

CIRCLE OF LOVE SCRIPT - 2017

SLIDE 1: THIS PRESENTATION WILL DESCRIBE THE CIRCLE OF LOVE PROGRAM AND GIVE YOU EXAMPLES ON HOW TO PLAN THE CIRCLE OF LOVE COMPONENTS INTO THE GOALS OF THE LOCAL COURT.

SLIDE 2: I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE CDA ORGANIZATION ARE SPIRITUALITY AND SERVICE. FIRST IS SPIRITUALITY: IT IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS. WE ALL WANT TO BE WOMEN OF FAITH AND PARTICIPATE IN SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE CDA COURTS. SECOND IS SERVICE: THIS IS OUR RESPONSE AS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO FAITH AND A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

SLIDE 3: THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE HANDS OF PAST TEXAS STATE REGENTS. SINCE THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN, WE HAVE HAD THREE MORE STATE REGENTS BUT THE SIGNIFICANCE IS THE SAME. THESE HANDS HAVE PROVIDED AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF SERVICE TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

SLIDE 4: REMEMBER THAT ORDINARY DEEDS DONE EVERYDAY IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ARE WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR HANDS ARE DOING THE WORK OF CHRIST. WE JUST CONCLUDED THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN NOVEMBER. POPE FRANCIS ENCOURAGED ALL CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL WORKS OF MERCY AND I HOPE THAT YOUR COURTS WERE ABLE TO DO SPECIAL WORK IN THOSE AREAS.

SLIDE 5: THE SEVEN POINT PROGRAM OF THE CIRCLE OF LOVE IS BOUND TOGETHER BY THE COMMON INTEREST - LOVE.

THE SMALL HEART IN THE CENTER IS TAKEN FROM THE LOGO OF THE HEART SPEAKS TO HEART PROGRAM.

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN IN THE CENTER OF THE HEART IS THE NATIONAL SYMBOL OF THE ORDER - THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS.

THE SEVEN POINTS SELECTED INDICATE THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BEST SERVED BY CDA. THE PROGRAM ITEMIZES THESE NEEDS WITH SUGGESTIONS ON HOW CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CAN BE EFFECTIVE.

TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING GOOD WORKS, CDA MUST REACH OUT AND BE "JESUS' HANDS AND FEET" AS IS PLEDGED IN THE ACT OF CONSECRATION DURING THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

LOCAL COURTS ARE ASKED TO SELECT THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAMS THAT THEIR MEMBERS FEEL COMFORTABLE WORKING ON. IF MANY PROJECTS ARE SELECTED, THE TASK CAN BECOME BURDENSOME AND LITTLE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED. MEMBERS NEED TO EXPERIENCE FULFILLMENT WHEN THE PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED.

SLIDE 6: WE WILL START WITH THE UPPER MIDDLE SPOKE, EDUCATION.

IT APPEARS THAT IN THIS PICTURE, CHRIST IS GATHERED WITH DISCIPLES AND FOLLOWERS AROUND HIM LISTENING TO A PARABLE.

CONSIDER CDA AS THE MEANS TO FOSTER EDUCATION AMONG MEMBERS, FAMILIES, THE CHURCH COMMUNITY, AND THE YOUTH.

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE EDUCATION SPOKE ARE TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUTH; TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EDUCATION CONTEST; TO HELP WITH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF YOUTH IN THE PARISH; TO PROVIDE EDUCATION IN VARIOUS FORMS

TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND TO THE COMMUNITY; AND TO PROMOTE LITERACY THROUGH READ ACROSS AMERICA.

SLIDE 7: THE SECOND SPOKE IS FAMILY, WHICH WAS DEVELOPED JUST LAST SUMMER. A HANDOUT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR YOU IN THE TRAINING MATERIALS SO THAT YOU CAN FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS SPOKE.

ON JULY 2ND TEXAS STATE CDA PROMOTED A TEXAS STATE FAMILY ACTIVITY CALLED "CDA DAY WITH THE ASTROS", FEATURING STATE REGENT, EVE TREVINO, THROWING THE 1ST BALL.

THIS AREA INCLUDES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO PRAY TOGETHER, PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROJECTS AS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND SPONSOR ACTIVITIES TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC BELIEFS.

SLIDE 8: WHEN YOU FIRST BECOME A CDA OFFICER, YOU MAY FEEL OVERWHELMED AND THINK MAYBE YOU ARE SWIMMING AT THE HEAD OF A SCHOOL OF FISH AND WONDER WHETHER YOU WILL DROWN.

DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED --

YOU WILL LEARN TO LEAD BY REMEMBERING TO VALUE DIVERSE OPINIONS, CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF TRUST, DEVELOP OTHER LEADERS, HELP MEMBERS WITH LIFE ISSUES, ENCOURAGE MEMBERS.

SELL THE IDEA -- NOT TELL THE IDEA, THINK "YOU" AND NOT "ME", THINK LONG TERM, AND ACT WITH HUMILITY.

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FIND THE COPY OF THE WINTER SHARE MAGAZINE OR GO TO THE NATIONAL WEBSITE TO READ IN DEPTH THE ARTICLE BY HELENE

SHEPARD, NATIONAL REGENT ELECT, TITLED "TO SERVE IS TO LEAD" BASED ON THE LEADERSHIP OF POPE FRANCIS.

