

# THE LONE STAR MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Texas State Court  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

The season of Christmas is upon us. The most joyous time of year that all Christians await: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given".

The angel appeared to Mary, a young virgin, and told her she was to be the mother of Christ, the savior of mankind. This young woman of faith put her trust in God's plan and said, "Yes." She agreed without question and without hesitation.

Has the angel ever called you? Have you taken the time to pay attention and to answer this call? I am convinced that the angel has spoken to each of us often, and we have answered the call a few times. I wonder, however, how many times we have hesitated. How many times have we said, "no," because it was just not the time for us to be bothered? God gave us His son, and His Son gave us His life. There is no greater gift than for Christ to give His life to save each and every one of us.

As Catholic Daughters, each of us has answered a call to serve our heavenly Father using the gifts of charity and love. We must put our actions and energy to work by participating in the many programs of our order. The Christmas season is a time of giving and a time of receiving. Let us give of ourselves to help those in need of material things or those in spiritual need.

I look forward to 2009 to share with all of you the many gifts we have been given and the many goals Our Lord has set for us to accomplish in His name. We are Catholic Daughters, and more importantly, we are sisters working in unity, and "Together We Are Strong".

God bless all of you, and may your Christmas be merry and the New Year be healthy.

*Carolyn Bachmann*



"Together We Are Strong" Eccl. 4:9

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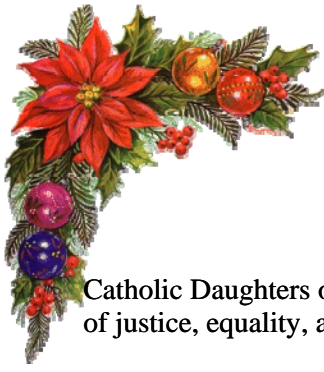
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# Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Court

## 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.

## State 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 the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

## Goals

- To encourage and provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all Catholic Daughters through prayer services and retreats.
- To extend a hand to our CDA sisters in their time of sickness, sorrow, or need.
- To encourage courts to be more family oriented in their court activities.
- To complete the Habitat Build in Wichita Falls with support of all Catholic Daughters.
- To select particular project/projects to work with our brother Knights of Columbus.
- To continue to increase membership and seek areas for new courts.
- To continue to develop strong leaders from court members.

## Activities

- Utilize our State Spiritual/Retreat Chairman to organize multi-district retreats and/or spiritual talks.
- Encourage districts to come together to pray and interact in local activities.
- Emphasize that we are women of God and must not only show this in our work, but also show this in our actions and words.
- Encourage courts to promote activities that involve the family in Spiritual and recreational activities.
- Complete the Habitat Home Build in Wichita Falls.
- Encourage courts to work with our brother Knights in parish and community activities and other selective areas.
- Spread the word to all Catholic women that CDA is a spiritual/service organization to and for all.
- Continue court incentives for increasing membership.
- Continue the St. Bernadine of Siena Award for Court Development.
- Provide Support and training through the "Out Reach" Program for courts struggling to exist and structure for newly instituted courts.
- Continue leadership and training workshops to develop future CDA leaders.

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## *Message from the State Chaplain*

My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Advent and Christmas are my favorite seasons of the liturgical year. Short days and long nights set the stage for reflection and meditation. The winter solstice is nature's turning point. It marks the beginning of longer days and more light. Advent invites us to come out of the darkness of sin and walk in the light of Christ. While the winter solstice and Advent focus on a gradual journey toward the light, Christmas reveals the goal of our spiritual journey in an instantaneous explosion of light as God comes to us as a tiny baby born in Bethlehem.

Commercialism can easily distort the true meaning of the season, but only if we let it. Advent is to be a time of quiet and reflective preparation for the coming of the Christ child. Socially there is nothing quiet about the season. In our society, Christmas celebrations end when they should begin. Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the party season, and on the evening of December 25<sup>th</sup>, many Christmas trees and decorations are packed away or thrown out for trash pick-up.

I remember when we didn't even see the Christmas tree until Christmas Eve night. After that, the lights burned daily until the Christmas season ended with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We won't be able to change society, but maybe we can revamp some of the ways our CDA families celebrate the season. We can introduce children to new customs that reflect the "true" meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

I have recently met with the Catholic Daughter's National and Texas State boards. I continue to be impressed by the dedicated service these leaders provide for our order. The responsibilities of leadership are demanding and require sacrifices. The officers and directors travel extensively and often miss family gatherings and events for the "good of the order."

The CDA fraternal year is well underway. My prayers are with you as you discern the needs of your membership and the communities you serve. The support you give to local and national CDA projects benefits many needy people within your communities and around the world.

Never forget the motto of our order, "UNITY and CHARITY." The most effective recruiting tool we have is the example we give. Happily work and pray together treating each other with love and respect. We may think and act differently, but we are all important. Never forget the motto of our State Regent, "Together We are Strong" [Ecc. 4: 9].

May God bless you and have a most blessed and happy Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Don Ruppert*

Father Don Ruppert  
State Chaplain





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*"For In Him, We Live and  
Move and Have Our Being" -Acts 17:28*

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Worthy State Regent and members of the State Board,

What a journey we have had. In 1992 when I ran for the office of State Secretary, I could not have not even begun to dream that I would someday be in the position of National Regent. I thank you for helping me to take those first steps that were the beginnings of this greatly rewarding journey.

Thank you so much for hosting the wonderful reception held in honor of my recently elected position as National Regent. What a joy-filled evening it was visiting with many friends that I had not had an opportunity to see in years. I was honored, humbled, and tickled by the tributes and memories shared by my friends and family. Thank you for the time and energy you put forth toward this great occasion. These memories will forever remain in my memory and my heart.

Thank you for the present of the GPS system. It will either help me find my way, or, as we learned from Father Ruppert in Corpus Christi, it may take me to places that I do not intend to go. Hopefully, I will find that it does the first more often than the second.

Thank you for the support and encouragement that I have enjoyed from the Texas State Court over these years. It is an honor to say that I am from Texas. I do not take my office lightly, and over the next two years I, along with the National Board, will work diligently to work toward what is best for our organization.

May the Blessed Mother continue to bless the Texas State Court, all Texas courts, and all their members.

