flops
- No boots

Jewelry:

- Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials. (to be ordered from CDA store.)
- All jewelry should be small and simple

COURT ACTIVITIES

CT. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI #1652

We hosted coffee & donuts for St. Brigid church today. Thank you ladies for all your hard work!



COURT COMPTON #942 100TH ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025



Court Members



Court Members, members from State Court, other courts, OLV Priests, Brother Philip, Bishop Marc Trudeau, JCDA, and our Acolytes

COURT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACLE #1707

Tea at Court Our Lady of the Miracle # 1707 in Novato CA. A Very nice time was had by all. State Board Treasure Michelle Eck was in attendance.



COURT ST. ANDREWS #2792



Our newest court is having a rummage sale

COURT OUR LADY OF THE DESERT #1629

Court #1629 had a festive Mardi Gras Bake Sake
in the wind and rain and had a great time!!!



**Catholic Daughters Court
#1629**

MARDI GRAS

Bake Sale on Sunday March 2, 2025
After morning masses at Sacred Heart Church
Baked Goods & Coffee
Proceeds will help with the cost of our State Convention

Zelle

The poster features a purple background with colorful Mardi Gras feathers in green, yellow, and purple. In the top right corner is the logo for Catholic Daughters of the Americas, which includes a cross and the text 'CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS'. The Zelle logo is at the bottom center.



COURT SACRAMENTO #172

Court Sacramento hosted a Beautiful Mardi Gras dinner last night.



WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ proactivepatient@verizon.net



Share Your Faith and be “Pilgrims of Hope”

Our Holiness Pope Francis encourages Christians to keep the spark of Hope” alive through prayer and action. He calls for Christians to be messengers of hope for others. As Catholic Daughters of the Americas, we proudly live our faith and through our actions. We offer support and hope for our Sisters, families, parishes and communities.

In this Jubilee Year, how can we share this message and promote the good works of the Catholic Daughters? How can we reach others in this modern world of media and communication vehicles? The good news is that we have excellent modern communication tools!

I encourage all of my CDA Sisters to share with each other and our faith community by becoming familiar with and interacting with our communication tools, including:

WEBSITES

www.catholicdaughters.org www.californiacatholicdaughters.org

CDA National website is a treasure trove of information on our beautiful organization. It not only has information on how the CDA works but also visually shows our Sisters in action throughout the United States. Share the link! It is a great well to motivate others to join us.

Our CDA CA website* is available for you to highlight our local courts and promote your good work. It is important that you visit and refer others to review and learn more about our State CDA. Make sure to have the URL handy and bookmark our website on your cell phone and other devices! This way you can easily share the information with your Court members, families, friends and others.

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/>

Share your information with me for our Featured Court Pages.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

California CDA <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068544522988>

National CDA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/377951956252466>

No matter how you feel about social media platforms, it is here to stay and can be useful to promote our organization. Our Worthy State Regent does an excellent job in maintaining our Facebook page. You will find important information on not only the business aspects of our CA CDA Board but also spiritual messages and activities on our local court activities. Facebook Live is a tool to have join us together in prayer. Take a look and positively communicate and share messages of hope!

PS- There is a link on the top right corner of our website that will take you directly to our CA Facebook page.

NEWSLETTERS AND NEWS

Your local court newsletters are great. Please continue to write and distribute your newsletter with your members and other sister courts. Make sure you have a newsletter editor that establishes a publication schedule and encourages input from your local officers, Circle of Love Chairpersons, members and chaplain. Recognize and memorialize your members and the many good works of your court.

CA CDA State Newsletter – Golden State Tidings

I strongly encourage you to read the informational articles and many motivational messages written by our State officers and Chairpersons. Take the time to review and share with your members during your meeting. The GST is a quarterly newsletter that can be added to your meeting agenda. It is sent via Flocknotes, and all editions are posted on our CA website.

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

Want to stay abreast of National and State information. **Be sure to read our Releases!**

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

National Quarterly Newsletter is also available on our National CDA website

NEW! CDA ZOOM BOOK STUDY – STARTS MARCH 10!

Pope Francis urges “all faithful to turn to Mary, Mother of Christ our hope, reminding us to entrust to her this Jubilee, along with all the years yet to come.”

“In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope.”

*Please **DO NOT** visit the **OLD** website catholicdaughterscalifornia.org, we are trying to get this website taken down.

Yvette Manard, State Webmaster ~ CDA Court Compton #942

GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS EDITOR ~ Karen Jones ~ kdj4237308@gmail.com



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).**

I have enjoyed doing the Golden State Tidings and sharing the information about what is happening from our courts in California. When I was asked to become the editor by our Immediate Past State Regent Mary Beasley, I was honored. I was talking to a Past State Regent Bea Abshear (she was a past GST Editor) and she told me that I would do a great job as the editor. I will always use your entire article; I do not want to shorten them because I do not know what part is more important.

Karen Jones

DUE DATES

ISSUE	THEME	SUBMIT BY	DUE DATE
Fall	Convention highlights	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