



# 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 re-evaluate our priorities and ensure that God is first in our lives
- ◇ To work together in peace and harmony and be the shining examples of Christian sisterhood that God is asking us to be
- ◇ To work together as a team to build the “Unity and Charity” that is our motto
- ◇ To provide opportunities and programs for spiritual growth for all Catholic women through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas organization
- ◇ To be a witness to our faith through our actions and interactions
- ◇ To encourage our membership to conduct multi-district and area retreats
- ◇ To work with our brother Knights of Columbus in new court development
- ◇ To utilize our sister CDA members throughout the state in leadership roles to empower them to grow in and share their leadership abilities
- ◇ To begin the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home for a needy family
- ◇ To promote programs centered on the youth and/or family in the communities
- ◇ To assist our local courts with planning their ceremonies
- ◇ To participate in at least one pro-life activity during the year
- ◇ To promote women’s health
- ◇ To continue to increase membership and develop new courts
- ◇ To promote the fact that CDA is a vibrant organization in our church today

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*

## Activities

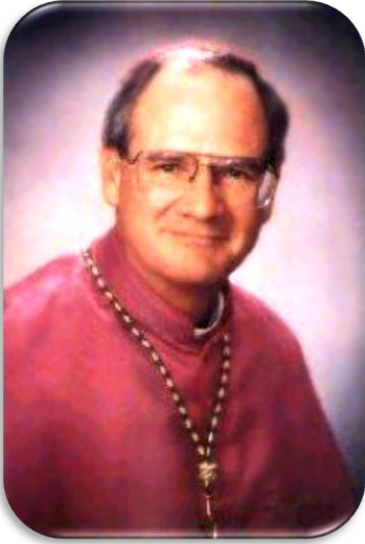
- ◆ To utilize our State Retreat Chairman by promoting retreats
- ◆ Encourage courts to undertake all programs of the Circle of Love program
- ◆ Continue to offer court incentives for increasing membership
- ◆ Continue to recognize members with the St. Bernadine of Siena Award for Court Development
- ◆ Encourage courts to promote activities that involve the family and the youth
- ◆ Encourage active participation in the Circle of Love program, newsletter, scrapbook and membership contests
- ◆ Provide support for courts that are struggling through the Court Outreach program
- ◆ Provide thorough instructions for new courts and continued support
- ◆ Continue leadership and officer training workshops to develop future CDA leaders
- ◆ Utilize the media to spread the good works of our organization
- ◆ Encourage all Catholic Daughters to discern Christ’s call to...

*“Come, Be My Light” Blessed Mother Teresa*

In order to save on postage, we are requesting the Court Regents, District Deputies and State Chairmen to consider reading our newsletter “The Lone Star Messenger” **online**. If this is agreeable to you, please email Ginger Shea, Newsletter Editor at [ginshea@swbell.net](mailto:ginshea@swbell.net) in order that we may add your name to the **no-mail list**.  
Thank you

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## *Message From The State Chaplain:*



*Dear Catholic Daughters in Texas:*

This is a short message to introduce myself as the Texas State Chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. This is my second time around as State Chaplain, having previously held the position when Libby Ramirez was State Regent. A few years later I was the National Chaplain while the same Libby held the office of National Regent. And now the revolving door has made its 360 degree turn with the advent of Carolyn Malik as State Regent.

Carolyn, like Libby, is a member of the Faithful of the Diocese of Victoria, residing as she does in Shiner, Texas. Shiner happens to be known, by the way, not only for its beer, but also for its beautiful parish church (Sts. Cyril & Methodius) and for its very active CDA Court of Catholic Daughters (St. Paul No.1604).