Yours in Unity and Charity,

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# Texas National Director Duchess Collins



It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to write to the membership of Texas in this issue of your State Newsletter. My warmest thanks to Carolyn Bachmann for the time she has taken to help me catch up on the events of the State and local courts. I would also like to say “thank you” to Libby Ramirez, National Regent, for the wonderful job she did during the time she was your National Representative.

The first meeting of the newly elected National Board was held in Corpus Christi, and what a privilege it will be to serve with extremely talented and gifted women. Our National Regent Libby Ramirez informed every one of their individual assignments for the next two years, and I am very excited to have been appointed the National Representative for the great state of Texas. In addition I have been appointed as the National Newsletter Chairman, Campus Court Co-Chairman, and will serve as a member of the National Ceremonial team. What a busy two years ahead for all of us, so I ask for your prayers as we begin our new journeys.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and many thanks to the retiring officers for a “job well done.” Everyone will be facing new challenges, but with the support, help and understanding of the members, their job will be made easier.

In regards to membership, it is a known fact, that if we expect to increase our membership it is up to all of us to invite Catholic women to join us. If you can provide a good answer to that question, “what do Catholic Daughters do?”, then you are more than halfway to recruiting a new member into our Order. We must continue working together to complete the mission God has set before us, being reminded, that the more members we have the more we can do for others, our church and community.

The season of Advent is here, which brings time to rejoice and a time to celebrate by loving and caring for those around us. On behalf of my family to yours, we wish you all the timeless treasures of Christmas, the warmth of home, the love of family, and the company of good friends. May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Till next time, please keep our Bishops, priest, deacons, women religious and all Catholic Daughters in your prayers.



## 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 prayer 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:

- That those who hear and believe the Good News that Christ our Lord is born will help light the world with hope.
- That during this holy season all members of God’s family will experience His peace, His joy, and His love.



## Court Development

### Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent



Welcome and congratulations to the two newest courts to join our wonderful CDA sisterhood. On September 7, 2008, on a very early Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. Mass, Court Our Lady of Faith #2607 of St. Mary's parish in Frydek was instituted. Almost a month later on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Court Salve Regina #2611 was instituted in Denton at St. Mark's parish. Your State Board has been busy traveling around the great state of Texas to welcome these ladies into the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We are not done yet! Ladies if you know of anyone interested in starting a Catholic Daughter court, please let me know.

We are currently working on some hot prospects that may be an early Christmas present for Catholic Daughters in Texas!

We will be instituting our 5<sup>th</sup> campus court at St. Mary's University in San Antonio on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Barbara Britton, District Deputy, and I met with a group of very excited, energetic, and enthusiastic young ladies on October 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be ready to go after finals and a well deserved Christmas Break! Please pray for them and all of our new courts and CDA sisters that they continue to be inspired to do the work of CDA through our Lord!

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### Leadership

#### Carolyn Malik, Second Vice State Regent

Officer training has been completed for all the local courts in the 56 districts of Texas. I want to thank my fellow state officers for assisting me in the completion of this major task. Also, thanks is extended to Olga Samaniego, Immediate Past State Regent, who worked with us in El Paso, Texas. A total of 1032 officers and members were trained in their respective duties. Overall, the evaluations were excellent, and we appreciate your comments and suggestions for the next term, which will be taken into consideration.

Catholic Daughters, thank you all for your participation and dedication to CDA. You

are what makes CDA a great organization in Texas. And remember

*"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG."*

We are fast approaching the holiday season. My wish for you is to have a safe and happy season spending special time with your family and friends. Remember everything we have is a gift from God.

During this holiday season, contemplate and act on this quote from St. Vincent Pallotti – **"The Christian life is one of action; not of speech and daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds and let them be done well."**

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*Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver"*

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot then she thought again about the verse that says "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eye on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined? He smiled at her and answered, Oh that's easy – when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

**With Pen in Hand...**  
**Peggy Rosales, State Secretary**

Many thanks to all who attended the Officers' Training and to those who hosted the training thanks for your hospitality in making us feel welcome and at home! I know that it takes time away from your families and the many other things that you could have been doing; your commitment to CDA is awesome!

The November 2008 dues have been billed. Regents, please pass the bill to your Treasurer for payment. **Remember state dues do not require a court vote for payment! The bill states payment is due upon receipt!**

**Some reminders:**

1. Two (2) signatures are required on ALL COURT CHECKS! When I send them back, you run the risk of the check not being received in a timely fashion. You will be assessed a late fee!
2. Make checks payable to: Texas State Court
3. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed if payment is not received within 90 days from billing date.
4. **NATIONAL & STATE DUES MUST BE CURRENT IN ORDER TO BE SEATED AS A DELEGATE AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN McAllen!**

**Regarding new member applications, renewals, transfers...**

Financial Secretaries please remember to send in the above mentioned forms to me as soon as you receive the new member and they have paid the dues. Waiting to send them in could mean that you don't get credit for the member in the State membership contest. Remember the dates; September 30<sup>th</sup> for the November dues; March 31<sup>st</sup> for the May dues and assessments. You do not need to fill out the Member Addition Report when you send in the correct Membership Application, Renewal, and Transfer form. You are just duplicating! If you are fortunate to get many new members from September 30<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> request another roster in February from THE NATIONAL OFFICE at CdofANatl@aol.com or you may call them at (212) 877-3041.

As always, if you have any questions – email me at prosales@austin.rr.com or call me at (512) 288-2877.

Thank you again for saying “yes” to serving your court and its members. Like Santa says, “On Donner! On Blitzen! On Sleepy! Sneezy! Goofy!?!!” Oh heck, you get the picture. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night! May the peace and joy of this Holy Season be with you always.



*“Peace on earth will come to stay,  
When we live Christmas every day.”*



**NEWSLETTER SURVEY**

*With the cost of postage, printing and the many problems we have experienced with the Post Office mailings the past two years, we are asking for your help on a survey. Teresa Maltbia, Website Chairman, has a survey that you may go to on the website at [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org) and cast your vote. If all of you who have computers would go to the website and follow the prompts, I would appreciate your vote of yes or no. I am asking those who would read/print the quarterly newsletter off the website to check yes. This would cut cost and delivery problems we continuously encounter with the Post Office. The State has been mailing the newsletter first class mail for two years and still cannot get the letters to you in a timely manner. Please help us out with this as each newsletter that is not mailed saves the state a minimum of 75 cents a newsletter plus the printing cost. Thank you for your help and understanding.*

## Dollars and Cents

### Eve Trevino, State Treasurer



The season of joy is upon us. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you and your family. Have a joyful and safe holiday. God promises us strength for each day, rest from our labor, and light for our path. Let your light be the center of your Christmas activities.

