



# THE LONE STAR MESSENGER



## Texas State Court

“We must not only give what we have; we must also give what we are.” *Joseph Cardinal Mercier*

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT



My dear Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful journey the last two years have been!! They have been some of the busiest and most rewarding of my life, and they culminated in a beautiful convention in Dallas. I cannot say enough about the wonderful ladies of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area who worked the convention. Under the able direction of Joyce Pierce, Convention Chairman, the ladies were hospitable and well organized. I am extremely pleased with the trial run of the new voting procedure. Because of the hard work of the District Deputies, the Elections Committee, and the Credentials Committee, and because of a wonderful delegation who made sure that they were on the convention floor in plenty of time, voting was completed in a record ten minutes!!! We had wonderful attendance at the convention with 847 paid registrations, and that is with only 172 of our 225 courts sending representatives. My hope is that many more courts will be in a position to send delegates to the McAllen Convention in 2009—the committees are already hard at work, and it promises to be a wonderful convention.

Our goals for the last two years were to be women of faith and prayer, to witness our faith by our actions and interactions, to support our clergy and women religious, to promote CDA as a relevant and vital organization for today's church, and to increase membership. In every instance we met those goals. I am particularly overjoyed by the focus on spirituality that is taking place in the local courts. With God, there is nothing we cannot do! You were more generous than ever with your time and your money contributing over \$200,000.00 to the state projects and scholarships this term; but, more importantly, as you became involved with the needs of your community, you shared your faith and witnessed your love of Christ - which is the incredible power of our organization.

The personal goals that I shared with the State Chairmen and the District Deputies at the organizational meeting in Houston two years ago were to be prayerful, to be prudent, and to be proud. I tried my best with the first one, and I counted on your prayers, too. I had the help of a great Board with the second one. In all areas we tried to make decisions that were prudent for the future of our order. The third goal I had in the bag from day one - I am extremely proud of this organization and proud to say that I serve with the best women in the world! I want to express my deep appreciation for your support over the last two years and indeed for the help, support, and hospitality that I received during the eight years I served on the board. You have given me so many gifts over the years - all of which I treasure - and the gifts that I received at the convention were exciting and overwhelming. The gift that I will treasure the most, however, is the gift of your friendship - the bond of sisterhood we share. May God bless us all, and I wish you joy!

Olga Samaniego



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Texas State Court**

**Mission Statement**

The members of the Texas State Court love Christ and His Church and are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

**Goals**

1. To be women of faith and prayer
2. To bear witness to our faith through our actions and interactions
3. To support our clergy and women religious and to foster vocations
4. To promote the fact that CDA is a relevant, vibrant organization for today's church
5. To increase membership

**Activities**

- Emphasize that all courts are to implement the Spiritual Enhancement portion of the Circle of Love Program.
- Encourage courts to undertake all other aspects of the Circle of Love prayerfully.
- Provide two state-wide retreats to foster a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.
- Be highly visible in the state to encourage prayer and service.
- Encourage and suggest new area of service that are relevant to today's women and that meet the needs of a changing world.
- Institute more Missions of Mercy projects in different parts of the state.
- Provide more training and time for discussion at district and multi-district meetings.
- Provide more support for courts that are struggling through the Court Outreach Program.
- Encourage the study of the bylaws, parliamentary procedure, and protocol.
- Develop more women to undertake leadership roles in their courts.
- Encourage more courts to become more actively involved with our youth.
- Encourage more participation in our Circle of Love, newsletter, scrapbook, and membership contests.
- Encourage courts to become more visible and active in their churches and communities and to publicize their activities.
- Develop innovative ways to encourage women to join us in our work.
- Develop court incentives for increasing membership.
- Continue to work with technology so that it enhances the efficiency of each officer.

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As a Catholic Daughter,  
does your light shine?

*“You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before everyone that they may see your good works, and glorify your Creator which is in Heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:14, 16*

## A Message from Father Don Ruppert State Clergy Consultant

My dear Catholic Daughters:

**JOB WELL DONE!**

The CDA state convention proved once again that Texas is “Big” not only in size but also in spirit. I felt like I was in the cheering section in a ballpark where the home team was winning 99 to 0. From collecting “pull tabs” to building houses, you are moving forward at a fast pace.

The days of convention ran like a well-oiled machine. Sessions started on time, if not sooner, and ended on time. Reports were concise and the smoothness of the elections was almost unbelievable. I sat in the hotel lobby to hear confessions when the masses were arriving and checking in (this is usually when most sinning happens). It was gratifying to find most taking the usual delays in stride and cheering every time someone got their room keys.

Texas has been blessed with a long line of dedicated officers and the past two years were no exception. Parish duties prevented me from attending many of the board meetings, but I looked forward to the ones I was able to attend. The officers worked in harmony, had fun together, and accomplished a lot. I think the committee and officers’ reports showed that the old saying, “the proof is in the pudding,” is accurate.

Congratulations to the incoming officers. I know that the spirit of cooperation we experienced in the past will continue into the future.

Most courts will be taking a few months off during the summer. Enjoy a well-deserved rest. Recharge your energy and prepare for another great CDA year. You are always remembered in my prayers.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Don Ruppert". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

**June 2007**

**Libby Ramirez, National Regent Elect**



The State Conventions are over. I was fortunate to attend three state conventions. I started off by attending the state convention in New Mexico, then Ohio and ended with the Texas State Convention. Each convention was a wonderful experience. I was very glad to see so many of you at the Texas State Convention - some friends from so many years of attending conventions and CDA functions and so many new faces that I hope to continue to see in the future.

To the past officers, I say thank you for the time you gave to our order. Thank you for the love you gave to each project and for the kindness you gave to the members of our order when addressing their concerns throughout the state. Thank you for having the vision to plan with the future in mind for the good of our order. You had a wonderful two years in which you have implemented some very innovative programs. You have led the state with love and righteousness and you should be very proud of your tenure.

Now the newly elected state boards have the awesome job of preparing their agendas for the next two years. They build on the stones laid down for them by the past officers. In order for our organization to flourish, it is imperative that we all work together. The officers cannot plan, organize, and implement their ideas on their own. It is only with the help of all the members of our order that we will be successful. When an officer calls to ask a member to serve on a committee, please say “YES!” because you will not only be saying yes to a fellow Catholic Daughter but also to the future of our order.

We are ambassadors of our order but, more importantly, of our faith. If we are to be fruitful, we must stand together to make our order stronger. Many of us grew up singing the line, “They will know we are Christians by our love.” This is when we need to show our love for our order, for one another, and for our Lord.

May Our Lord and Blessed Mother bless our new board with an appreciative leadership, loyal and helpful membership, and an abundance of new members so that we can continue our mission of Unity and Charity.



## MESSAGES FROM YOUR TEXAS STATE OFFICERS

### Court Development/Membership

*Carolyn Bachmann, First Vice State Regent*

As I prepare to end my term as the State Court Development/Membership Chairman, I want to thank all the courts that helped to get Texas membership up over 16,000 members once again. It has been five years since we had 16,000 members.

Congratulations to all the courts who won Membership Awards and congratulations to all the courts that worked hard and just missed getting an award. The most important reward the courts received was getting new members to share their talents, skills, and ideas.

It has been a rewarding two years for me serving as Chairman for Court Development/Membership. I applaud all of you who helped me to achieve a growth in membership across Texas and for the seventeen new courts that were instituted due to some dedicated ladies who reached out to share their love for Catholic Daughters to women across the State of Texas.

Sheila Martinka will be the new Court Development/Membership Chairman for 2007-2009. If you have any new contacts for new courts, contact Sheila at 713-946-5847 or [smartinka@earthlink.net](mailto:smartinka@earthlink.net)

### Officer Training/Leadership Workshops

*Sheila Martinka, Second Vice State Regent*

Ladies, thank you so much for all of your support and hospitality as members of the board and I traveled across Texas last year for officer training. The new technology of the data projectors was received well all over. I appreciate your patience as sometimes there was "operator malfunction" and we had to "re-boot"! Officer training will be in full swing next summer after the May 2008 local court elections. Carolyn Malik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent will be in touch in 2008! Keep up the great work you do and continue to say "yes" and help others say "yes" to CDA!

### Dues and Assessments

*Carolyn Malik, State Secretary*

By the time you receive this newsletter, the regent of the local court will have received the May 2007 billing for your State Dues, annual Theological Assessment and the annual JCDA Assessment. These bills are based on your membership number as of **March 31, 2007**. The State uses the number that National shows on their roster for your membership assessments. Please **DO NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS** on your dues statements. Be sure to mail in your Deletion and Addition membership forms to the National office immediately upon the change of membership in your court. Please reconcile your membership list with the list at National annually. You may request an updated membership list from National through e-mail, telephone or mail.

It has been a pleasure to serve you, the Texas CDA membership, for the past two years as your State Secretary. Thank you for your wonderful cooperation and the many courtesies extended to me during my travels across this great state. Thanks to you also for the trust and confidence you have placed in me by allowing me to serve on the State Board and for electing me to my new position of Second Vice State Regent. By the time you receive this newsletter, the change of power will have taken place.