It is indeed an honor to be the chaplain for such a dedicated community of women as the Catholic Daughters in our State. I have tremendous admiration for you, for what you do on behalf of the Church and our society, and especially for the Catholic and Christian witness you give by your sheer presence and your numbers. Please be assured of my continuing gratitude to you and of my prayers for you and all your loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
Bishop of Victoria in Texas

*"Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all." Galatians 6:10*

*"God doesn't require us to succeed; only that we try." Mother Teresa*

## *A Message from the State Clergy Consultant:*

*My Dear Catholic Daughters in Texas,*

The Texas State Regent, Carolyn Malik, has rapped the gavel and a new fraternal year has come to order. I hope your summer was relaxing and that you are energized and ready to make the coming year a most successful one for CDA.

On November 27 all parishes will begin using the English version of the Roman Missal Third Edition. I feel certain that your pastor and parish leaders have been preparing you for this change. I have been doing a monthly “*practice Mass*” since the beginning of the year to become familiar with the new wording. I have been a priest for thirty-three years and during that time only one word has been deleted from the Mass. There have been no other changes. This caused me to approach changes in the Roman Missal Third Edition with some fear and trepidation. However, as I become more familiar with the new text, my fear is being replaced by excitement and I am looking forward to November 27<sup>th</sup>. The words are different but they are a more accurate translation of the Latin many of us remember prior to Vatican Council II. The first change you will notice is how we answer the celebrant when he greets us with the words “*The Lord be with you.*” We now respond “*And also with you.*” Starting on November 27 we will answer “*And with your spirit.*” To be better prepared for the change, the bishops of the United States have given permission for parishes to begin singing the new words of the “*Gloria*” and “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” on September 1, 2011. Without this concession, the new music would be used for the first time at Christmas (*there is no Gloria during the Advent season*). The structure of the Mass will be exactly the same as before, only the words will change. I encourage you to embrace the change with enthusiastic optimism. Multiple resource materials are available to provide for a smooth transition. This is a historic moment that may not be experienced again during our lifetime.



I attended the state board meeting in June and witnessed the passing of the gavel to the incoming state regent. It was a special moment since Carolyn Malik and I are related (*our grandmothers were sisters.*) One would not have guessed that the newly elected officers were attending their first meeting. All officers came ready to work and were excited about the opportunities the next two years may bring. I hope this enthusiasm is contagious and that you catch it.

CDA will be whatever we make it. I think these words from our state song “**Texas, Our Texas**” equally apply to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

“...so wonderful so great!  
Boldest and grandest, withstanding ev'ry test  
...wide and glorious, you stand supremely blest.  
We come your children true,  
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.  
God bless you (CDA)!”

Sincerely yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,

*Rev. Donald R. Ruppert*  
Texas State Clergy Consultant

*“Whoever welcomes this child in my name, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.” Luke 9:48*

*“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.” Mother Teresa*

## *A Message from Texas National Director Olga Samaniego*

I hope that you have had a peaceful and restful summer, and that you had some time to rest your mind and spirit as well as your body. It is so exciting to be starting a new CDA year!!!

As you begin your year, remember two things: the women of your court must be women of prayer, and your court must engage in meaningful, worthwhile activity. In order for your members to feel that their CDA membership is fulfilling, you must provide opportunities for God to feed their souls, and you must provide opportunities to use their time and talent in the service of God's people. Use your first meetings to prayerfully set your goals for the year. Determine the money you will need to fulfill those goals and determine your fundraising needs. Remember that fundraising is not our goal; our goal is only to provide the funds necessary to do the work to which God calls us.



The State Regent and State Board will welcome the District Deputies and State Chairmen to the 2011 Texas Organizational Meeting on August 12-14, 2011, in Houston. During the course of that weekend, the Board will conduct training to make sure that each DD and Chairman feels fully prepared to fulfill the duties she has agreed to undertake. The DD's and State Chairmen will be vital to ensuring that the goals of the State Regent and State Board are reached. Do not hesitate to call on them for support and information.