Thank you, Catholic Daughters for your commitment to our organization especially during the holidays when you give your talents to help those in need. God has given each of us some special abilities. Let's make sure we use them to help each other.

\$s & ¢s.... Some helpful tips

- Treasurers, make sure to make your deposits in a timely manner and keep your bank statement balanced each month.

- Regents, please provide a copy of the national and state officers' up-dated mailing list to your treasurer and all other officers.
- Remember that all monies are sent to the state secretary and not the state treasurer. It is just like your local courts where all monies go the financial secretary and then to the treasurer.
- Take inventory of your forms. Many forms have changed or have been replaced. If you are still using old forms, make sure that they are mailed to the proper office and/or state officer.
- All checks **must have two (2) signatures**, usually those of the regent and treasurer. If the regent is not available, then the vice regent signs.
- Use the national and state websites for looking up national and state forms, projects, national's supply list and so much more....
- Go to: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org) for national and [www.texascda.org](http://www.texascda.org) for state

Share these tips with your court officers and members. God bless and peace to all

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## Membership

### Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent



What is on your CDA Christmas shopping list? New members!

Ladies, time is running out on shopping days and on your chance to win **BIG** in the CDA Membership contest. You can win *money* toward your state dues for bringing in the most members before March 31, 2009.

Many of you have contacted me for information on membership for your parish ministry fairs. I appreciate you getting back with me letting me know how successful they were! I am also very glad to help in anyway possible so keep the requests coming!

Ladies, the potential members are out there waiting for you to share with them how wonderful CDA is and waiting to be asked to join. Share with them our Circle of Love program and the projects that you do in your local courts, parishes, and communities. Let them know they will make a difference as you all do! Keep up the great work and have a very Merry Christmas!

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## Regents' Resource Packet

### Carolyn Bachmann

All court regents, district deputies, past state regents, state chairmen, and state officers should have received their new Regents' Resource Packet. I hope all of you have placed the information into a 3-hole binder and have made use of all the helpful information in the packet. Take time to look through it

so that you will become familiar with it. Check your personal information to make sure it is all correct in the designated areas. It is sometimes hard to read the writing on the information submitted to the State Regent.



## Memorial Scholarship Report

Carolyn Malik, Chairman



Thank you for your continued support of the State CDA memorial scholarship program. Masses continue to be offered for those enrolled every **First Friday** of the month by our State Chaplain Rev. Donald Ruppert in East Bernard, Texas. The State Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor living and deceased past state regents. Monies generated through the State memorial scholarship fund are used for scholarships to graduating high school seniors who meet the criteria set out in the guidelines.

Regents and Chairmen – Please send in your enrollment forms monthly. It is NOT necessary to wait until the enrollment form is full. Mail the **enrollment form** in **MONTHLY** along with **ONE** local court check.

The theme for the 2009 scholarship applications is **“The Our Father is a prayer of faith. What are**

**some ways you are living the faith you profess by this prayer?”** Guidelines, applications, and criteria for scholarships were included in your September 2008 regent’s packet which the State Regent sent out in the fall. Please adhere to the requirements and do not attach any additional pages as instructed.

**REMINDER!!** DEADLINE for 2009 scholarship applications: **Scholarships MUST be postmarked no later than January 31, 2009.** We will not consider any applications postmarked after this date. So, don’t wait until the last minute, and get those applications in early. Regents, check with your scholarship chairmen to be sure that the applications have been distributed to the eligible students in your area so they have sufficient time to complete the applications and write their essays.

My wish for you and your family is for a safe, happy, and Spirit-filled holiday season. And remember to **“Keep Christ in Christmas.”** During this holiday season, let us not forget that everything we have is a gift from God, so our whole life is a thanksgiving – a Eucharist.

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## State Financial Review Chairman

Janis Wright

Merry Christmas! I hope your holidays are wonderful and you are blessed in the New Year. I especially hope that all who were affected by Hurricane Ike are doing well and are getting your homes and property put back together.

The Regents’ packet that was sent out recently included a copy of the Funds and Property Policy approved by the State Board in June 2005. Please review this policy with your members and put a copy in your court newsletter so that **everyone** is aware of and abides by the guidelines. If there is any question

regarding court funds, district deputies should contact our State Regent.

We must be extremely careful in the way funds are handled in order to maintain our 501c3, tax exempt status (exempt from federal and/or state income tax) as a non-profit charitable organization. The majority of the monies raised in courts should be spent on religious, charitable, and educational purposes (reported on line 1 of the financial review form), not put in savings, not spent on parties or fun outings, etc. I don’t think anyone wants to go through an IRS audit and/or be the reason Catholic Daughters could lose its non-profit tax-exempt status. So please be responsible with your court funds.

God bless you and your family in the new year!

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## State Public Relations Chairman

Terri Vacek



My dear sisters in Christ, you make our state and our CDA Order better by all the thoughtful things you do. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the love you have shown me through your emails,

get-well cards, State Memorial Scholarship Fund Mass enrollments, and most of all your faithful prayers. I am humbled by the outpouring of true unity and the “miracle of answered prayer”.

“Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.”  
Psalm 107:1  
Love, Terrie Vacek  
(on the road to a complete recovery!)



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*“We should not serve the poor like they were Jesus. We should serve the poor because they are Jesus.” ~ Mother Teresa*

**MISSION STATEMENT: Missions of Mercy seeks out the poor and under served within the State of Texas and assesses each project so that all CDA members have the opportunity of sharing their time, talent and treasure with those who need them most.**

The Missions of Mercy Texas Project at El Paso, **La Clinica Guadalupana**, is just a small facility but it does so much for the colonia dwellers it serves. It’s hard to realize that many people living there have no water hookup, meaning they must buy water to drink or wash, and they have no heat so depend on sweaters and blankets to keep warm during the winter.