**After May 29, 2007**, all materials which you have been accustomed to sending to me should be addressed to our newly elected State Secretary, Peggy Rosales, 8003 Doe Meadow Drive, Austin, Texas 78749. This includes membership addition and deletion forms, new member and transfer forms, financial review forms. All monies, such as State dues and assessments and donations to state and national projects, shall be directed to Peggy Rosales as well. As Second Vice State Regent, I will be in charge of the Memorial Mass Scholarship Fund. In order to avoid delays, please direct your correspondence and related materials to the proper parties. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition period. *(Continued on Page 6)*

## Dues and Assessments - Continued

*Carolyn Malik, State Secretary*

JUST AN FYI – In the future, PLEASE DO NOT send a copy of the financial review for your local JCDA court to the State Secretary. She does not receive a copy of this report. The individuals who receive this report are noted on the bottom of their financial review – State Regent, State JCDA Chairman, Local JCDA court, District Deputy and the local senior Court Regent. When the State Secretary receives this report, she has to forward it to the State JCDA Chairman, which requires additional postage.

With the summer months approaching, please remember to keep God first in your lives. It is a time for relaxation and fun, but as Our Lady of Medjugorje states in her April, 2007 message, “This is the time for my soul.” Don’t live your life in a state of sleepwalking, going through the motions of each day as a robot, with little awareness of the presence of God within. *Live every moment of every day as “a time for my soul.”* For over 25 years, Our Lady has been calling us to conversion and prayer. Make this summer a special time by relaxing and opening up your hearts to Our Lord. *Have a wonderful summer and GOD BLESS!*



## Dollars and Cents

*Peggy Rosales, State Treasurer*

It has been a pleasure to serve the great State of Texas Catholic Daughters as your State Treasurer. It has been a learning experience both spiritually and educationally for the past two years. I have traveled to parts of the state of Texas that I wasn’t familiar with; and met some wonderful spirit-filled ladies that inspire me.

As your newly-elected State Secretary, I look forward to learning more and hopefully I am able to travel around the state and meet some new members and see some familiar faces. Carolyn Malik did a superb job as State Secretary and I hope that I can continue the same level of service and commitment that she so willingly gave.

### QUARTERLY TIPS:

- There must be **TWO SIGNATURES** on all court checks!
- All checks should be made payable to **CDA TEXAS STATE COURT**. There should be no checks payable to an individual. In the bottom left corner of the check – please make a note of what it is for; i.e., May’07 State dues, Habitat for Humanity–Wichita Falls, National Projects, etc.
- **ALL STATE AND NATIONAL DUES ARE PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT. NO COURT VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PAYMENT.**
- Please pay for the number of members listed on your bill. If you disagree with the total members you have in your court, your **FINANCIAL SECRETARY** needs to request an updated Court roster from the **NATIONAL OFFICE** and then proceed to add or delete your members to make the roster balance with the **NATIONAL OFFICE**.
- **REGENTS**, please pass the above information on to your Court Treasurer and Court Financial Secretary.

Have a spirit filled summer;  
be safe; and make memories!

To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are! - Anonymous -

**May 13, 2007 (also Mother’s Day) marked the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima.  
For more information about Fatima go to [www.santuario-fatima.pt/portal](http://www.santuario-fatima.pt/portal).**



## MESSAGES FROM YOUR STATE CHAIRMEN

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

*Sheila Martinka*

Well the convention is over and all the winners of the contests and scholarships have been announced. Ladies, as I have said before, everyone wins with the Mass card enrollments—our youth and all the people kept in our prayers! I can hardly believe the term is over! I will be taking on other tasks and challenges as First Vice State Regent. I am so thankful for all of you, for all of your support, your hard work and generosity of the Memorial Scholarship Program.

I am also thankful for the APC (automated postal center) at my local post office. Without it, I would have had a most difficult time getting your requests mailed out! The USPS and I seem to share the same work hours. Yes, thank goodness for modern technology made simple! **Please send your Mass Enrollments and Court Checks (with two signatures) to Carolyn Malik, Second Vice State Regent and Memorial Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 243, Shiner, TX 77984.**

Thank you again ladies for all you do! God Bless!

### STATE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Janis Wright*

It was wonderful seeing so many of you in April at the state convention in Dallas. It was great working on the credentials committee because I got to visit with a lot of ladies.

To the outgoing state officers I say “Job Well Done!!!!” You worked hard and are a wonderful example of Catholic Daughters working in unity and harmony. It has been a pleasure serving as the chairman of the state financial review team. Your diligence in your recordkeeping has made this committee’s work a lot easier. Thanks also to the members of the financial review committee for giving your time and working on the state reviews.

Congratulations to the incoming state board! I know you will do a great job in leading our state and keeping Texas #1. I will keep you in my prayers as you lead us forward.

### READ ACROSS AMERICA CHAIRMAN

*Cynthia Novak*

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and you find some time to relax.

I was excited to receive reports from 52 courts that participated in the 2007 Read Across America Event. This is an increase of 73% from 2006. The reports revealed that 365 members participated, over 7,300 children were read to and over 600 new and gently used books were donated. It was reported that over \$1,300.00 was donated to schools, libraries, day care facilities, etc. for the purchase of books.

The activities reported ranged from reading to children at schools, day care facilities, libraries, reading to members’ own children or grandchildren, to donating books to schools and libraries. While not all courts who participated were able to spend time reading to children, they were able to donate books.

Several courts handed out coloring and activity pages while others had a party and served refreshments. Some members wore or displayed Dr. Seuss top hats when reading while others dressed to the theme of the book they were reading. Bookmarks and stickers were handed out to the children by several courts, and some gave certificates to the schools and readers.

Many of the courts publicized the event in local newspapers prior to and/or after with pictures and a message explaining Read Across America.

I received reports from another 23 courts stating the reason(s) they were unable to participate in the 2007 event. Although it was discouraging to know that they did not participate it was good to learn the reason(s) they were unable to participate. This information will be helpful for knowing how to help promote future events.

Thank you to all the courts and their members who participated in 2007. These Courts were given a Certificate of Participation. Thank you also to the courts that were not able to participate but sent in your reports. These Courts were given a Certificate of Appreciation for completing the report form.

I urge all courts to continue to participate in this rewarding program. Hopefully, one day we will have 100% participation.



**QUALITY OF LIFE  
CHAIRMAN**

*Linda Dierschke*

What wonderful charitable works the Catholic Daughters do! As the contest reports came in, one realizes how much goes on in the name of Unity & Charity. It's very difficult to pick the most deserving from each category. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the courts that sent in reports. There were a total of 128 reports sent in.

Thank you for letting me be the Quality of Life chairman for the past 4 years. Have a great summer.



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

*Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

*June 16*

Father,

You prepared the heart of the Virgin Mary to be a fitting home for Your Holy Spirit. By her prayers, may we become more worthy temples of Your glory. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen

**STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHAIRMAN**

*Henriette Jalowy*

Let us all continue to grow by working together. In the State newsletters these past two years, I encouraged courts to publicize their activities. A new project or new officers are only two reasons to publicize. Maybe the project is the "first" or the "biggest." Have the article draw human interest. Plan ahead. Know the deadline for submitting news. Many editors want information before the event. Call the newspaper and ask to whom to send the story. It may not always be the editor. Most like to receive news by e-mail. Provide complete information—Who, Where, When, Why, and How. If sending pictures, have the individuals doing something—an action shot. Follow up by calling the reporter to see if he has all the information. Be grateful for any coverage. If you are not successful in getting an article published, don't give up. Be friendly and courteous. There may be a reason. Stay on them.

I have met even more Catholic Daughters by being a State chairman. I have enjoyed working with the friendly and gracious State Board. I thank Olga for having the confidence in me during the past two years.

**Live simply. Love generously.  
Care deeply. Speak kindly.  
Leave the rest to God.**





**STATE HABITAT  
CHAIRMAN**

*Susan R. Walton*

## Catholic Daughters Habitat for Humanity Build – State Project

**We have a tentative address for the Habitat House Build in Wichita Falls  
(#12 or #13 Grant Gill Lane)**

- **Hotel Accommodations:**

Everyone is to make his/her own reservations. If you need Lodging at the Chaparral Baptist Assembly  
Attention Heather or Wanda  
3784 Church Camp Road  
Iowa Park, TX 76367  
Call – 940/851-4182 – fax 940/851-0602

For your group reservation (Dormitory like accommodation) Lodge is \$15 per night – per availability

- **RV- Parks are as follows:**

Wichita River Bend R.V. Park  
300 Central Freeway  
Contact Texas Tourist  
Information Center 940/761-7490

Wichita Falls R.V. Park  
2944 Seymour Hwy  
940/723-1532

- **Donations:** We still need your donations. If your court has not sent in a donation, you still have time; mail it to CDA-Habitat for Humanity, 305 Galleon Dr., Lakeside City, TX 76308.

