

Love



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear JCDA Sisters, Isn't it completely amazing that it is officially 2010? Not only does 2010 mark a new beginning, but a new decade. I am so excited to see what JCDA has in store for you beautiful girls! We have been very busy and I could not be more blessed to be working with such a fabulous state board. In fact in 2009 alone we have installed 9 new courts!!! This is great and currently in 2010 we have already installed two new courts and have two more on the way! Which means our JCDA community is growing immensely. As this New Year begins and the season of spring is upon us, it is a time to be open to renewal and growth in our Catholic Faith.

JCDA has symbols to help us in our faith journey; they are the rose, shield, sword, globe, and the plant. In particular, I would like to discuss the symbol of the rose. The rose is the symbol of love, and it's not just love in the sense of a crush who may give you a pretty flower, or what your dad gives your mom on Valentine's Day. What I mean is the love that you give to one another, even to those who are hard to love, and about giving of yourself. Whether your love is giving your time, your understanding, your talents, your forgiveness, or your presence, Jesus calls us all to love one another and it is a part of our mission as JCDA sisters. I challenge all of you during the seasons of Valentines, Lent, and Easter to reflect on how you can spread your love to all who enter your life just the way Jesus gave his love to us. Good luck, girls, in all that you do. I wish you all a **blessed Easter!**

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:12-13.....Maya Cuellar, State President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 1ST VICE

Hey Everyone! I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Things have been really busy for the State board. We have just installed our 10th court and are working our way up to our 13th. Things are getting really hectic with planning the summer retreat that is going to happen in a few months. We are going to have so much fun there learning how to listen to God. I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter, a Valentine's Day full of love, and a safe Spring Break. I hope that all of you have a great rest of the year & I hope to see you at the summer retreat!

~You are the music while the music lasts. ~T.S. Eliot
Kim Kallies, 1ST Vice President

The Junior Jazz

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2ND VICE

Hey everyone it's Sarah your State JCDA 2nd Vice President! I hope everyone had an amazing Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I'm excited for the spring coming up because this is when my schedule starts piling up with tennis, golf, JCDA, and of course school. I want to wish everyone a happy Easter. I will pray that each of you doesn't get too busy during this season and that each of you have fun and be safe before school lets out for the year!

For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones... Psalm 37:28
Love, Sarah, 2nd Vice President

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

"RESPONDING TO HIS CALL"

JUNE 26, 2010

WEIMAR, TX

10:00 – 4:00

**\$5.00 ~ OPEN TO THE FIRST 125
CELEBRATION OF MASS
CRAFTS, GAMES & MEAL
INCLUDED**

**SPEAKER: OLGA SAMANIEGO,
CDA Spiritual
Enhancement/Retreats**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR REPORTER

Hello girls, I hope that all of your New Year's started out well and still is going good. We have been busy with our new courts. We are so excited to be traveling. I would like to add I still need the courts to send me pictures and newspaper articles of their court activities and projects, this information will go in the State scrapbook. We look forward to seeing all of you at our summer retreat this June. Take care and I look forward to meeting all of you girls at the State retreat.

Love, Felicia Garcia, State Reporter

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN

Hello to all the beautiful and dedicated JCDA sisters, it is my pleasure to report that there will be 13 new courts installed by the end of February 2010. It is your hard work and dedication that makes JCDA so special, we are all united together working for the same purpose to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ; we work together to bring Jesus to the less fortunate, the homeless, the abandoned, the hungry and to the undesirables. We do this with gifts of food, time, hope and by bringing dignity to those we reach out by praying that we may touch many souls with the message of love. We want to thank all the new courts for their generosity and for the love they have given us as we stay in their homes and enjoy their hospitality. Remember your loved ones on Valentine's Day and open your hearts to Jesus as we enter the Lenten Season. I challenge everyone to offer up their desire to drink a soft drink to Jesus in honor of vocations. May God Bless everyone!

The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it. ~ Mother Teresa

Terri Beltran, State Youth/JCDA Chairman

PRAYER: A

O Loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.
~~~~ Most Reverend Joseph A. Florenza, Bishop of Galveston-Houston~~~~



I had the privilege of being invited along with the Houston JCDA courts by The Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus Twenty-Sixth Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 29, 2010, at the Stafford Center, Stafford, TX, the evening began with cocktails, meal and desserts, we served over 1,200 guest with the help from the Squires. Each, year the Brother Knights express their thanks, respect, and solidarity with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious. Duchess Collins, CDA National Director along with her husband Jim and Sheila Martinka, CDA State Regent were guest as well. Pictured left to right 2<sup>nd</sup> row Peggy Morehan, and Pauline Wallace, Angleton  
Left to right 1<sup>st</sup> row- Roseanne Buentello, Lori Greak, Regent - Ct Immaculate Mary #2134, Angleton, Terri Beltran, State Youth/JCDA Chairman, El Campo, Frances Jewell, Rebecca Brown, Angleton and Marsha Kreimeyer, Ct St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211, Sugar Land.

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN**

Wow! Terri and our state officers have been covering the state of Texas instituting and reinstating JCDA Courts. It is so great to see such enthusiasm among so many of our senior courts in wanting to get our young Catholic girls involved in the C.D.A. These are our future senior C.D.A. members. Keep up the good work. Christmas is past and Easter is upon us. How time flies! Let us prepare ourselves well for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Let us do a little extra penance, pray a few extra prayers, do a few more good deeds! May you have a very blessed Easter and a beautiful Spring. I am looking forward to seeing many of our JCDA members at our Summer Retreat on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at my farm in Weimar.

"Behold I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Father John Peters- JCDA State Chaplain

**UPCOMING DATES**

- ❖ Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Ct. St. Phillip the Apostle #2399, Corpus Christi – Elva Pena, DD#48
- ❖ Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Ct. St. Helen #2330, Pearland , Ann Strouhal, DD #17
- ❖ Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – JCDA State Commission Meeting – Deer Park
- ❖ Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – National JCDA Proclamation Day
- ❖ May 1<sup>st</sup> - JCDA State Commission Meeting – Hallettsville
- ❖ June 26<sup>th</sup> – Spiritual Retreat - Weimar

**CLERGY NIGHT**

JCDA LEADERS DOING GOD'S WORK  
MESSAGE SERVICE COMMUNITY



**Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206**  
**Yoakum, Gladys M. Jiral, Regent**  
**Re-Instituted 10/23/09**  
**Thank you,**  
**Carolyn Janak, DD#12**



**Court Rev. Daniel J. Touhy #2215**  
**Donna, Margarita Caceres, Regent**  
**Installed 11/14/09**  
**Thank you,**  
**Janie Corona, DD#22**



**Court Sacred Heart of Jesus #2422**  
**Odem**  
**Ledezma Rodriguez, Regent**  
**Installed 12/13/09**  
**Thank you,**  
**Diana Garcia, DD#36**



**Court Pope Pius XII #1805**  
**Lubbock**  
**Janie Dominguez, Regent**  
**Installed 01/23/10**  
**Thank you,**  
**Toni Crestman, DD#2**



**Court Genevieve #917**  
**Falls City, Rosalie Titzman, Regent**  
**Installed 11/08/09**  
**Thank you,**  
**Lydia Martinez, DD#13**



**Court St. Joan of Arc #1224**  
**Del Rio - Installed 11/21/09**  
**Thank you,**  
**Anna Chapman, DD#15**



**Court Fr. Thomas Billimek #2425**  
**Los Fresnos**  
**Andrea V. Gonzales, Regent**  
**Installed 01/30/10**  
**Thank you,**  
**Socorro Vicinaiz, DD#31**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
 NEW COURTS**