Sr. Margaret Deneweth, R. N. and her staff and volunteers manage to see over 4000 patients each year and are experts in stretching any funds received so that no one gets turned away. They get no federal funding so operate solely on donations, grants, Medicare and Medicaid. They work with a program which enables the very needy to obtain some prescriptions at WalMart and K Mart for \$4 each. At the time of our recent visit, they were busy with their immunization program and dispensing flu shots. We brought cartons of sickroom supplies, including bedpads, wrap bandages, adult diapers, heating pads, thermometers, etc. When needed, they manage to make house calls which include visits to a leprosy patient in the area. They have so many diabetic patients.

The Clinic has a small resale shop which manages to raise about \$80 each week, a big boost to their budget. The other cartons we brought included baby clothes, linens, toys, good clothes and shoes, dishware and lots of kids’ books and other items, some of which will be resold in their shop and the rest distributed to those who needs are greatest.

This Christmas season, consider celebrating Christ’s birth by sharing your blessings with those who need it most. Give thanks to God by adding one more name to your Christmas card list – insert a check or gift card from WalMart or K Mart – and mail it to: **Sr. Margaret Deneweth, RN, La Clinica Guadalupana, 901 Ascension Road, El Paso, TX 79927**



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**Scrapbooking A Treasure**  
**Terrie Vacek, State Scrapbook Chairman**  
**terriecda@cebridge.net**

The SCRAPBOOK records in CHRONOLOGICAL order the actual history of the COURT'S events. Your Local Court Scrapbook is the HISTORICAL ARCHIVE for all Court activity. Be proud of each program you participate in and display all court events in your scrapbook capturing those memories for generations to come. The convention is just around the corner, be prepared!

Engage your membership to assist with the collection of photos/newspaper clippings/programs. Allow your scrapbook to reflect not only your court's personality, but your culture, your community, your heart, and hands of service!

**New Judging Categories:**

Division I	1 - 50 Members
Division II	51-100 Members
Division III	101-180 Members
Division IV	181 plus Members



Quality supplies are worth the investment! Consider using [acid-free](#), [lignin-free](#) papers, stamp ink, and [embossing](#) powder, and pigment based inks, which are fade resistant, colorfast, and often [waterproof](#).

For further questions or information please email me at [terriecda@cebridge.net](mailto:terriecda@cebridge.net) or call 936-856-9899. Keep up the good work as women of faith and service.

**Complete Guidelines were provided in your Regent Packet and may also be found on the State Web site.**

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**Read Across America**  
**Anne Martin, State Chairman**

The holiday season is upon us—the time of gift-giving and giving thanks. Stop and think for a moment: give thanks for the gift of literacy, without which you could not read this newsletter. How can your court help promote and share the gift of literacy—by participating in Read Across America!! The official celebration is scheduled for March 2, 2009, but any activities that your court plans close to that date can be counted in the “participation” column. Perhaps you are planning a donation to a library—make it on March 2!! While you are buying gifts for family, why not consider making a gift of a book to your local school, church, or public library, or even a nursing home. And during this holy season of Christmas, consider books that help explain our faith, tell stories about the lives of the saints, or otherwise remind us of the Reason for this Season.

While many of the Read Across America activities are geared to the young, don't forget that Dr. Seuss got his start by writing stories and movie scripts for adults. Involve as many adults as possible in your efforts—perhaps the Knights of Columbus, ACTS brothers and sisters, and especially those court members who haven't joined in for a while could be resources for your court to increase participation.

If anyone has any questions or ideas about Read Across America, I will be happy to oblige. May the peace and joy of this special season stay with you all year long.

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**State Quality of Life Chairman**  
**Lillie Wolf**

I would simply remind you to be conscious of the annual Quality of Life report that is due to be postmarked to me by March 31, 2009. Please be looking over the form and gathering data now so that the report will not be overwhelming at the end.

Thanks and may God grant all Catholic Daughters and their families with a true and everlasting Quality of Life!



## The Navigator

**Teresa Maltbia, State Website Chairperson**  
webadmin@texasda.org



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Here is our early Christmas gift to the Texas Catholic Daughters. Our Court Locator is up and running. Yes, after many hours and lots of patience, my husband, Maurice has created the

tool for us to gain many more members! I am still entering court contact information. When you click on the "contact for more information" link, your request is routed to our Worthy First Vice State Regent. She

will then send it to the District Deputy to handle. If your court is not listed, remember I need the ACTUAL meeting location.

EX: Court Our Lady of St. John #2557  
Meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3pm meeting,  
230pm fellowship  
7500 Hirsch Rd Houston, 77016  
Our Lady of St. John Hall  
No meetings July, August

Thank you all for your patience!

## National Projects Texas State Court

**Ginger Shea, Chairman**  
ginshea@swbell.net

The wonderful Season of Giving is upon us, and since we are a giving and loving organization, we must remember the less fortunate. One great way is to remember the Charitable Projects that are available to the Catholic Daughters' Courts. Isn't it just a joyful feeling to mail that check listing one or more of the National Charitable Projects knowing that this money is going to help someone less fortunate than ourselves?

It will soon be the beginning of a new year; let us celebrate it with happiness as we pray for all good things for everyone, especially the ones who have so little. Please mail your court check to Peggy Rosales, State Secretary, in support of the Charities.

Listed are the Charities that you or your court may help support: (5) *National Projects*: Disaster Relief Fund; SOAR; Habitat for Humanity; Holy Cross Family Ministries/Father Peyton; & Smile Train. (9) *National Charities*: American College at Louvain; Apostleship of the Sea; Catholic Relief Services; Covenant House; Mother Teresa; Morality in Media; North American College; Project Handclasp; & Tutwiler Clinic

## State Ways and Means

**Cathy Bittner, Chairmen**

### STATE RAFFLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Lord knows we are VERY busy women!!! We juggle family, work, church, recreation, and maybe, personal time in every day. We can't possibly include one more thing into today's activities—or, can we? Of course we can!!! That's why we are who we are. We never turn down anyone who is sincerely in need of our help and attention. That's where being a Catholic Daughter comes in handy. Our organization is made up of women who understand difficult situations and who are always willing to lend a helping hand. This is

where my plea comes in! The state board needs your court's "helping hand." It's convention raffle time!

Every two years, Texas CDA holds a raffle during the convention. We are in dire need of prizes for this year's raffle. Please ask members to consider this most worthwhile project. Maybe a few courts or even the district can contribute. We are looking for handmade items or perhaps, a monetary donation. All monies will be combined to purchase VISA cards.