Your State Regent will shortly make information on the 1903 Society available to you. We are blessed to have a beautiful building in an historical area of New York City that serves as our national headquarters. Unfortunately, it is extremely expensive just to maintain that building. Remodeling and updating have been out of the question. While having to concentrate on simple maintenance, the need for major repairs has become critical. When you receive information on the 1903 Society, please consider becoming a member. It would be a sad to see our wonderful building fall into further disrepair.

I know that this is going to be a wonderful CDA year!! I wish time to deepen your relationship with God and the fulfillment that comes from doing His will. God's peace and joy be with you!

### **Quarterly Intentions**—*Rosalinda Gutierrez, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman*

Please share the following prayer intentions with your Courts. The intentions can be remembered in many ways such as in the opening prayer or closing prayer at your meetings. These intentions can also be remembered as your Court prays the rosary or in daily prayers. Jesus tells us 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 God will continue to bless our CDA courts so that we will continue to work in Unity and Charity with harmony, love, joy, and peace.
- ◆ That we will have some rain to help restore the beauty of the earth.
- ◆ That teachers and students will be blessed with patience, mutual respect, and a safe learning environment as a new year begins.

Terrie Vacek  
State Public Relations Chair

**NEWS RELEASE**



***CDA State Regent Reception***

***New Term Begins!***

*"Come, Be My Light"* is the theme for the 2011-13 term. The Mass and Reception for Texas State Regent Carolyn Malik was hosted at Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Shiner on June 5, 2011.

Celebrant was Reverend Bob Knippenberg with Deacon Paul Patek. Liturgies of the Word lectors were JCDA members of Court Saint Paul #1604, Shiner. Mary Rose Barta was the head 'cheerleader' for the State Regent's Reception. Honored guests were National Director Olga Samaniego, El Paso; Immediate Past National Regent Libby Ramirez, Victoria; Immediate Past State Regent Sheila Martinka, Houston; Past National Director Duchess Collins and husband Jim Collins, KC State Treasurer; Past State Regent Dee Scheetz, Austin; several State Chairmen; District Deputies; JCDA State Officers; Local Court Officers and members from thirty six (36) Texas Courts.

With appreciation, Texas CDA members congratulate the ***2011-2013 Texas State Board.***



Left to right: *State Secretary Rosie Stockwell; First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales; State Regent Carolyn Malik; Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino; and, State Treasurer Melodie Brunt.*

The full story may be viewed on [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org)

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## Court Development & Membership

**Peggy Rosales, First Vice State Regent**  
*State Court Development/Membership Chairman*

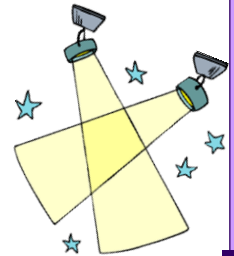
Thank you for the opportunity to serve Texas' Catholic Daughters of the Americas as First Vice State Regent. I am excited to serve the state in this capacity; we have some new leads for new courts and our state website continues to get inquiries about Catholic Daughters.

At the state convention in April we were just above 16,000 members strong; unfortunately by the end of July we were just slightly below that mark. We were in office for a short period of time in our new roles when we received the opportunity to institute a new court in the Houston area! New growth is wonderful; but we must continue to build membership on existing courts.

Please remember when a court receives a new member – retention starts right then and there. It is wonderful to have new members come through our doors and we must do everything we can to keep them from going out the back door! Pray about the opportunities and programs in your local courts – what is going to keep the members coming back, interested, valued? With new members come new ideas and talents!

The State Court of Texas will again sponsor a membership contest this term. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the four different categories, as we have done in the past. More information will be forthcoming in the *Regent's Resource packet* which each local court regent will receive in September.

***Let's let that CDA light shine like the spot lights at a movie premiere! Everyone wants to know what those lights are for and where are they coming from! "Be the Light; Let it Shine!"***



## Leadership

**Eve Trevino, Second Vice State Regent**

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer and vacation time. Especially for the courts that took a break during the summer months. The state board had a busy summer but was able to take some time off for vacation. Now, it is time to get back and conduct CDA's work.