SLIDE 9: IN THE LEGISLATION AREA, CDA USES THE PROGRAM CALLED OPERATION MORNING STAR.

THIS AREA TEACHES THE MEMBERSHIP TO BECOME INFORMED AND EDUCATED ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT CATHOLIC VALUES, TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS IN OUR DIOCESES AND SUPPORT THEIR DECISIONS, TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES BY NETWORKING THROUGH A TELEPHONE OR EMAIL TREE, AND TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM.

SLIDE 10: THE QUALITY OF LIFE AREA IS A POPULAR ONE:

PROJECTS PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE CAN BE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE (3) AREAS.

THE 1ST IS FAMILY: IN THE AREA OF FAMILY LIFE YOU CAN PROVIDE THANKSGIVING BASKETS TO THE NEEDY IN THE COMMUNITY; PARTICIPATING IN MARCH FOR LIFE IS EASY TO DO AND PROMOTES THE RESTORATION OF FAMILY VALUES.

THE 2ND IS HEALTH: TODAY, MANY AGING FAMILY MEMBERS BECOME RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES. PARTICIPATE IN NURSING HOME ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN HELP MAKE THE LIVES OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS LIVELY BY HOSTING A CHRISTMAS PARTY OR A MOTHER'S DAY PARTY -- PROVIDE MUSIC AND ASK THE JCDA COURT (IF AVAILABLE) TO HELP; OR HELPING AT A HOSPICE; AND

THE 3RD IS WORLD ISSUES, SUCH AS PROTECTION OF THE EARTH AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROJECTS.

SLIDE 11: A VERY IMPORTANT SPOKE IS SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT.

MANY LADIES JOIN CDA BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING TO GROW IN SPIRITUALITY.

CDA COURTS CAN SUPPORT RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES, CHARITABLE MINISTRIES, GAIN PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION, AND OF COURSE SUPPORT THE LOCAL CLERGY.

SLIDE 12: YOUTH AND JCDA PROJECTS ARE SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF CDA.

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE A JCDA COURT ALREADY, WORK WITH THEM AND HAVE JOINT ACTIVITIES. BE PROUD OF THEM AND TELL THEM.

JCDA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1926 AND IT IS FOR GIRLS, AGES 6-18. JCDA CAN FOLLOW THE CIRCLE OF LOVE PROGRAM TO CHOOSE PROJECTS.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENGAGE THIS AGE GROUP IN PROJECTS THAT WILL

NURTURE PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH, TEACH THEM TO BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS, BECOME AWARE AND APPRECIATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND BE LEADERS IN THEIR YOUTH MINISTRIES.

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SLIDE 13: AN EXPLANATION OF THE CONTEST FORMS IS INCLUDED BECAUSE SO MANY QUESTIONS ARISE AT CONTEST DEADLINE TIME.

FIRST, THERE ARE CIRCLE OF LOVE CONTEST FORMS.

THE CIRCLE OF LOVE FORMS ARE UPDATED AND REVISED BY THE STATE BOARD IN THE FALL AND ARE SENT TO THE REGENTS IN THE DECEMBER MAILING. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO ANY CHANGES AND SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE LOCAL CIRCLE OF LOVE CHAIRMEN.

MAIL THE FORM IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE CHAIRMAN'S NAME THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE FORM. THE DEADLINE IS ALWAYS MARCH 1ST.

EACH SECTION OF THE CIRCLE OF LOVE HAS A DIFFERENT FORM AND A DIFFERENT STATE CHAIRMAN.

FORMS ARE UPDATED EVERY YEAR.

REVIEW FORMS WHEN PLANNING THE YEARLY CALENDAR TO DECIDE ON PROJECTS.

REVIEW FORMS WITH LOCAL CHAIRMEN.

NOW, A SHORT REVIEW: DIFFERENT FORMS AND DIFFERENT CHAIRMEN.

FORMS UPDATED YEARLY.

REVIEW FORMS IN THE YEARLY PLANNING OF GOALS AND PROJECTS.

AND, PLEASE REVIEW FORMS WITH THE LOCAL CHAIRS.

THERE ARE OTHER CONTEST FORMS THAT ARE SENT TO THE STATE CHAIRMEN.

WATCH FOR THE DATES IN THE STATE NEWSLETTER.

LOCAL EDUCATION CONTEST.

LOCAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST

LOCAL WEBSITE CONTEST

LOCAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

READ ACROSS AMERICA PARTICIPATION REPORT

AND THE MOM PROJECTS REPORT.

REMEMBER TO SEND A REPORT TO THE RESPECT LIFE CHAIRMAN TO HIGHLIGHT HOW YOUR COURT PARTICIPATED IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

THIS YEAR THE EDUCATION CONTEST, THE LOCAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST, AND THE STATE WEBSITE CONTEST FORMS WILL BE DEVELOPED TO ALIGN WITH THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES.

THE NEW EDUCATION CONTEST THEMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE SEPTEMBER 2017 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER.

SLIDE 14: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION -- THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

REMEMBER THE STATE REGENT'S MOTTO "EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO HAS FAITH" MARK 9:23