Many thanks to those who have already answered this plea: Ct. St. Hyacinth #2361, Ct. St. Helen #2330, and Dist. 28. All of you are to be commended for your generosity. Tickets will be printed soon, so let me know by Dec. 20th if your court or district will contribute a prize. All tickets will be distributed sometime in January. Call me if you have questions or concerns. Thank you all in advance!



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Legislative Report Fall 08

Peggy Supak, State Legislative Chairperson  
(979) 968-6115, [fayetteatty@hotmail.com](mailto:fayetteatty@hotmail.com)

### Elections

Elections are over, and we have a new president. Some may have new legislators in their districts. It will be important to follow how our new president treats issues supported by Catholic social teaching, especially those that deal with promoting human life. It will be important to contact legislators (new or old) to let them know that the Catholic Daughters in their jurisdiction follow legislation and are concerned about issues that promote human life, promote family life, and pursue social justice. If you need help learning who your legislators are contact me or for those with availability to the internet go to Texas Legislature Online and you can go to the appropriate site, House or Senate to obtain your legislator.

### Show Your support for the unborn:

January 22, 2009, will mark the 36th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Courts should plan some action during this week to seek the overturn of this terrible decision. Plan your activity early to obtain as much support as possible. Suggested activities include: sponsor members to attend the March for Life in Washington, D. C., hold a vigil for life Mass, rally for life march, prayer service, or Rosary. Please note that any event at a public building may require permission prior to the event.

### United States Congress

The 111<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will begin January 3, 2009, and run through January 3, 2011. To follow the legislative priorities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops go to the website: <http://www.usccb.org>. The Conference will vote on their priority initiatives to carry them through year 2011 the week of November 10-13, 2008, and shall involve the following initiatives: CULTURAL DIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING MARRIAGE, FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PRACTICE, LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON, PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE. To monitor legislation introduced and action taken go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

### Texas Legislature

The 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Texas Legislature will begin January 13, 2009, and run through June 1, 2009. To learn about the Legislative agenda of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops go to the website: <http://www.txatholic.org>. To follow legislation go to Texas Legislature online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>.

*I extend my heartfelt wishes for a blessed and safe Christmas season for you and your families.*

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## Court Newsletter Contest

### Charlene Gwosdz

It is time to begin planning for the 2009 State Newsletter Contest. Thanks to all who entered last year, and we are looking forward to more entries this year. Newsletters should be informative and display the workings of your court so that your members know what is happening. All regents will be receiving their packets from State soon. All the rules are as stated for the Local Court Newsletter Contest and must be followed. The rules explain everything in detail, so make sure the person writing the newsletter gets this information.

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked by midnight March 1, 2009, no exceptions.

All entries must be sent to:  
Charlene Gwosdz  
4525 Westwood Ln.  
Manvel, TX. 77578-2840  
Home: 281-489-1033  
Cell: 281-787-3430



## **State Chairman, Spiritual Enhancement Olga Samaniego**

I am so happy to be writing to you during this holiest of seasons to wish you a blessed Christmas and to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your retreats and days of recollection.



I am looking forward to the retreats that are scheduled for this winter and spring. With all the turmoil and anxiety we experience in day-to-day living, it is easy to forget that Emmanuel, God, is with us. This is the season to remember His presence and to celebrate the fact that “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16). Let us make the most of this

season of joy. As we share our material wealth with those in need, let’s not forget to share our faith as well. Let’s share our love of God; share our hope and our trust in God’s infinite love and in His mercy. Let’s share our joy and our profound gratitude for God’s incredible gift of Jesus Christ. As people run around getting and spending, let’s be the light that shines on the true meaning of Christmas. Let’s be modern-day stars that guide others to the Christ Child. Most importantly, let’s pray that we will experience God’s love in a deeper and more profound way this Christmas season. When we understand and accept how much God loves us, we will be more able to love others throughout the new year and always. May you and yours experience true peace and joy this Christmas, and may you know that God is with you - this Christmas and always.

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## **NATIONAL REGENT’S RECEPTION Corpus Christi, TX**

**Peggy Rosales, State Secretary**

On Saturday, September 27, 2008, the State Court of Texas hosted a reception in honor of National Regent Libby Ramirez. This was a “Homecoming” for Libby: it was in Corpus Christi where Libby went out as Texas State Regent and Duchess Collins came in as the State Regent. At a dinner on Friday night hosted by the Texas State Board for the National Officers and Directors, Libby was presented with a Texas-style “Homecoming Mum.”

The Saturday celebration started with a Mass at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. The celebrant was Fr. Bauta, Parochial Vicar. The procession consisted of the National Officers, the Directors, and the Texas State Officers. The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree provided the fallout. It was a beautiful Mass that was attended by Catholic Daughters from the State Court of New Mexico, CDA members across Texas, and Libby’s friends and family. Before the

final blessing, Fr. Bauta called Libby forward for a special blessing.

The banquet was at the Omni Bayfront Hotel Ballroom. A social hour preceded the banquet. Present were approximately 370 well-wishers including: 5 National Officers, 9 National Directors, Executive Director, Peggy O’Brien; the Immediate Past National Regent, Claudia Bosch and her husband, Jim; Texas Knights of Columbus State Deputy, Javier Martinez and his wife Marietta; 5 Texas State Officers, Texas Immediate Past State Regent, Olga Samaniego, Past State Regent Amy Rueda, 5 New Mexico State Officers, 27 family and friends of Libby Ramirez; Rev. John Peters, Rev. Msgr. Brunner and Catholic Daughters from 68 Texas courts. Libby was presented with gifts from the National Board and the Texas State Board. A trip down memory lane was given by Libby’s daughter, Valerie McCormick and Libby’s sister Mary Jane Leal. Each State Officer had a story to tell, and then Claudia Bosch and finally The National Regent, Libby Ramirez, addressed the gathering! It was a fun night for all and many good wishes for Libby!

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## **Newsletter Editor**

**Teresa Maltbia**

Regents, please do not forget to share our newsletter with your court. Also, you may submit your court’s information for the Courts in Action section. Do you have a member who goes above and beyond the call of duty? Is she truly an example for all of us? Send her

information to the CD Angels section. Let us know what makes her a true angel!