The State Organizational Workshop for district deputies, state chairmen and past state regents was held on August 12-14 in Houston. The workshop was very productive and spiritual. Everyone enjoyed the time together and was excited to start their term.

It will be helpful if courts have a planning meeting for the upcoming year. Start with the reviewing of the budget and standing rules. It is also time to start planning a multi-district meeting/workshop with other members of your district and other districts in your surrounding area. The state board can provide presentations and exercises on leadership. If there is something you would like presented at a multi-district meeting, please let me know. Leadership is very important; encourage others to be leaders in your courts. Show them how to lead and let them lead with some guidance.



## Memorial Scholarship

**Eve Trevino, Chairman**



Thank you all who continue to support the Memorial Scholarship Fund for the State of Texas. Because of your generosity this past term, the Texas State Court was proud to present 42 scholarships for students with your contributions of \$35,200.00. To be eligible for a CDA Texas State Court State Memorial Scholarship 2011, a student must be a current high school senior, attend an accredited high school, is a JCDA member or related to a living CDA member in good standing and sponsored by a local court who actively participates in the Memorial Scholarship Fund. The student's eligibility requirements and application will be mailed in the Regent's Packet in September 2011. The essay question for the coming year is: ***Mother Teresa gave her life to God and served the poor. What does it mean to you to give up your life for the service of God?***

Mass cards, envelopes and enrollment forms may be requested from me at the contact information available on the front of the State Newsletter. The enrollment form is also available on the state website at [www.texasdda.org](http://www.texasdda.org). The suggested donation is \$2.50 per enrollment however, if you desire, the contribution may exceed this amount. My goal as Memorial Scholarship Chairman is to see that we get 90 to 100% participation from the 228 Texas courts. The more contributions we receive the more scholarships we can present to students.

## STATE SECRETARY ~ Rosie Stockwell

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Catholic Daughters—what an honor and humbling experience it is to serve as your State Secretary; it will be a pleasure to work with you to make this a successful term! I sincerely thank you for this opportunity that will allow me to represent you, as well as the State of Texas, at CDA functions for the local, district, state, and national levels.

Some may recognize the *typewriter eraser* in the picture! The 21st Century has simplified our lives by development of the computer and software programs that streamline our record keeping. However, let us not forget that once upon a time, secretaries had to *erase* mistakes—not *delete* mistakes!

One of my duties is to receive all monies and record transactions for dues and any court donations mailed in for charitable organizations supported by CDA. Dues are billed twice a year both at the national & state level. The period ending March 31<sup>st</sup> was invoiced in May. Please pay the amount listed; if there is a discrepancy, perhaps your rosters have not been updated at the national office. It is the responsibility of the financial secretary to make sure rosters are updated at least once per year. You may request a roster from the national office at [cdaroster@aol.com](mailto:cdaroster@aol.com).

Please do not hesitate to call me at **956-369-3048** if you have any questions or concerns. It is always a pleasure to communicate with you! **REGENTS**, following are a few reminders to help you when you send in checks. Share this information with all court officers, especially the treasurer. All monies are mailed to the *state secretary*.

- Checks are made payable to *CDA State Court of Texas*.
- Verify that there are *two (2) signatures* on court checks; your check will be returned if it does not meet this requirement.
- Make sure your *court number (#)* is on the check.
- Specify in *memo area* what the check is for.
- *State dues for May are now past due*; if your court has not sent them in, please do so immediately.
- Court approval is not needed when paying dues.

Financial Reviews are coming up in October for period of April 1 to September 30, 2011. DDs should schedule with the court regents a time convenient to all for the review. The financial team should be provided with the procedures beforehand. This will facilitate the completion of the review in a timely manner.