- **Meals for Volunteers:** If your court would like to host a meal for the volunteers on one of the workdays, please contact Rhonda Pate at 940/642-6009 or 940/691-0111. If you provide a meal it would be the noon meal, drinks and dessert and serve at 11:30 am to all volunteers for that day.

- **T-Shirts & Ribbons Sales:** You can still buy your CDA-Habitat T-Shirts for \$10.00 sizes are 2X, X-Large, Large, Medium and Small. And don't forget to get your ribbons for just \$5.00. Mail your Checks to Susan Walton 305 Galleon Dr., Lakeside City TX, 76308.

- **Volunteer Information:**

We need volunteers for our build. The workdays are Monday thru Saturdays starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The dates are listed below. On the following page is a sign-up sheet: please make a copy, fill it out and mail it back to me at

Susan Walton  
305 Galleon

Lakeside City TX 76308

or e-mail it to [susan.walton@yellowbook.com](mailto:susan.walton@yellowbook.com)

or you can fax to me at 940-322-2445 and make it to my attention.

### September – 5<sup>th</sup>

September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Work day
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Work day
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Workday

### Ground Breaking Ceremony

September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Work Day
September 29 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Work Days
October 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Work days
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Work day
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>House Dedication</b>

## Habitat House for Wichita Falls, TX 2007

Copy this Sheet – Fill it Out – Mail to:  
Susan Walton 305 Galleon, Lakeside City TX 76308  
or e-mail it to: [susan.walton@yellowbook.com](mailto:susan.walton@yellowbook.com)  
or you can fax it to 940-322-2445 to the attention of Susan Walton

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

COURT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COURT # \_\_\_\_\_

First choice to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your preference of shift:

AM Shift only (8-Noon)

PM Shift only (1-5)

All Day

If you are unable to help with the construction, we still need you! Circle any of the following:

Site Hostess

Bring snacks

Bring sandwiches

Help serve food

Clean up the work site

Call and remind volunteers

Do you have any disabilities/limitations the construction manager needs to be aware of?  
(Inexperience is not a limitation, but an opportunity):

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**STATE WAYS & MEANS  
CHAIRMAN**

*Cathy Bittner*

Many, many thanks to all who participated in any way to make the 2007 fundraisers the success they were!

**The State Raffle made \$23,326.00.** Below are the winners:

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Rome trip       | Connie Salas, Harlingen            | 16. Candy Dish   | Carol Roensch, La Grange   |
| 2. \$200.00 VISA   | Jose de la Cerda, Eagle Pass       | 17. Quilt        | Chris Scroggs, Port Lavaca |
| 3. Quilt           | Rebekah Betancourt, Corpus Christi | 18. Afghan       | Rose Mary Kolata, Poth     |
| 4. Olive Wood Item | Joyce Hermes, Hallettsville        | 19. Table Runner | L. Theriot, ?              |
| 5. Quilt Hanging   | Sylvia Medina, Ennis               | 20. Cross        | Alvina Pille, Taylor       |
| 6. Fleece Throw    | Gladys Kotula, Baytown             |                  |                            |
| 7. \$200.00 VISA   | Dorothy Bobalek, Ennis             |                  |                            |
| 8. Quilt           | Modesta Mojica, San Marcos         |                  |                            |
| 9. Vase            | Cynthia Nemece, Bay City           |                  |                            |
| 10. Afghan         | Toni Crestman, Slaton              |                  |                            |
| 11. Quilt          | Anita Bartek, Brownwood            |                  |                            |
| 12. WalMart GC     | Connie Ottis, Three Rivers         |                  |                            |
| 13. Avery Jewelry  | Ruby Gabel, Amarillo               |                  |                            |
| 14. Quilt          | Rebecca Marin, Lubbock             |                  |                            |
| 15. Cross Stitch   | Delores O'Dell, New Braunfels      |                  |                            |

**The Special Quilt Raffle made \$792.00**

Winners were:

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| CDA T-Shirt Quilt  | Carolyn Koch, Dallas         |
| District #28 Quilt | Dora Hinojosa, Hebbbronville |
| CDA Cookbooks      | Kathy Triola, Baytown        |
| CDA Products       | Debbie Schirico, Dallas      |

**The Jumble Pull Raffle made \$2,039.50**

**The Scratch A Batch & Win Raffle made \$4,260.00**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**JOYCE PIERCE - CONVENTION CHAIRMAN**

Dallas was so blessed to have such a large attendance at the Texas State Convention under the auspices of Our Lady of Medjugorje and her Son. It was a privilege for me to serve as your state convention chairman. My thanks to wonderful Vice Chairmen and Advisor who in turn found tireless additional chairman to ensure that your attendance would be as trouble-free as possible. Many ladies came to me and expressed how well everything was going. Were there some problems? You bet; but things have a way of coming together just keep the faith, stay calm, and it will work out.

I thank Olga Samaniego and the State Board for their support and cooperation prior to and during the convention. At this writing, they are still hanging in there for us. Our theme "Women of God, be not afraid" brought us together beginning at opening mass. We are women of many cultures, but one faith.

The picture of Our Lady of Medjugorje on canvas may be ordered. The printing company requires a minimum order of \$150.00, and that would be three pictures approximately 12x18. Therefore, I will be happy to take your orders; and when I have three orders, I will have them printed, and I will send one to you for \$50.00 plus postage.

The Installation Mass brought many people to tears as it was so beautiful. Anyone wanting the words to the music "I'm Your Mother" should contact Olga. Our most disappointment was the Friday night fun meal. The Fairmont has acknowledged that they had written up the meal incorrectly and used the word reception instead of dinner. The plate should have been full of food, not food for a bird! I'm so sorry for anyone who left hungry.

We have many convention books available. If you desire to have one, send me some postage and I will forward you a book.

The 2007 convention committee is working on a CDA convention planning handbook. It will be forwarded to McAllen convention chairman who may revise and forward to the next chairman. In time, we should have a handbook to guide future convention planners. If you have a suggestion, please email it to me for review.

I invited you in the beginning to come and see the Dallas lights. I hope you got a chance to go out on the terrace level and see those wonderful Dallas lights. We wish you and your family a safe summer and hope to see you again at McAllen in 2009.

*Joyce Pierce - Convention Chairman*

**MISSIONS OF MERCY  
CHAIRMAN**

*Lillian Hansen*

Summertime is here and most of the courts will not be having meetings during July and August. Consider this alternative:

One of our court members called around and invited fellow CDA members to her house for a pot-luck salad luncheon. Some brought small gifts (potted plants, bag of shelled pecans, a picture frame, a cute coffee mug, etc. – you get the idea.) Somebody read an inspirational paragraph they found in their favorite prayer book and after some chit-chat and a blessing for food and friends, lunch was shared. Afterwards an impromptu “auction” of the gifts was had, which turned out to be hilarious, and the sum of \$215 was raised! The guests promptly voted to send these funds to the colonia down in Brownsville. The folks at the colonia tell us that they can take a cash donation – any amount – and stretch it to just about triple what we could have purchased and spent money to mail.

So enjoy the summer, but don’t forget our brothers and sisters who are not as fortunate as we are.

And if you come up with a different little way of sharing your bounty, let us hear from you. We love a good story with a happy ending...don’t you?

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**STATE LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT  
MAY 2007**

I was very pleased with the work courts are doing in the legislative arena according to the Circle of Love reports that were sent in for convention. Awesome job, ladies! Many courts are sending me information on contacts their members are making with legislators or activities they are undertaking. I encourage those courts to continue doing so and encourage more courts to do so. That way I can better account for what courts in the great state of Texas are doing and so that I might circulate information to members as it becomes necessary.

Congratulations to the contest winners and especially to those courts receiving a “CDA TEXAS PROUD” certificate for displaying the Texas flag and saying the Pledge at meetings and activities. I am hopeful all courts will follow and show that we are not only Proud Americans, but Proud Texans.

The Texas Legislative session is coming to a close and a full list of those bills enacted into law can be found on the Texas Legislature Online website. A report on legislation affecting Catholics and catholic social teaching will be published on the Texas Catholic Conference website and in The Catholic Spirit.

Courts are reminded that contacts with legislators and any action taken on legislation MUST be undertaken by members as constituents of the legislator and not as the Catholic Daughters.

A personal note of thanks to Our Worthy State Regent, Olga Samaniego, for the State Regent’s Award presented to me at the convention banquet and to all the members who make Catholic Daughters the greatest organization to which a catholic woman can belong. I was completely surprised, truly honored and convention attendees will understand, for the first time in the convention completely speechless. Thanks to all.

Peggy Supak, State Legislative Chairman

## NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROJECTS

State Chairman - Rosalinda Gutierrez

Dear Catholic Daughters,

Thank you for your wonderful response to the call from the National Charitable Projects. This is a national project; however, every state must fulfill their part in order to give this project a chance to succeed. This means that our local courts must be aware of the projects.

There are nine projects of which we can make an offering of \$10 for each one of the projects. This is the minimum. There are some courts that make an offering of \$50 for each project. It all depends on the wishes of the members of the court.

