

East Bernard Hosts State/Multi District Retreat
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Olga Samaniego, the state regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, was the presenter of a multi-district retreat in East Bernard.

Hosted by Court St. Bernadette #1108 in East Bernard, the retreat was Saturday, April 8, 2006 in the educational building of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The theme was “The Steadfast Heart.”

Terrie Vacek, Regent of Ct. St. Bernadette #1108, and District Deputy for District #28, welcomed attendees from four Districts; representing members from thirteen courts. Vacek organized the retreat and also presented the Morning Prayer.

Monica Kubena, a member of #1108, spoke on Faithfulness and Blessings as she recaptured the ordeal of her family in dealing with her twins, Sara and Tara, having cancer in 2001 and then the recurrence of cancer in Tara. The Kubena family received the Extreme Makeover house in January, 2006.

Reverend Donald Ruppert, State Clergy Consultant, spoke on “The Steadfast Heart of Jesus.”

Shannon Pickard, author of The Choice is Yours, spoke on “It’s All a Gift from God.”

The Holy Cross Youth Choir, under the direction of CDA members Dianne Viktorin and Janice Polak, entertained the group with religious vocals during lunch.

To begin the afternoon session, five CDA members from St. Bernadette enacted the story of “The Three Trees”.

Olga Samaniego of El Paso, state regent, presented the retreat on “The Steadfast Heart.” Questions answered and discussed included these: What is holding me back from surrendering to God completely? Where is my focus? What is the Lord truly calling me to do?

Retreatants participated in an outdoor Living Rosary and the retreat closed with the 5 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass. At that time new members from several courts were formally received into the organization.

L-R Terrie Vacek, Olga Samaniego, Monica Kubena, Reverend Donald Ruppert

A visit to the Extreme Makeover Kubena Home