## STATE TREASURER ~ Melodie Brunt

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With God, all things are possible! Here I am your newly elected State Treasurer and learning so much! In just these few short months since April, I have been to anniversaries, JCDA court installation, State Financial Review, Board meeting and State Officer training. I have already deposited monies, written checks, and balanced check-books. I am looking forward to help train the newly appointed District Deputies and learn from all the State Chairmen. I am so excited to serve you – the members – of this great State of Texas!

***Officers, please read your job descriptions*** – if you have not already – in your *Tools of the Trade*. Familiarize yourself with where monies go and to whom, where reports go and to whom. State officers have changed, therefore, their job responsibilities have changed. So read – read – read, and know who, what, and where you send things. Postage is not cheap when you have to mail as much stuff as we officers have to mail. Also, remember where we live – it's not your neighborhood club! Texarkana to Shiner is a three-day wait for the mail. Texarkana to Edinburg – well, it's a long way!! So be mindful of the time and send it right the first time. Hope to see and visit with more of you over the next two years!



**Terrie Vacek**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
State Public Relations Chairman

**NEWS RELEASE**

*New Texas Court: Court St. Francis de Sales #2647*  
Pictured: Regent, Joan Carl & Chaplain, Fr Wayne Wilkerson

***Carolyn Malik Institutes a New Court  
Her First Month as Texas State Regent***

The Court Institution and Installation Mass for Court St. Francis de Sales #2647, Houston, Texas was followed by a court meeting and reception on June 25, 2011. Celebrant was Reverend Wayne Wilkerson. The Knights of Columbus' 4th Degree, District One served as honor guards. Sharon Henry of Sugar Land served as Banner Bearer. Ginger Shea, State Newsletter Editor of Houston organized the Institution with the help of Teri Torralba, Ct St. Helen #2330 and Joyce Chiasson, Ct St John the Baptist #2073.

Guests included Texas State Regent Carolyn Malik, Shiner; Texas State Secretary Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; Immediate Past National Regent Libby Ramirez, Victoria; Immediate Past National Director Duchess Collins, Sugar Land; Past Regent's Club (PRC) Immediate Past President Cathy Bittner, Richmond; newly appointed District Deputy #20 Mavis Dugas; and, CDA members from Ct. St. Helen #2330, Pearland and Ct. St. John the Baptist #2073, Alvin.

The Court charter was signed by forty two (42) members present for the Institution with an additional twenty (21) paid members not present. State Regent Carolyn Malik presented them with a statue of the Blessed Mother. Elected to serve as charter officers of Court St. Francis de Sales #2647 are Regent Joan Carl; Vice Regent Mary Ann Licea; Recording Secretary Doris Lacamu; Financial Secretary Cathy Suhor; and Treasurer Aggie Dulin. Reverend Wayne Wilkerson was installed as Court Chaplain by Regent Joan Carl who presented him with a CDA Chaplain's name Badge. Father Wayne presented Regent Joan Carl with the Court's gavel.



***2011~2012  
Court Officers  
for Ct St Francis  
de Sales #2647.***

*The more we center our lives on God and serving others the more we will be blessed with peace,  
joy and fulfillment. Mother Teresa*

## Texas Past State Regents' Update Corner:



Past State Regent Eleanor Treanor served in this capacity of State Regent during 1980-1984. Eleanor is a member of Court Mother of Charity #1713 in Houston. She is one fantastic lady and many of us remember Eleanor for her strong devotion to the Catholic Daughters.