These are very worthwhile projects and they count on Catholic Daughters for support. The State Court can only be as strong as the local courts want it to be. In order to know what the State of Texas is doing, we recommend that the National Charitable Projects offering be sent to the State Secretary. You will not receive a bill. This cause should be in your budget.

It has been an honor to have served as your state chairman for the National Charitable Projects. Thank you for your reports. They were wonderful to read, and it certainly helped me to write the reports that were required. God Bless You Always! I hope you have a chance to catch up and to rest a little this summer.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

### Letter from National Chaplain

Each court regent should have received the new letter from our National Chaplain, Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Walsh. Please replace the old letters in the Ceremonial Section of the Tools of the Trade with the new letters provided by the national office.

### Priest's Appreciation Day

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Priests' Appreciation Day. In addition to doing something to let you chaplain know how much you value his help and support, remember to keep him lifted up in prayer. He needs your prayers, too!

### Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 27, 2007 is Make a Difference Day. Join volunteers across the nation to lend a helping hand to those in need. Two Texas Courts were honored for their outstanding service during the Make a Difference Day 2006 Campaign: JCDA Court #1993 in Edinburg and Senior Court #2134 in Angleton. Join them in helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Log on to [www.USAweekend.com](http://www.USAweekend.com) for participation criteria.

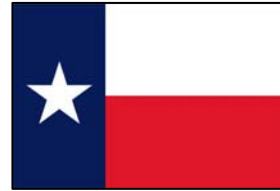
Pray for the Repose of the soul of Virginia Duffy, Immediate Past National Director from Colorado.

Condolences may be sent to:

Patrick Duffy  
2147 Manor Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

# TEXAS STATE NEWS

[www.TexasCDA.org](http://www.TexasCDA.org)



## QUARTERLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following are the prayer intentions for the new quarter. Please share them with your courts. The intentions can be remembered in many ways such as in the opening or closing prayers of your meetings, at corporate communions, by your prayer ministry, and hopefully by each individual member in her daily prayers. Jesus tells us in Matthew 21:22, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Let us place our trust in Him as we lift up the following intentions:

- We pray for the students who are graduating and for the families who support and inspire them.
- We pray for all who are called to serve God's people that they may be strengthened and sustained by God's love.
- We pray for the safety of all our military serving in harm's way and for the families who are awaiting their return.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST TEXAS COURTS!**

#### **Campus Court St. Macrina #2587**

Jessica Spofford, Regent  
8300 Country Place drive  
Houston, TX 77079

#### **Court Immaculate Mary, Women of Faith #2589**

Grace Perez, Regent  
422 West Brazos  
Pearsall, TX 78601

#### **Court Daughters. of St. Catherine of Alexandria #2590**

Rhianna Wagner, Regent  
C/o University Catholic Center  
2010 University Ave.  
Austin, TX 78705



# STATE CONVENTION NEWS

Catholic Daughters 2007 State Convention—Dallas  
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“Women of God, be not afraid” was the theme of the 45<sup>th</sup> Texas state convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) held April 26-29, at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. The 2007 convention opened with Mass at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Santuario de Guadalupe Cathedral. Celebrants were The Most Reverend Armando Ochoa, Bishop of El Paso and Texas State Chaplain, and Most Reverend Charles V. Grahmann, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Dallas. Also participating were State Clergy Consultant Reverend Donald Ruppert of East Bernard, Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) State Chaplain Reverend John Peters of Hallettsville, Priests and Deacons. The Festival Brass of Dallas provided music for the officers’ procession and Mass with approximately 800 people in attendance.

The 2005-2007 state officers are: Olga Samaniego, State Regent, El Paso; Carolyn Bachmann, First Vice State Regent, Scotland; Sheila Martinka, Second Vice State Regent, Pasadena; Carolyn Malik, State Secretary, Shiner; Peggy Rosales, State Treasurer, Austin. Included in the administration are: Loraine Hilscher, State Parliamentarian, Dallas; Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, Texas State Chaplain, El Paso; Reverend Donald R. Ruppert, State Clergy Consultant, East Bernard; and Rev. John C. Peters, JCDA Chaplain, Hallettsville.

State Regent Olga Samaniego called the convention to order Friday morning. Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, State Chaplain, led the opening prayer. He also presented the keynote address. Libby Ramirez, National Regent-Elect of Victoria, brought greetings from the national office in New York. Samaniego introduced the 22 state chairmen and 54 district deputies who have helped Texas CDA so much the past two years. Various reports were given. Included were those on Missions of Mercy, Read Across America, Habitat for Humanity, Juarez Mission School, and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation. State JCDA Chairman, Tearsa Smesny of Baytown, and Catie Wicke of East Bernard, State JCDA president, and spoke on behalf of the organization.

Many state chairmen announced awards (certificates) that individual courts throughout Texas received for their accomplishments. Over \$28,000 in scholarships was awarded to graduating seniors. Courts and individuals contribute to the State Court Memorial Scholarship Fund. State Chaplain Most Rev. Armando X. Ochoa was the main celebrant at the Memorial Mass in honor of all the deceased CDA members from the last convention to this convention. District deputies marched in a candlelight procession to the Shrine of the Blessed Mother. They remembered the deceased members in their districts. Ismeal Samaniego, husband of the State Regent, carried a candle for deceased spouses. Past State Regents participated in the Mass as gift bearers. They are: Margaret Cutbirth, Crosby; Cecina Koeijmans, Dallas; Eunice Perusic, Houston; Amy Rueda, El Paso; Libby Ramirez, Victoria; Duchess Collins, Sugar Land; Immediate Past State Regent Dee Scheetz, Austin. Eleanor Trainer of Houston and Dolly Pena of Laredo were unable to attend.

Attendees were quite festive in their hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts for the Friday Night Luau. They enjoyed learning authentic Hawaiian dances. A limbo contest followed.

Regent Samaniego named these as the Top 5 District Deputies: Elrose Kostak, DD #10, Brookshire; Terrie Vacek, DD #28, East Bernard; Barbara Britton, DD #40, San Antonio; Estela Ramirez, DD #31, Los Fresnos; Eve Trevino, DD #48, Corpus Christi. Seventeen new CDA courts were instituted during Samaniego’s two-year term. Carolyn Bachmann, Court Development chairman, recognized the district deputies assisting her in the institution of the new courts. East received a pin, the first St. Bernadine of Sienna Award.

**STATE CONVENTION NEWS (Continued)**

State Clergy Consultant Rev. Donald R. Ruppert presented a workshop on Spirituality. Delegates then attended two other workshops on such topics as new members/retention, protocol and ceremonies, “fun”draising, national, state and local projects, JCDA, leadership, circle of love forms, and campus court forum.

Most Reverend Charles V. Grahmann, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Dallas, gave the invocation at the Saturday night banquet. State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, Larry Zapalac of Sugar Land, was a guest and spoke on the many achievements of CDA and the joint efforts of CDA and the Knights of Columbus. Libby Ramirez of the National CDA court also spoke. The guest speaker was humorist, Rose Mary Rumley of Dallas. Regent Samaniego presented State Regent Awards to Peggy Supak of LaGrange, Carolyn Bachmann of Scotland, Cynthia Novak of LaGrange, Cathy Bittner of Rosenberg, and Rev. Donald Ruppert of East Bernard. The delegation from McAllen invited everyone to the state convention in 2009. The Houston delegation bid on the 2011 state convention.

The closing prayer for the 45<sup>th</sup> biennial convention of the Catholic Daughters was the Memorare. The closing ode was “My Country Tis of Thee.” Rev. Donald Ruppert was the main celebrant for the Installation Mass Sunday morning. Installed were: Carolyn Bachmann, State Regent, Scotland; Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent, Pasadena; Carolyn Malik, Second Vice State Regent, Shiner; Peggy Rosales, State Secretary, Austin; Eve Trevino, State Treasurer, Corpus Christi.

Special events held during the convention were the Chaplains’ and Men’s luncheon, Past Regents luncheon, and the State Regent’s Thank You luncheon for the State Chairmen and District Deputies. Convention chairman Joyce Pierce reported that approximately 850 Catholic Daughters registered for the convention.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a non-profit organization for Catholic women over the age of 18 who are interested in doing spiritual, charitable, and educational work. At present, there are 16,012 members in 225 Texas courts.



2007-2009 Newly Elected State Officers  
Officers’ Party (On the Left)  
L to R: Eve Trevino, Carolyn Malik,  
Carolyn Bachmann,  
Sheila Martinka, Peggy Rosales



2007-2009 Newly Elected State Officers  
Installation Mass (On the Right)  
L to R: Carolyn Bachmann, State Regent  
Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent  
Carolyn Malik, Second Vice State Regent  
Peggy Rosales, State Secretary  
Eve Trevino, State Treasurer



**CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Seated L to R: Rosemary Olson, Janis Wright, Kathleen Taylor  
Standing L to R: Christine Moore, Henrietta Jalowy, Mary Rose Barta, Carolyn Malik,  
Lillian Hansen, Gennie Loggins (Chairman)



**TOP 5 DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

L to R: Barbara Britton, DD #40, San Antonio - Terri Vacek, DD #28, East Bernard  
Elrose Kostak, DD #10, Brookshire - Estela Ramirez, DD #31, Los Fresnos  
Eve Trevino, DD #48, Corpus Christi



State Regent, Olga Samaniego and husband, Sam, posing for the camera right before the introductions at the Convention's Closing Banquet.





