

55th Biennial National Convention
July 16-20, 2014
Billings, Montana

TEXAS AWARDS

STATE AWARDS – Honorable Mention Only

Circle of Love – Leadership

Texas State Project, Rosie Stockwell, State Chairman

Texas holds a State Organizational Meeting in August of the new term to train and share the goals for the new term with the newly appointed District Deputies and State Chairman. There are 15 dioceses in Texas, 234 Local Courts, 62 District Deputies and approximately 30 State Chairman in Texas. Local Court Officer Training – Beginning summer of 2014 starting in June and end in September 2014. Local court officers attend the officer trainings to learn their responsibilities and members are invited to attend to encourage them to be future officers.

Circle of Love – Spiritual Enhancement

Texas, Peggy Rosales, State Regent

Combined a spirituality with fellowship in an unusual mid-term activity to benefit the Missions of Mercy Projects (MOMS). Members from across the state were invited to El Campo, Texas to participate in a “Pray and Play Weekend.” Bring members together for a retreat, introduce women to CDA, fellowship, bowling and a spirited game of “Flags Up,” and silent auction. Raised \$4600.00 for MOMS projects.

Circle of Love – Youth

Texas JCDA State Project

Our Energetic Juniors decided to adopt already existing MOMS projects in Texas. “Coins for Computers” was announced that JCDA and CDA courts could collect their spare pocket and purse change to this project. Monies collected; \$3300.00, were collected for this project. Six (6) refurbished lap tops, with Microsoft Office and Virus protection were donated. Other items purchased were; All-in-One printer/copier, extra ink cartridges, a Router for wireless, 20lbs of paper and many snacks/juices were donated to fill their cupboards. A check for \$2400 was sent for future supplies and software updates to keep their needs moving forward for years to come.

Texas State Court Project

Annunciation Maternity Home is one of Texas state court projects. This is a home for girls whether they are Catholic or not, whether this is their first baby or not, if they have room they are taken in. For some this is the first time to be in a supportive structure in their lives. They have 2 LARGE garage sales a month. The girls must continue their education thru a licensed Charter School – which is self-paced, take parenting classes and help with the house chores. They may stay up to 2 years while continuing their education; some have gone on to do college courses while there. Our JCDA officers along with some local JCDA members have worked the garage sales. This is an excellent way to support life and learn that there is somewhere to turn rather than abortion.

LOCAL COURT AWARDS – Honorable Mention Only

Circle of Love – Legislation

Court Queen of the Rosary #2368, McAllen, TX

Legislative Chairman, Bertha Garcia prints a Legislative Committee Report given to every member of the court and placed in the church entrance for anyone interested. The brochure includes pertinent legislative information and court projects that have moved members into action. It explains the role of Catholic Daughters in moving Catholic women to action in the legislative arena, encouraging them to vote, respect for the flag and support of the military.

JCDA Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, TX

They adopted the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch, a home for abused and neglected children. Each month we visit the home and honor the child or children who have birthdays during the month. Our Senior Court members baked decorated cupcakes for the children. In addition, the Juniors and Jettes make personal birthday cards for the honorees and also sign a purchased card for the honorees. Personal gifts are also purchased from the court treasury. The children give us a list of their “wants” and we purchase what they request within reason. We want these children to know they are not forgotten and are loved.

Circle of Love – Youth

Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282, Hostyn/LaGrange, TX

Catholic Daughters help raise money for their summer service trip. This past year the youth went to Baltimore where they helped serve meals in a soup kitchen, sorted clothes given away to families and advocated for peace in Syria on Capitol Hill. We have seen the personal growth that comes from this. It is no vacation trip. Along with all the work they do, they band together in faith with the spiritual services that are incorporated in the trip.

National Education Contest

Art, Division I

3rd Place Ashley Rocha St. Mary Magdalene #1989 Laredo, TX

Art, Division III

1st Place Courtney Conner Bishop Adolph Marx #1988 Brownsville, TX

Essay, Division III

1st Place Rebecca Bright Our Lady of the Lakes #2220 Austin, TX

Poetry, Division IV

3rd Place Judy Shimek Janecka Holy Rosary #1476 Rosenberg, TX

Music, Division II

2nd Place Hannah Ducay St. Francis de Sales #2647 Houston, TX

National JCDA & Youth Scholarships

\$1,000.00 National JCDA Scholarship – A JCDA member entering freshman year

Samantha Nicole Siegel JCDA Court St. Paul #1604 Shiner, TX

Samantha will attend Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

Membership – Newly Instituted with the most Charter Members

Texas – Daughters of Holy Family #2665 – Victoria, TX \$500 and Photo in *Share*

The newly instituted court had 168 members sign their court charter.

Newsletter

Local Courts

Category I, Division I

3rd Place Immaculate Mary #2134, Angleton, TX - Becky Brown, Regent

Category II, Division II

1st Place Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364, Lake Jackson, TX – Dottie Mensik, Regent

Category III, Division I

1st Place Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg, TX – Rose Pederson, Regent

Category III, Division II

1st Place St. Ann #369, Victoria, TX – Kathryn Ormsby, TX

State Courts

3rd Place Texas State Court – Peggy Rosales, State Regent

JCDA Courts

1st Place Annunciation #1962, La Grange, TX – Elizabeth Kalmus, Regent