Past State Regent Margaret Cutbirth's update as dictated to the Newsletter Editor: Margaret was State Regent from 1986 to 1988 and is a member of Court Ancillae Mariae #1886 in Crosby. Margaret's daughter and her husband live with her. Says she does not travel much anymore, only goes to Catholic Daughters' meetings in Crosby; plays Canasta; and, goes to church daily (*that is, if she can remember to set her clock.*) She encourages all of the Catholic Daughters to attend their court meetings and go to the CDA conventions. Margaret wanted to tell everyone that she misses seeing them and to write a note to her at P.O. Box 91, Crosby, TX, 77504; she would love hearing from you. "*Talking to Margaret, I can tell you she has not lost her sense of humor.*"

### PAST REGENTS CLUB OF TEXAS

*Christine Moore, President*

**What is the Past Regents Club and what does it do?**

Just as the name implies, it is an organization of past regents who are committed to support the activities of Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Texas. Founded in 1994, the Club has adopted projects to include assistance for new courts and districts, annual stipends to our youth through JCDA, the State Education contest and the Memorial Scholarship Fund, also recognition of courts celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. The Club has recently sponsored a special project to support the Women Religious in Texas.

The Club meets once every two years for a luncheon meeting during the Texas State Convention. In the off-convention year, PRC gatherings are held in the various dioceses. The meetings are primarily social in nature with some time dedicated to brainstorming CDA activities. It is a fun way for regents to connect with old friends and to establish new friendships. Membership is open to any past regent who has served one term of office. Membership dues are **\$20.00** covering the time from State Convention to State Convention. Since dues are the only source of funding for the Club's projects, membership is critical to our continued success.

Please consider joining PRC and encourage your regent friends to also join. It's a great way to support CDA in Texas without doing any work! Contact *Second Vice President Darice Miksch* at 979-732-3229 or [dtm54@hotmail.com](mailto:dtm54@hotmail.com) for a membership registration form.



Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be; so enjoy this day while it lasts!



### Out Reach

*Carolyn Bachmann, Chairman*

I want to wish congratulations to the new State Officers and look forward to working with the new State Board.

It takes each one of us working together in "Unity and Charity" to accomplish the goals Our Lord sets for us this term. It is the responsibility of each one of us to work in developing new goals for the court and to offer our God given talents and ideas. It takes the gifts of each of us to keep our court strong in membership growth and retention, and to take on leadership roles in the programs and projects of the court.

Court Regents give your members, especially the new members, a job to keep their interest and get them involved with the works of the court. An idle mind will go astray and eventually leave the court.

If your court is experiencing problems, do not hesitate to contact your State Regent so she can help to resolve the problem or situation.

*Carolyn Bachmann*

### PRO~LIFE ACTIVITIES

*Carolyn Janak, Chairman*

First, I would like to thank our State Regent, Carolyn Malik for having the confidence in me to serve as the Pro-Life Activities Chairman. I have to admit that I am a bit nervous and not sure of the direction to pursue this project. It is indeed one of the biggest challenges I have undertaken. However, I assure you with prayers and determination I plan to do my utmost best.

Carolyn's vision is for the local courts to participate in activities and projects on the local level. I will assist you by providing suggestions and resources through the state newsletter. In turn, I am requesting that you report the local court Pro-Life activities and projects to me (*contact information below*), so we can access how the program is progressing. We will also ask that you try to involve your parish family and have the support of your parish priests.

We, as CDA members, must work together as we break ground in this new and important endeavor.

Our proposal is: **(1)** Pray for Success of this Mission; **(2)** Educate/Identify the Problems; **(3)** Get Involved Individually as well as a Court; and, **(4)** Plan Projects/Activities.

We must educate everyone and give them the resources to focus on the many issues that Pro-Life is involved in. These not only include abortion; but, the end of life issues; euthanasia; abuse of the elderly; and, children-both physically and mentally; capital punishment; contraception; immigration; and many others. I will add more in my future articles. I have distributed a list of activities and/or projects and more Pro-Life Issues to your respective District Deputies at the recent State Organizational Workshop. I asked them to share those with their courts.

I am looking forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. My contact information is 361.741.2674 or [cj@gvec.net](mailto:cj@gvec.net). **Together we can save precious lives!**

## State Public Relations

*Terrie Vacek, Chairman*



I want to thank our State Regent Carolyn Malik for the confidence she has in me to carry out the responsibilities of State Public Relations Chairman.