# STATE CONTEST WINNERS 2007

## CIRCLE OF LOVE COURT REPORT WINNERS

	Court	City	Regent
<b>CATEGORY I (up to 50 members)</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Pat Jaccard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of the Rivers #2376	Three Rivers	Carmelita Moreno
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Elva Pena
<b>CATEGORY II (51 to 100 members)</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Barbara Merta
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. Genevieve #917	Falls City	Gladys Janysek
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	LaGrange (Hostyn)	Lillian Kallus
<b>CATEGORY III (101 to 200 members)</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Mary Queen of the Snows #1588	Columbus	Ruth Kunz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Father Pete Roebrocks #2140	Gonzales	Cornelia Kridler
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum	Gladys Jiral
<b>CATEGORY IV (200 plus members)</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Annunciation #1962	LaGrange	Theresa L. Wagner

## QUALITY OF LIFE CATEGORIES TOTALS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

### FAMILY LIFE ISSUES

Domestic Violence	7,876 Hours	\$12,293
Addictions	280 Hours	\$ 1,190
Single Parent Families	4,170 Hours	\$21,081
Suicide	25 Hours	\$ 0

### RESTORATION OF FAMILY VALUES

Abortion/Euthanasia	11,222 Hours	\$36,414
Pornography	5,807 Hours	\$ 2,800
Violence in Media	978 Hours	\$ 1,285
Gangs	346 Hours	\$ 1,160

### COMMUNITY ISSUES

Habitat for Humanity	1,437 Hours	\$11,997
Environment	5,645 Hours	\$ 961
Rural Life	1,954 Hours	\$ 5,867
Prison Ministries	1,955 Hours	\$ 5,014

### FAMILY HEALTH ISSUES

Alzheimer's	3,651 Hours	\$ 1,539
Aids	82 Hours	\$ 50
Homeless & Hungry	31,089 Hours	\$44,803
Elderly/Shut-Ins	55,854 Hours	\$19,432
Women's Healthcare	8,611 Hours	\$ 5,305
Healthcare Facilities	27,160 Hours	\$12,324
Hospitals	38,104 Hours	\$ 4,431
Hospice	10,611 Hours	\$ 2,147

### WORLDWIDE ISSUES

Project Handclasp	1,329 Hours	\$ 2,520
Adopt a Child	220 Hours	\$ 8,405
Catholic Charities	5,474 Hours	\$20,649
Missions/Prop of Faith	9,198 Hours	\$20,481

## CIRCLE OF LOVE - SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

	Court	City	Regent
<b><i>CATEGORY I ( up to 50 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Peace #2489	Converse	Marilyn Gallagher
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. Laurence #2402	Sugar Land	Joy Sacco
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Pat Jaccard
<b><i>CATEGORY II (51 to 100 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Grace #1734	Rowena	Patricia Vancil
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Queen of the Rosary #2368	McAllen	Cathy Magness
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park	Phyllis Godby
<b><i>CATEGORY III (101 to 200 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Doris Esparza
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993	Edinburg	Rosie Stockwell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Father Pete Roebrocks #2140	Gonzales	Cornelia Kridler
<b><i>CATEGORY IV (200 plus members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Saint Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Annunciation # 1962	LaGrange	Theresa L. Wagner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta

## CIRCLE OF LOVE – YOUTH

	Court	City	Regent
<b><i>CATEGORY I (up to 50 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Mercy #1968	Rio Grande City	Celia Barrera
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Elva Pena
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of the Hills #2415	Round Rock	Imelda Tovar
<b><i>CATEGORY II (51 to 100 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	Melissa Price
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Guardian Angel #739	Taylor	Jackie Vrana
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of the Rosary #2368	McAllen	Cathy Magness
<b><i>CATEGORY III (101 to 200 members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Father Pete Roebrocks #2140	Gonzales	Cornelia Kridler
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Mary Queen of the Snows #1588	Columbus	Ruth Kunz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Dana Daughtry
<b><i>CATEGORY IV (200 plus members)</i></b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Annunciation #1962	LaGrange	Theresa L. Wagner
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta

**2007 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST  
TEXAS STATE INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

**ART**

**Division I**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Wenski	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sydney Schuetz	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220, Austin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jennifer Sturm	Ct. St. Michael #347, Cuero

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brianna Cavazos	Ct. Padre Isidore Cavazos #2019, Kingsville
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Garcia	Ct. St. Matthew #2241, San Antonio
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Caitlan Bruns	Ct. St. Michael #347, Cuero

**Division III**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Apton Willman	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashley Harton	Ct. Our Lady queen of Peace #1374, El Campo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	G.W. Smidt	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884, Conroe

**Division IV**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheila Martinka	Ct. Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361, Deer Park
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geraldine Jurica	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
3 <sup>rd</sup>	none	

**POSTER**

**Division I**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kimberly Perez	Ct. Our Lady of the Sea #2133, Palacios
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Georgina Maria Valenzuela	Ct. Bishop Adolf Marx #1988, Brownsville
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Karley Kasmiersky	Ct. Father Chromcik #1440, Fayetteville

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elise Schmelzer	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220, Austin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marijose Salinas	Ct. Bishop Adolf Marx #1988, Brownsville
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kimberly Alvarez	Ct. Holy Cross # 1598, Yorktown

**Division III**

None

**POETRY**

**Division I**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Drew Adamcik	Ct. St. Michael #559, Weimer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda E. Briscoe	Ct. Mary Queen of the Snows #1588, Columbus
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan Vanek	Ct. Sacred Heart #797, Hallettsville

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelly Kresta	Ct. St. Paul #1604, Shiner
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christina Verm	Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katelllyn Kuck	Ct. Father Pete Roebrocks #2140, Gonzales

**Division III**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stephen Novasad	Ct. St. Paul #1604, Shiner
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrea Avila	Ct. Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaycee Spears	Ct. St. Cecilia #1396, Orange

**Division IV**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeanette Boehme	Ct. St. Cecilia #1396, Orange
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geraldine Jurica	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Jessen	Ct. Our Lady of Angels #2505, Seguin



**2007 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST - Continued**  
**TEXAS STATE INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

**ESSAY**

**Division I**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Seseley N. Law	Ct. Our Lady of the Sea #2133, Palacios
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Juan Pablo Vigil	Ct. Bishop Adolf Marx #1988, Brownsville
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaitlyn Veitheimer	Ct. Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296, Windthorst

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Seyl	Ct. St. Rose #1597, Schulenburg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lisa Dorbandt	Ct. St. Matthew #2241, San Antonio
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taylor Pollock	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria

**Division III**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Pfeffer	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashley Kloesel	Ct. St. Paul #1604, Shiner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Frazier	Ct. Father Pete Roebrocks #2140, Gonzales

**COMPUTER ART**

**Division I**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Creager	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Megan Leal	Ct. Our Lady of the Gulf #2267, Port Lavaca
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quinn Burns	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884, Conroe

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rachel Krenek	Ct. Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashley Vacek	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884, Conroe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bianca Sicich	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220, Austin

**Division IV**

None

**MUSIC**

None

**PHOTOGRAPY**

**Division II**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lauren A.Schmerbitz	Ct. Immaculate Mary #2134, Angleton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Haley Kovar	Ct. Mary Queen of the Snows #1588, Columbus
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Delayne Styra	Ct. St. Michael #347, Cuero

**Division III**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Christina Wilson	Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephanie Fucik	Ct. Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374, El Campo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashley Astolfi	Ct. St. Ann #369, Victoria

## STATE LOCAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS (2006 – 2007)

### Category I Division I

Ct. Mary St. John #2197	Baytown	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. St. John the Baptist #2073	Alvin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Ct. Queen of Heaven #1844	Houston	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Category I Division II

Ct. Marie Galante #115	Austin	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. Mother of Grace #1906	Pasadena	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Our Lady of LaSalette #2474	Houston	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Category II Division I

Ct. Regina Coeli #1959	Houston	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. St. Helen #2330	Pearland	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211	Sugar Land	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Category II Division II

Ct. St. Rose #1597	Schulenberg	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. Ave Maria #2001	Houston	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Our Lady of Lourdes #1784	Dallas	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Category III Division I

Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. Mary Immaculate #1719	Dallas	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Category III Division II

Ct. St. Paul #1604	Shiner	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ct. Annunciation #1962	La Grange	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ct. St. Ann #369	Victoria	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## TEXAS STATE COURT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST COURT CONTRIBUTIONS April 1, 2006-March 31, 2007

### Category I (1-50 Members)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Our Lady of the Seven Hills #2415	Regent, Imelda Tovar
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Regent, Patricia Jaccard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy #2469	Regent, Patricia Anderson