Does your court have a newsletter? Send it to me; I love reading what is happening all around the state. Also, I can get the information for the Courts in Action section from newsletters. Please email these to me. They can be in any format-Word, PDF, Publisher, etc.

# State News

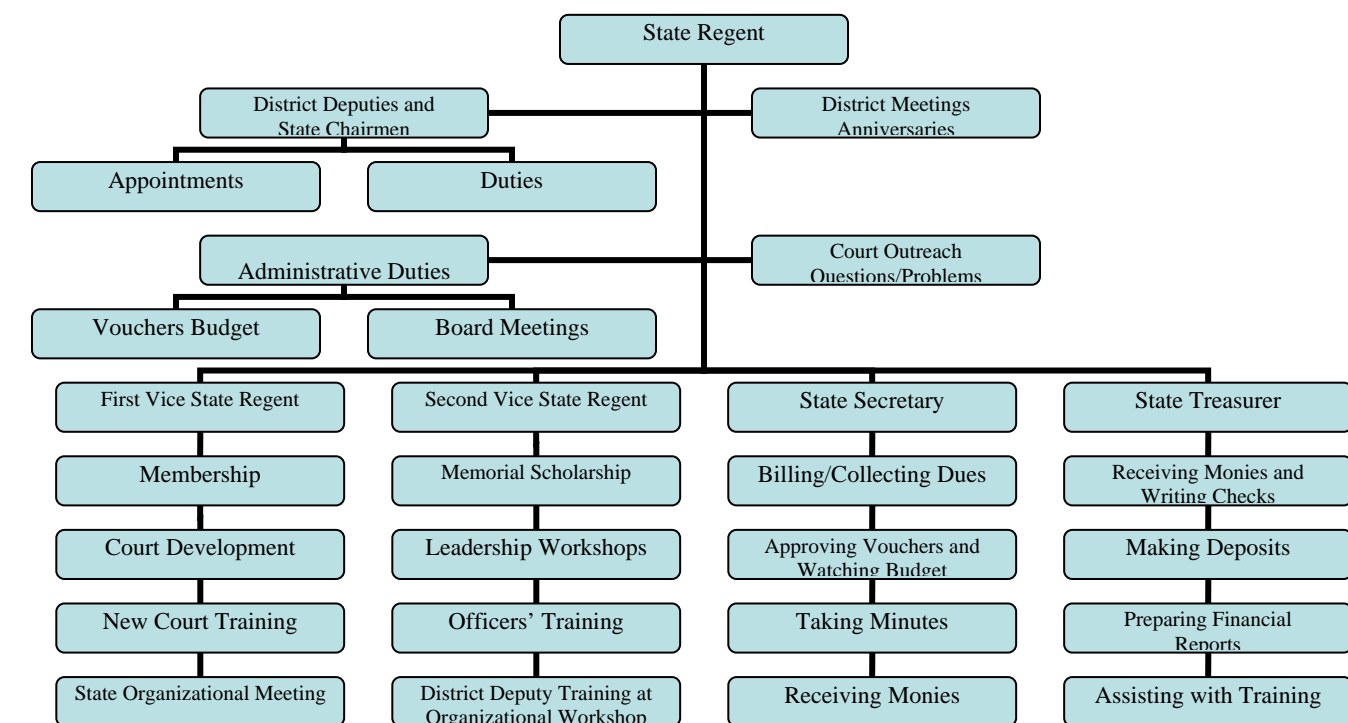
## Candidate for State Office

If you are considering running for state office, it is important to know some of the duties currently performed by the state officers of Texas. In addition to the duties outlined in the National Bylaws of the Order, the State Secretary and the State Treasurer perform the following duties:

- Use Quick Books Pro for all accounting procedures
- Make general ledger and journal entries
- Reconcile all state bank accounts and generate a monthly treasurer's and profit and loss reports
- Work with the computerized state budget and quarterly reports
- Write checks from state vouchers
- Bill courts every six months using a computerized billing system

The state officers write all presentations presented at district meetings and officers training workshops. As you can see, these jobs are detailed oriented and require accuracy and attention.

Training will be available for all procedures and the state officers will be there to help you. Look over the chart below to see the duties of each officer.



## HURRICANE IKE DISASTER

Carolyn Bachmann

In September hurricane Ike hit the coast line of Galveston and Beaumont and traveled north up the eastern side of Texas. All of you have read, seen, or experienced the devastation of this storm. Many of our CDA sisters were affected by this hurricane. Many of the churches were destroyed or damaged and families displaced. The state is asking courts and members in Texas to send donations to Peggy Rosales, State Secretary, -8003 Doe Meadow Drive – Austin, TX 78749, earmarked in the memo for Hurricane Ike. The state will send your contributions to the affected dioceses.



## Texas State Calendar 2008-2009

December 9, 2008	2009 Convention Meeting, Harlingen
December 10, 2008	JCDA visit The Westin Galleria
December 14, 2008	Institution Uhland
January 9-11, 2009	State Board Meeting – McAllen
January 17, 2009	Retreat Districts 22, 31
January 18, 2009	Institution St. Mary's University, San Antonio
January 24, 2009	Retreat District 53 and area Districts
February 7, 2009	Retreats Districts 14, 17, 29, 34, 35
February 21, 2009	Retreat Districts 24, 38, 45
February 27, 2009	Retreat Multi-District Temple
March 7- 9, 2009	State Board Meeting, El Paso
March 17, 2009	St. Ann's Clergy Night 6:30
March 27-28, 2009	State Financial Review, Houston
March 28, 2009	Retreat Districts 10, 28, 37 Rosenberg
April 23-26, 2009	46 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention, McAllen
May, 2009	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Our Lady of the Seven Hills #2464, Huntsville
June 5-7, 2009	Change of Power State Board Meeting, Houston
June 6, 2009	Newly Installed State Regents' Reception
June 7, 2009	90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Ann's Victoria
June 13, 2009	Interim Financial Review State Convention 2009
June 14, 2009	Organizational Planning Meeting
June 26-28, 2009	JCDA State Convention Houston
July 9-12, 2009	National Workshop for State Officers
July 31-August 1-2, 2009	State Organizational Meeting, Houston
November 7, 2009	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maria Galante #115, Austin 11-3
November 8, 2009	85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Genevieve, Falls City

### 2009 TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

The 2009 McAllen State Convention will be here in five and half months. It is time for the courts to start making plans and have a fundraiser to send delegates and alternates to the convention. Don't forget to elect your court's delegates and alternates to the convention in time to send the names in to me by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Regents will be receiving a mailing from National containing delegate/alternate forms and information on the number of delegates to which each court is entitled. If you do not receive it, notify the national office immediately. Additionally, look for the "First Call to the Convention" to reach courts by the end of December. The official convention packet should reach you in early January. Both the first call and the convention packet are filled with all the details you will need to register your members and take advantage of all the activities at the convention. If you miss either of these important mailings, contact me as soon as possible. It is going to be a wonderful convention in the beautiful valley of South Texas. McAllen is nicknamed the "Palm City" because of all the palm trees in the area. It is going to be an exciting fun filled and learning experience.