### Category II (51-100 Members)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Rev. Monsignor Herbert Scholler #2085	Regent, Monica Soucie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Our Lady #2337	Regent, Neva Fairchild
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Faustina #2478	Regent, Marguerite Wuebker

### Category III (101-200 Members)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Mother of Unity #2292	Regent, Rosemary Olson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Christ the King #1750	Regent, Patricia Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616	Regent, Carolyn Rapsilver

### Category IV (201+ Members)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Annunciation #1962	Regent, Theresa Lea Wagner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Ann #369	Regent, Margaret Kutchka
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	Regent, Terrie Vacek

**TEXAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
INDIVIDUAL WINNERS  
2006-2007**

<b>Applicant (Score)</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Sandra Phelan	Rev. Monsignor Herbert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels	\$2000.00
Suzanne Nicole Buzek	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	\$1500.00
Shannon R. Kostecka	Sacred Heart #829	West	\$1200.00
Michael Gonzales	St. Martha #2504	Kingwood	\$1000.00
Lauren K. Gaertner	Father Joseph Kopp #2018	Moulton	\$1000.00
Chad Michael Kloesel	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum	\$1000.00
Kendra L. Moeller	Our Lady of Grace #1734	Rowena	\$1000.00
Bethany Matocha	Reverend Chromcik #1440	Fayetteville	\$1000.00
Sally Dierschke	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	\$1000.00
Stephanie Antosh	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	\$1000.00
Jamie Lynn Pilat	St. Paul #1602	Shiner	\$1000.00
Keith Michael Kallina	Our Lady of the Rosary #1595	Nada	\$1000.00
Renee Gertson	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	\$1000.00
Jason Bradley Siek	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn-La Grange	\$1000.00
Elizabeth Ann Vahalik	St. Ann #369	Victoria	\$1000.00
Lindsey Kopycinski	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	\$1000.00
Jeanee' Yolanda Campbell	St. Matthew #2241	San Antonio	\$800.00
Rachel Quitta	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	\$800.00
Michele Sevcik	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville	\$800.00
Leisha Nicole Kermiar	Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296	Windthorst	\$800.00
Amy Nicole Brzozowski	St. Theresa of the Little Flower #1350	Edna	\$800.00
John Raymond Loranger	Daughters of the Holy Trinity #2548	Mont Belvieu	\$800.00
Erica Christine Harton	Our Lady of Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	\$800.00
Grant R. Lastovica	St. Michael #559	Weimar	\$800.00
Abigail Fay Fenner	St. Genevieve #917	Falls City	\$800.00
Kayla Nicole Darilek	St. Theresa of the Little Flower #1350	Edna	\$800.00
Kathy Dawn Rode	John Fitzgerald Kennedy #1907	Fredericksburg	\$800.00
Amy Norris	St. Elizabeth #1616	Sealy	\$800.00
Renee Emily Grohmann	St. Michael #559	Weimar	\$500.00
Jacob Daniel Engstrom	Our Lady of the Rosary #1595	Nada	\$500.00
Renee Filipp	Father Joseph Kopp #2018	Moulton	\$500.00
Cole Heger Ulrich	St. Michael #559	Weimar	\$500.00
Jessica Renee Ottis	Queen of Heaven #1844	Houston	\$500.00

**MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

**CATEGORY I (1-50 Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ct. Mary Most Holy #2455
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ct. Our Lady, Queen of Apostles #2391
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ct. Our Lady of the Hills #2415

**CATEGORY II (51-100 Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ct. John Fitzgerald Kennedy #1907
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ct. Our Lady of the Gulf #2267
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ct. St. Anthony of Padua #2486

**CATEGORY III (101-200 Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ct. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ct. Mother of Unity #2292

**CATEGORY IV (201+ Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ct. St. Paul #1604
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ct. St. Bernadette #1108
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ct. Mary Immaculate #1719
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ct. Ct. Annunciation #1962

**CDA LEGISLATION WINNERS**  
**Operation Morning Star and Patriotism Reports Contest**  
**April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007**

**CATEGORY I (29 courts reporting)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Monica #1262, Olfen	Chairperson - Sharon Rohmfeld
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Mary Mother of Mercy #2143, Hillsboro	Chairperson - Barbara Clevenger
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Juan Diego, #2277, Corpus Christi	Chairperson - Frances Salazar

**CATEGORY II (34 courts reporting)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Holy Cross #1598, Yorktown	Chairperson - Lorene Migura
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Bishop Adolph Marx #1988, Brownsville	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282, Hostyn/La Grange	Chairperson - Michelle Kallus

**CATEGORY III (17 courts reporting)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Rose #1597, Schulenburg	Chairperson - Dorothy Berger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Our Lady of the Rosary #1595, Nada	Chairperson - Betty Leopold
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Queen of the Snows #1588, Columbus	Chairpersons - Darice Miksch & Dorothy Borak

**CATEGORY IV (10 courts reporting)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108, East Bernard	Chairperson in hospital
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Immaculate Heart #1884, Conroe	Chairperson - Gloria Bailey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Anne #369, Victoria	Chairperson - Dorothy Stathis

**TEXAS PROUD COURTS**

**Court displaying Texas Flag and saying Pledge to Texas Flag  
at meetings and activities**

Ct. St. Matthew #2231, San Antonio	Chairman - Charlotte Garcia
Ct. Holy Cross #1598, Yorktown	Chairman - Lorene Migura
Ct. Bishop Adolph Marx #1988, Brownsville	
Ct. St. Catherine of Sienna #1762, Wall	Chairmen - Diane Kadlacek & Angela Biedermann
Ct. St. Rose #1597, Schulenburg	Chairman - Dorothy Berger
Ct. Annunciation #1962, La Grange	Chairman - Peggy Supak
Ct. St. Bernadette #1108, East Bernard	
Ct. Mater Christi #1894, Highlands	Chairmen - Lois Smith & Jill Powell

**NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROJECTS REPORTS CONTEST**

**Category I (1-50 Members)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Monica, Patroness of Women #2477	Regent, Mary Watkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Bishop Enrique San Pedro #2390	Regent, Mary Salinas
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Our Lady of Peace #2489	Regent, Marilyn Gallagher

**Category II (51-100 Members)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Regent, Lillian Kallus
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Matthew #2241	Regent, Stella De Los Santos
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Rev. Monsignor Herbert Scholler #2085	Regent, Monica Soucie

**Category III (101-200 Members)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Rose #1597	Regent, Dana Daughtry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616	Regent, Carolyn Rapsilver
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. St. Helen #2330	Regent, Ethel Wind

**Category IV (201+ Members)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	Regent, Terrie Vacek
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Regent, Diana D. Kammer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ct. Annunciation #1962	Regent, Theresa Wagner

## CIRCLE OF LOVE – QUALITY OF LIFE

**Court**

**City**

**Regent**

### ***CATEGORY I (up to 50 members)***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Peace #2489	Converse	Marilyn Gallagher
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. St. Monica Patroness of Women #2477	Plano	Mary Watkins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary Living Rosary #2540	McAllen	Teresa Contreras

### ***CATEGORY II (51 to 100 members)***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Barbara Merta
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	Melissa Price
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. Fr. Juan Zavala #2012	Benavides	Iris Hinojosa

### ***CATEGORY III (101 to 200 members)***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. Our Lady of Angels #2505	Seguin	Cathy Hajek
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Queen of Angels #1538	Wallis	Dorothy Bodle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Dana Daughtry

### ***CATEGORY IV (200 plus members)***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ct. St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ct. Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Renee Beery
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ct. St. Ann #369	Victoria	Margaret Kutchka



*Most Merciful Father, we commend our departed into Your hands.....*

**Irene Carroll**

Ct. Queen of All Apostles #2258  
Houston

**Blanche Paul**

Ct. Mother of Grace #1906  
Pasadena

**Cecilia Bielamowicz**

Ct. Christ the King #1750  
Houston

**Angie Hofer**

Ct. Mercy of Jesus #2407  
Tomball

**Catine Peltier** (Former State Chairman)

Ct. Immaculate Mary #2134  
Angleton

**Mary Ramos**

Ct. Maria Galante #115  
Austin

**Monsignor Robert Barzyk**

Chaplain, Ct. Mater Christi #1894  
Highlands

**Libbie Heller, Minnie Phiefer, Mary Jurgens**

Ct. St. Michael #559  
Weimer

**Betty Ann Franke, Frances Mican, Emma Labay**

Ct. Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374  
El Campo

## State Calendar of Events



June 1-3, 2007

June 9, 2007

June 29-July 1, 2007

July 19-July 22, 2007

August 10-12, 2007

September 11, 2007

October 6, 2007

October 20, 2007

February 23, 2008

Change of Administration Board Meeting

Interim and convention financial review

JCDA State Convention, Wichita Falls

State Officers' Conference, Belleville, Illinois

State Organizational Meeting

Habitat Groundbreaking Ceremony

55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Court St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy

Habitat Home Dedication

Multi-District Meeting, Odem

## ROSTER UPDATES

### NEW REGENT CHANGES

Ct. Mother Theresa #2472  
Gracie Lineman, Regent  
2505 N. Highland  
Amarillo, TX 79107

Ct. St. Faustina #2478  
Doris Walker  
4217 Woodfin  
Dallas, TX 75220

Ct. Dgts. of St. Catherine of Alexandria #2590  
Rhianna Wagner, Regent  
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### STATE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*Rosemary Olson*

At the Texas State Convention in Dallas, all of you should have received a really nice CDA purple tote. But, better than that purple tote was one of the items inside. It was a small white card with the "Take Time, Take Three" explanation on it. I think "Take Time, Take Three" is great. It is a time-friendly, low-impact, can-do-anywhere way to help end the threat of terrorists. What makes this more hands on and more tangible is the neat little rosary-type ring attached to the card. I am only guessing, but I think a Texas CDA member designed this for the Dallas Convention. Mine is two white beads, one blue bead, two white beads, one blue bead, two white beads, one blue bead, two white beads shaped into a circle with a Miraculous Medal attached at the bottom. The three blue beads represent the three Hail Mary's. So clever!