*Carolyn Bachmann*

## DEADLINES

Resignation of anyone on Nominating Committee wishing to run for state office	December 1
Notify chairman of donation to State Raffle	December 20
Memorial Scholarship Applications	January 31
Packets to run for State Office	February 1
Proposed bylaw amendments & resolution	February 1
Election of Delegates and Alternates	before February 15
Delegates and Alternates to State Regent	February 15
Education Contest entries to local chairman	February 15
Contributions for March for Life	February 15
Ad for Convention Program	February 17
Newsletter Contest entries	March 1
List of deceased members for program	March 1
Circle of Love Reports	March 1
Education Contest entries to State Chairmen	March 15
Notify chairman of donation to Jumble Auction	March 15
State Circle of Love Reporting Forms	March 31
Registration for State Convention	April 1
Reservations for State Convention meals	April 1
Reports of State Chairmen to State Regent	April 5
JCDA Scholarships	May 1
Father Leonard Bachmann Scholarship	May 1



*“Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later.”*  
*Ecclesiastes 11:1*

### **ATTENTION – ALERT – ATTENTION – ALERT** **Carolyn Bachmann – State Regent**

I have spent the last several weekends traveling to various district and courts functions, and, unfortunately, I have seen so many robe violations that I must address all officers. I know we all do not like to hem or iron the robes, but national robe protocol has to be followed. Robes must measure 11 inches from the floor when wearing your white shoes. The length cannot be 10 ½ inches or 11 ½ inches or any other length. Shoes must be white and not different shades of tan. The robe needs to be ironed before wearing. Wear the robe with pride and dignity. **If robes and shoes do not meet the rules at the state convention and future court events, the officer will not be allowed to take part in the procession. Please go over the rules with your officers.**

### **New courts instituted in Texas**

Please add these to your court regents' roster in the binder.

Frydek – Our Lady of Faith #2607  
Doris Sodolak  
9392 FM 1458  
Sealy, TX 77474  
979-885-4655  
dksodolak@aol.com

Denton – Court of Slave Regina #2611  
JoAnne Woelfle  
2817 Wesleyan Drive  
Denton, TX 76210  
940-594-6934  
harrybuick9@verizon.net



# National News



## Form 8822-CHANGE OF ADDRESS

In the October mailing, the National Office sent to all court regents an 8822 Form-Change of Address that needs to be filled out by all court regents. If you have not mailed this form in, there is a copy enclosed with this newsletter, and it must be filled out and mailed immediately. Please follow the directions on the back of the form under Part II. The regent will need to fill out Part II number 10, 11b, and Part III. If you do not know your courts EIN number, contact Mary at the National office by email (cdofanat1@aol.com) or call (212-877-3041). If any court has received a Form 990, send it to National and they will take care of that form for you.

## FINANCIAL REVIEWS

All local court financial reviews should be completed and should have been sent to the designated person. Regents, if your review has not been completed, contact your district deputy and set up a date to complete the review. District Deputies, if you have not completed the review, contact the regent to get this completed. The State Regent's schedule is full and running over with things that I need to complete, and with convention on the horizon, I do not have the time to send multiple emails and numerous phone calls out to get these reviews completed. Please help me to get the state and national work completed on time.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS LIST

Regents, you have received the new list of all the National Officers and Directors. Please place these lists in Regents' Resource Packet binder. Keep all important information close at hand to be able to review and look up information and questions you may have.

## NATIONAL PROJECTS AND CHARITIES

If your court has not made a donation this year for the National Projects, please do so. The five projects are Disaster Relief Fund, SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), Holy Cross Family Ministries/Father Peyton, Habitat for Humanity, and Smile Train. You may give to all or pick your favorite projects. We ask the courts to send their checks for the National donations to the State Secretary Peggy Rosales so Texas can keep up with what and who our state donates to. In your letter to Peggy list the break down of donations of how much and to which project. The state will send the money to National earmarked for the various projects and charities.



### *My Oath to You...*

*When you are sad...  
I will dry your tears.*

*When you are worried...  
I will give you hope.*

*And when you are lost and  
Cannot see the light...*

*When you are scared...  
I will comfort your fears.*

*When you are confused...  
I will help you cope.*

*I shall be your beacon,  
Shining ever so bright*

*This is my oath, I pledge to the end.  
Signed GOD*

# Change of Address

▶ Please type or print.

▶ See instructions on back. ▶ Do not attach this form to your return.

## Part I Complete This Part To Change Your Home Mailing Address

Check **all** boxes this change affects:

- 1  Individual income tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR, etc.)
  - ▶ If your last return was a joint return and you are now establishing a residence separate from the spouse with whom you filed that return, check here . . . . .
- 2  Gift, estate, or generation-skipping transfer tax returns (Forms 706, 709, etc.)
  - ▶ For Forms 706 and 706-NA, enter the decedent's name and social security number below.
  - ▶ Decedent's name \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ Social security number \_\_\_\_\_

<b>3a</b> Your name (first name, initial, and last name)	<b>3b</b> Your social security number
<b>4a</b> Spouse's name (first name, initial, and last name)	<b>4b</b> Spouse's social security number

**5** Prior name(s). See instructions.

<b>6a</b> Old address (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box or foreign address, see instructions.	Apt. no.
<b>6b</b> Spouse's old address, if different from line 6a (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box or foreign address, see instructions.	Apt. no.
<b>7</b> New address (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box or foreign address, see instructions.	Apt. no.