### WHITE CHOCOLATE PARTY MIX *(Submitted by Kathleen Taylor and published in Ct. Mother of Unity #2292's recent Cookbook)*

- 1 lb. White Chocolate Bark
- 3 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 3 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 3 cups Cheerios
- 2 cups stick pretzels (crunched up a little)
- 2 cups dry roasted peanuts
- 1 (16 oz.) bag plain M & M's (Choose colors to match occasion; i.e., pastels for Easter)

Slowly melt white chocolate in the top of a double boiler. In a large bowl, combine cereals, pretzels, peanuts and M & M's. Slowly pour chocolate over mixture and stir to coat. Spread the mixture onto wax paper and cool. Break into pieces and store in airtight container. Refrigerate to keep fresh. If desired, place in small plastic bags tied with curly ribbon for gift giving.





## C D Angels

**C D Angels** can be anyone and anyone can nominate an angel. Angels are women who are doing their regular jobs in an extraordinary manner, women who have gone "above and beyond" and have given special service to a court, or women who have been quietly reliable and trustworthy whom you would like to recognize for their faithfulness. Be creative, and let's recognize the **Caring, Devoted, Absolutely** terrific women of Texas. Send your nominees to State Regent, Carolyn Bachmann, at [carolyn1349@msn.com](mailto:carolyn1349@msn.com) or call 940-541-2569.

**Judy Olds** and **Patty Bohn** are two of **Ct. Our Lady of the Mystical Rose #2399, Corpus Christi, C D Angels**. Judy and Patty give 100% of themselves to CDA and St. Philip Parish. Judy counts money for the church and Patty helps in the church office. Both ladies are responsible for the Newsletter that goes out every two months via email. They also started a website for our court so that any interested ladies can go online for information. We know we can count on both ladies for whatever and wherever help is needed. We LOVE them!

**Mary Jane McNamara** is such an inspiration to all. She has been a member of **Ct. Mary A. Drake #1288, Tyler**, for 54 years. She has held every office as well as being DD for 12 years. She is 80 plus years old and continues to participate in all the activities of the court. She heads the bake sales, decorates for the spaghetti dinners, speaks to the people of the RCIA, attends all the state conventions and brings back new ideas, and loves to play pokena at game night. She always has encouraging words for the members and remembers all the changes made over the years and loves to relate and share stories of CDA.

**Ct. St. Monica #2477, Plano**, has several C D Angels. **Anna Smiley** makes quilts for Parkland's nursery. **Annette Osterland** stepped up and became our Recording Secretary. **Evelyn Thompson** volunteered to be our CITY House chairperson. For our last dinner for the kids, the house coordinator called at the last minute changing our plans; Evelyn went and picked up everyone's dinner donations and delivered everything to the shelter. Also, Christine and Sylvia Mendez compiled and formatted the list of deceased members for the program book. It needed only a few format changes.

Regent, **Elaine Kramer**, and members of **Ct. John F. Kennedy #1907, Fredericksburg**, work hard and accomplished their goal of winning 1st place in the membership contest.

Regent, **Monica Soucie**, and members of **Ct. Rev. Mr. Herbert Scholler #2085, New Braunfels**, are angels for winning 1st place in the Memorial Mass contest.

District Deputy #42, **Terry Burto**, and her Regents' **Mary Jo Cranny, Cathy Hajek, Anna Maria Hernandez, and Monica Soucie** had the largest number of delegates and alternates from their district to ever attend a CDA STATE CONVENTION.

**Josey O'Flynn**, of **Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532, Corpus Christi**, is a true C D Angel. She is always willing to give of her time, even when she is asked at the last minute! She is always willing and ready to help. She shows up at all CDA church events and always says "Yes" when asked to be a committee chairperson. She is also active in the Women's Council and is a choir member. She has truly been a blessing to our court!

**Dolores Secrest**, of **Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532, Corpus Christi**, deserves to be recognized as a C D Angel because she shows up at all functions and helps the court tremendously! We know that we can always count on her to help out. She is very involved with the youth of our parish!

**Elva Pena**, Regent of **Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532, Corpus Christi**, has been a very hard working regent. She has been instrumental in increasing our membership, helps at all CDA functions, helps at church functions, belongs to the choir and is active with the Sisters at Incarnate Word.

## ***C D Angels*** (Continued)

**Jessica Asscota** is our **Ct. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #2123, Garland**, angel. She works tirelessly for C.D.A, as membership chairman, helps with the telephone calling, visits the hospital and in all the nursing homes in the area where we have members. Jessica also entertains with her clogging ladies in the nursing homes. She works for the good of C.D.A.

**Marilyne Springgate** of **Ct. St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532, Corpus Christi**, is a CDA member who is very much an angel. She has again donated her time-share vacation for us to use as the grand prize for the raffle for our Father's Day fundraiser. She is always ready to help in so many ways for the success of our court.

**Charlene Gwosdz, Marjorie Hlavac and Clarine Naskrent** of **Ct. Regina Coeli #1959, Houston**, are our court's CDA "ANGELS OF THE YEAR". Charlene cuts the string; dips the ends in clear nail polish and ties knots in preparation for the ladies to make rosaries. After the ladies have made the body of the rosaries, Marjorie and Charlene prepare the rosaries with the final knots and beads and get them ready for Clarine to put the crosses on. Clarine has mastered completing 150 rosaries every Tuesday by putting the crosses on. When in a bind each of the Rosary Group (10-20 ladies) has homework to complete a project. This group averages about 3000 rosaries a year. Ct. Regina Coeli is very proud of the fact that we have made and donated over 75,000 rosaries the last 25 years, and these rosaries have been sent all over the world.



## ***Courts In Action***

### **SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT**

**Ct. St. Helen #2330, Pearland**, assisted in Friday Stations of the Cross.

**Ct. Queen of All Apostles #2258, Houston**, had a May Crowning and Rosary.

**Ct. Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg**, sent 600 rosaries and religious materials to the Philippines.

**Ct. Our Lady #2337, Farmers Branch**, held a Corporate Communion and breakfast.

**Ct. Louise #209, Ft. Worth**, held a Lenten Retreat.

**Ct. St. Gerard #1934, Beaumont**, say the rosary before mass and after Mass they finish with the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### **EDUCATION**

**Ct. Mater Christi #1894, Highlands**, made a \$100 donation to Highlands Jr. School.

Several Courts did the Read Across America Program. Some of these Courts were:

**Ct. St. Bernadette #1108, East Bernard; Ct. Our Mother of Peace and Unity #2487, Livingston;**

**Ct. Maria Galante #115, Austin; Ct. Mother of Unity #2292, Houston; Ct. Ancillae Mariae #1886, Crosby;**

**Ct. Our Lady #2337, Dallas; Ct. Queen of Angels #1538, Wallis;**

**Ct. Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy #2469, Pattison; Ct. Annunciation #1962, La Grange;**

**Ct. Queen of All Apostles #2258, Houston; and Ct. Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg.**

### **YOUTH**

**Ct. St. Bernadette 31108, East Bernard**, donated \$100 to a local Girl Scout Troop to help send cookies to soldiers.

**Ct. St. Isidore #2340, Needville**, prepared a chicken spaghetti dinner honoring Seniors.

**Ct. Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361, Deer Park**, formed a JCDA Court. They also hosted First Communion receptions.

**Ct. Mercy of Jesus #2407, Tomball**, hosted the First Eucharist Reception.

**Ct. Immaculate Mary #2134, Angleton**, furnished 100 muffins to public school 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Ct. Holy Family #2060, Missouri City**, and Sister Carmen provided Easter baskets for their adopted family.

**Ct. Our Lady of Grace #1734, Rowena**, collected Gifts for the Unborn.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

**Ct. Mater Christi #1894, Highlands**, donated \$100 to Morality in Media.

### **PROJECTS**

**Ct. St. Helen #2330, Pearland**, gave \$500 to help sponsor the church bazaar.

***Courts In Action – Continued***

**NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROJECTS**

**Ct. St. Monica Patroness of Women #2477, Plano**, purchased items to make goodie bags for Mother's Day for the residents of Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Home. Three members took the bags down. We prayed with the Sisters and then visited with the moms and a new baby. We helped serve dinner to the residents and took pictures of the babies and their moms to be put in their mother's day gift bags.

**QUALITY OF LIFE/FELLOWSHIP**

**Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884, Conroe**, called Bingo at the Woodland Manor Nursing Home.

**Ct. Christ the King #1750, Houston**, calls homebound members.

**Ct. Mother of Charity #1713, Houston**, held an Easter Bonnet Contest for attendees at The Gathering Place.

**Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211, Sugar Land**, provided food and prizes for rest home Bingo players.

**Ct. Maria Galante #115, Austin**, had a Member Appreciation Tea and Social.

**Ct. St. Monica Patroness of Women #2477, Plano**, served a Soup Supper with the Outreach Committee at one of their parishes for Lent. They also teamed up with a Knights of Columbus Council and other parish groups and helped set up for a Parish-wide Fish Bake. They lead bingo at a local nursing home once a month to which they bring their husbands and children. They serve ice cream and help the players with their cards. Members pieced together quilt tops for another member to finish the quilts. We delivered the quilts and easy food items to Parkland Hospital. The quilts are given to newborn babies in need. The food items are handed out in the ER to those who need them, free of charge.

**Ct. St. Gerard #1938, Beaumont**, had a spaghetti luncheon for the Habitat for Humanity workers (25 youths who donated their time to help rebuilt some of the homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Rita).

**FUNDRAISERS**

**Ct. St. Bernadette 31108, East Bernard**, held a Lenten Bake Sale

**Ct. Ancillae Mariae #1886, Crosby**, had a successful garage sale.

**Ct. Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg**, held their Third Annual Spring Fundraiser.

**Ct. Mother of Grace #1906, Pasadena**, sold Mother's Day Raffle Tickets.

**Ct. Mary Mother of God #2084, Hockley**, hosted a Bingo Game Night.

**Ct. St. John the Baptist #2073, Alvin**, held a "Crawfest."

**Ct. Lady Queen of Peace #1374, El Campo**, had an Enchilada Dinner.

**Ct. Queen of Angels #1538, Wallis**, had a Spaghetti Dinner.

**Ct. Annunciation #1962, La Grange**, had a Fish Fry.

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**CORRECTION FORM**

Please use this form to make corrections to the roster. Please remember to send any changes also to the National Office. Thank you for your assistance.

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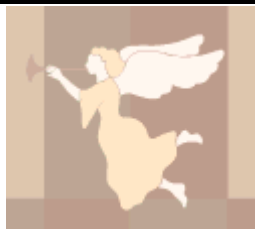
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# Junior Jazz



Summer 2007

## JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:

The Hope, Joy, and Future of the CDA.

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT:

Hey girls!  
I just wanted to thank you all making my term as your state JCDA president great! It was a positive and life changing experience for me. I have met many wonderful girls and made numerous new friends. I have also traveled and seen new places all around Texas! Along with all of that, I have learned a lot these past two years from not only Mrs. Smesny and Lindsay, but also from you girls. You hold the key to the future, so please remember that and incorporate it into your decisions! I will use everything that I have learned during my term as I move forward in life. I want to encourage all of you to follow your dreams, never give up, be strong in your faith, and stand up for what you believe in. May God bless all of you and I look forward to seeing you all at convention!

- Catie Wicke -  
- State President -

### A MESSAGE FROM ME, YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> VICE STATE PRESIDENT:

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State President for the past two years. This position has given me a chance to see how incredibly talented you girls really are. After reading and sorting through so many of your newsletters, I am impressed by your display of the JCDA motto - message, service, and community. I am so proud of all of you! Throughout my term I have also seen the presence of Christ in each of you. We must remember that we are role models to others, and that our actions, words, and thoughts must reflect our faith. It is important that we are witnesses to the ones who look up to us. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Smesny and Lindsay Kolar for everything.

Smile ☺ Always remember and never forget that God loves you!

- Katherine Dronka -  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State President -

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE STATE PRESIDENT:

Juniors,  
It has truly been a pleasure serving you during these past two years. I had no idea what I was getting into when I first decided to run for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State President. However, I have to say, it was really a great experience. I have had the opportunity to meet some really great girls, along with my fellow officers - Catie, Katherine, Krystal, and Karen. We had a lot of fun planning the agenda for the 2007 State Convention. Also, Mrs. Tearsa Smesny was an awesome JCDA Chairman. She has truly made a positive difference in the JCDA organization. I would like to thank Mrs. Smesny and Lindsay Kolar for providing transportation on all those long trips we made. Thank you and may God Bless you all!

- Jamie Pilat -  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State President -

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SECRETARY:

Hey girls! I just want to begin with thanking ya'll for giving me the opportunity to serve the Texas State JCDA Court as Secretary. I have had the joy for working with four other officers, Catie, Katherine, Jamie, and Karen, along with two amazing chairmen Mrs. Smesny, and Lindsay. We all started off as strangers but I have grown closer to them. I have had the privilege to install three courts during my term. I have met a lot of cool people too, especially at the installations! I would like to thank Mrs. Smesny for taking us everywhere, and because she has made a difference in the JCDA program. I hope so see a lot of familiar faces at the 2007 State JCDA convention in Wichita Falls. God Bless you all.

- Krystal Smesney -  
- State Secretary -

### FUND RAISERS:

Bake sale  
Yard sale  
Baked potato dinner  
    Court St. Elizabeth #1616  
Spring candle fundraiser  
CDA fish fry  
    Court Mary St. John #2197  
Raffle  
Evangelization ornaments  
Garage Sale  
    Court Ancillae Mariae #1886  
CDA/JCDA chicken fry  
CDA rummage sale  
    Court St. Paul #1604

### FUN STUFF:

Bread factory tour  
Ice-skating  
End-Of-Year-Ceremony and celebration  
    Court St. Elizabeth #1616  
Pancake breakfast  
End of year sleepover  
San Jacinto Mall for lunch  
    Court Mary St. John #2197  
45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention  
Circle lake retreat  
Eastern deanery Coughatta trip  
Eastern deanery style show luncheon  
    Court Ancillae Mariae #1886  
Party after delivering cookies  
    Court St. Paul #1604  
Easter egg hunt  
    Court Mary Most Holy #2455

### EDUCATIONAL:

Convent Tour  
    Court St. Elizabeth #1616

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE REPORTER:

It looks like my term is almost over! I just wanted to say thank you to Mrs. Smesny for everything she has done for me. I would also like to thank Lindsay. I have had a lot of fun getting to know my fellow officers and the many girls I have met! I cannot wait to see you all the convention which is right around the corner! I pray for the success of the next state reporter! God bless all of you girls; keep your eyes on God!

- Karen Nors -  
- State Reporter -

## SERVICE:

Cemetery clean up  
Bingo for the elderly  
Food drive  
Mother's day carnations

**Court St. Elizabeth #1616**

Valentine card service project  
Fish Fry  
Lenten service project

**Court Mary St. John #2197**

Easter egg workshop  
Easter egg hunt  
Senior citizen luncheon  
Red Cross America  
"Turn Off TV Day"

**Court Ancillae Mariae #1886**

Designed Valentine's Day bags for the residents of Shiner  
Rosary at the nursing home  
Baking/delivering cookies to the nursing home

**Court St. Paul #1604**

Performed a re-enactment of the Last Supper  
Read "The Easter Story" to the younger CCE children

**Court Mary Most Holy #2455**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Karen Barajas - February  
Court St. Elizabeth #1616

Angela Rosteet, Arlene Greenwell, Gayle Knipe – February  
Virginia Stasney, Sharon Cotton - April  
Court Ancillae Mariae #1886

Father Bob - January  
Court St. Paul #1604

## **Romans 12:1-2 Living Sacrifice**

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Congratulations to all the girls who just graduated from High School! Just because school is over, does not mean that your service and good Christian morals should be! Don't forget to move onto CDA now that you are old enough to join!**

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### Membership Contest Winners

#### Category I - 1-50

1st place - Mary Most Holy #2455  
2nd place - Our Lady, Queen of Apostles #2391  
3rd place - Our Lady of the Hills #2415

#### Category II - 51-100

1st place - John Fitzgerald Kennedy #1907  
2nd place - Our Lady of the Gulf #2267  
3rd place - St. Anthony of Padua #2486

#### Category III - 101-200

1st place - Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884  
2nd place - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993  
3rd place - Mother of Unity #2292

#### Category IV

1st place - St. Paul #1604  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - St. Bernadette #1108  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Mary Immaculate #1719  
3rd place - Annunciation #1962

## **PLEASE JOIN US:**

**Who:** All JCDA members  
**What:** JCDA State Convention 2007  
**When:** June 29-July 1, 2007  
**Where:** Wichita Falls, Texas  
**Why:** To have an incredible time, meet fun and interesting girls, and spread the word of God!!

**We hope to see all of you there!!**



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## **REMEMBER:**

It is time for convention once again!  
All of you should consider running for an office, it is a **very** rewarding and exciting experience!