## Part II Complete This Part To Change Your Business Mailing Address or Business Location

Check **all** boxes this change affects:

- 8  Employment, excise, income, and other business returns (Forms 720, 940, 940-EZ, 941, 990, 1041, 1065, 1120, etc.)
- 9  Employee plan returns (Forms 5500, 5500-EZ, etc.)
- 10  Business location

<b>11a</b> Business name	<b>11b</b> Employer identification number
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<b>12</b> Old mailing address (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box or foreign address, see instructions.	Room or suite no.
<b>13</b> New mailing address (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box or foreign address, see instructions.	Room or suite no.
<b>14</b> New business location (no., street, city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a foreign address, see instructions.	Room or suite no.

## Part III Signature

Daytime telephone number of person to contact (optional) ▶ (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Sign Here</b> ▶ _____ Date _____</p> <p>▶ Your signature</p>	<p>▶ _____ Date _____</p> <p>If Part II completed, signature of owner, officer, or representative</p>
<p>▶ _____ Date _____</p> <p>If joint return, spouse's signature</p>	<p>▶ _____</p> <p>Title</p>

## Purpose of Form

You can use Form 8822 to notify the Internal Revenue Service if you changed your home or business mailing address or your business location. If this change also affects the mailing address for your children who filed income tax returns, complete and file a separate Form 8822 for each child. If you are a representative signing for the taxpayer, attach to Form 8822 a copy of your power of attorney.

**Changing both home and business addresses?** If you are, use a separate Form 8822 to show each change.

## Prior Name(s)

If you or your spouse changed your name because of marriage, divorce, etc., complete line 5. Also, be sure to notify the Social Security Administration of your new name so that it has the same name in its records that you have on your tax return. This prevents delays in processing your return and issuing refunds. It also safeguards your future social security benefits.

## Addresses

Be sure to include any apartment, room, or suite number in the space provided.

### P.O. Box

Enter your box number instead of your street address only if your post office does not deliver mail to your street address.

### Foreign Address

Enter the information in the following order: city, province or state, and country. Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. Please do not abbreviate the country name.

### "In Care of" Address

If you receive your mail in care of a third party (such as an accountant or attorney), enter "C/O" followed by the third party's name and street address or P.O. box.

## Signature

If you are completing Part I, the taxpayer, executor, donor, or an authorized representative must sign. If your last return was a joint return, your spouse must also sign (unless you have indicated by checking the box on line 1 that you are establishing a separate residence).

If you are completing Part II, an officer, owner, general partner or LLC member manager, plan administrator, fiduciary, or an authorized representative must sign. An officer is the president, vice president, treasurer, chief accounting officer, etc.



*If you are a representative signing on behalf of the taxpayer, you must attach to Form 8822 a copy of your power of attorney. To do this, you can use Form 2848. The Internal Revenue Service will not complete an address change from an "unauthorized" third party.*

## Where To File

Send this form to the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center,

and the address shown next that applies to you. Generally, it takes 4 to 6 weeks to process your change of address.

**Note.** If you checked the box on line 2, or you checked the box on both lines 1 and 2, send this form to: Cincinnati, OH 45999-0023.

## Filers Who Completed Part I (You checked the box on line 1 only)

IF your old home mailing address was in . . .	THEN use this address . . .
District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont	Andover, MA 05501-0023
Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia	Atlanta, GA 39901-0023
Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, APO, FPO	Austin, TX 73301-0023
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Fresno, CA 93888-0023
Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia	Kansas City, MO 64999-0023
American Samoa Guam: Nonpermanent residents Puerto Rico (or if excluding income under Internal Revenue Code section 933) Virgin Islands: Nonpermanent residents Nonresident aliens and dual-status aliens Foreign country: U.S. citizens and those filing Form 2555, Form 2555-EZ, or Form 4563	Austin, TX 73301-0023 USA
Guam: Permanent residents	Department of Revenue and Taxation Government of Guam P.O. Box 23607 GMF, GU 96921
Virgin Islands: Permanent residents	V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue 9601 Estate Thomas Charlotte Amalie St. Thomas, VI 00802
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	Cincinnati, OH 45999-0023

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, any place outside the United States

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## A Special Heart Felt Thanks to All



My dear CDA family,  
I want to thank all of you for all of your prayers and support while I underwent a 2<sup>nd</sup> heart catherization on October 13, 2008. I am most grateful for all of you! My recovery was speedy, and I was back at work 3 days later and then off to the Valley to help the ladies of the Mission Court, St. Rose of Lima to celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary! I admit I was a bit tired upon my return, but it was a “good tired,” and I was happy to be on the mend and back to a routine, whatever that may be!

I am listening to my cardiologist (and she is tough) and trying to follow all of her instructions even though change is sometimes hard (as some of us know) and may be gradual, but it is necessary to keep moving forward, and I have a lot of “forward movement” to go!

Ladies, don't ever believe that if you are having chest pain it is nothing. Pay attention to the message your body is sending you. It does not matter how old or how young you are. Women have a different presentation of chest pain than men. It is not always what you ate! So think Heart Smart and take care of yourselves and thanks again for all the prayerful support.

Your sister in Christ  
*Sheila Martinko*  
First Vice State Regent



### Courts in Action

#### *Court Saint Bernadette #1108*

~ Sponsored a food drive benefiting the Wharton Crisis Center

#### *Court Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391*

~ Collected books for a Catholic Indian Mission School  
~ Held an Ice Cream Social with the Knights of Columbus.  
~ Sponsored a “Living Rosary” in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus.

#### *Court Ave Maria #2001*

~ Donated filled boxes to the Seafarers  
~ Participated in the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign

#### *Mother of the Americas Court #2506*

~ Gave a monetary donation to the St. Peter's School Scholarship fund.

#### *Court St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211*

~ Hosted a Senior Citizen Luncheon  
~ Held a Turkey Dinner along with the Knights of Columbus  
~ Host a Monthly Nursing Home Bingo  
~ Sell Cookbooks  
~ Donated filled boxes to the Seafarers  
~ Participate in Mass once a month with Intentions for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

#### *Court Anna Callahan #1339*

~ Collect Campbell's soup labels, Box Tops for Education, and empty computer ink cartridges for St. Mary's School.

*Happy Anniversary!!!*

*Court St. Rose of Lima #827 ~ 85 years*

*Court Saint Bernadette #1108 ~ 80 years*

*Court Prince of the Apostles #1787 ~ 50 years*

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***