I encourage each local court to establish a Public Relations Chairman position for the promotion of your local court events with media and parish bulletin exposure. Informing the public with **WHO** the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are, and most importantly, **WHAT** the Catholic Daughters **DO** plays a key role in court development.

Both large and small courts alike can spark the desire for service by joyfully sharing the opportunity to get involved. Follow that up with a feature story on the success of that involvement and the impact that the spiritual or charitable project, derived from the "Circle of Love Program" had on others. Exposure is vital to our growth.

Ephesians 2:10 states that "we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Brag about those good works; the **Who, What, Where, When** and **Why** events of your court.

Press Release and Feature Story Guidelines may be found on the state website. Plus, each local court regent will receive current guidelines/formats for writing a news release in the Regent's Packet. Have a great year and let's spread the good news about Catholic Daughters! "I will declare Your name to my brothers Lord;" Psalms 22:22

## State Scrapbook

*Mary Rose Barta, Chairman*

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I want to thank our State Regent, Carolyn Malik, for appointing me as the State Scrapbook Chairman for 2011-2013. I consider it a privilege and an honor to take on the responsibility of collecting the highlights of Carolyn's CDA journey for the next two years and compiling them in a scrapbook.

During her travels as the Texas State Regent, she will be visiting CDA members and courts all over Texas for various celebrations, meetings and other events. Obviously, I cannot personally follow Carolyn on her CDA travels. However, **YOU** can be my connection for her visits to your courts and districts. I kindly ask that you send me photos and news articles when Carolyn or any member of the state court visits your area.

Using the addresses listed above, please send your information to me via regular mail or e-mail. Only with **YOUR** help, can I create a book of memories that Carolyn will cherish and enjoy for years to come.



**Money isn't everything,  
but it sure keeps the kids  
in touch.**

## Local Court Scrapbook Contest

*Terrie Vacek, Chairman*

*Lasting  
memory*

The local court Scrapbook is the *HISTORICAL ARCHIVE* that records in *CHRONOLOGICAL* order the actual history of the *COURTS* events. It is to be displayed at court anniversary celebrations, meetings, receptions of new members and on National CDA Sunday. By displaying the archives of your court at these special events, not only do members have the opportunity to reminisce on the activity and impact of the courts service, prospective candidates and new members are informed. This often stimulates an interest in court projects with new fervor and enthusiasm.

I encourage every court to archive your activity with a committee working on the scrapbook throughout the two year term. These historical entries should be housed safely in one area for the entire court to ensure the availability year after year regardless of who serves as officers of your court. **No local court scrapbook should be given to an outgoing regent;** it should be considered court property and remain the historical archive of your court.

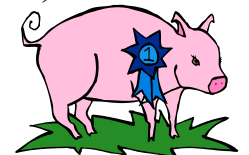
"We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" 1 Corinthians 3:9 Record the works of your court for future generations. You are the valuable tool in compiling a successful display of leadership, unity and charity, loyalty, laughter and spiritual guidance as you archive the personality of your court!

Begin right now and include the following: State and National Convention programs; special liturgical booklets; banquet programs; district meeting and retreat data; thank you notes; invitations; handouts; new member recruitment letters; fundraising posters and service project data; court newsletters; national & state newsletters (cut out and use only the portion that pertains to your court and the newsletter heading with date); **Share Magazine** (use only the portion that pertains to your court along with the magazine heading with date); photos; court press releases; and, all newspaper clippings with photographs.

Local court scrapbooks should be entered in the *State Scrapbook contest* at each biennial convention. The guidelines with the score sheets for judging will be included in the 2011 Regents' Packet and available on the state website.

## State Ways and Means - Cynthia Novak, Chairman

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Texas CDA has many wonderful projects, and their success relies on the proceeds from our fundraisers. The raffle held during the biennial state convention has been a major fundraiser for many years and with the help of all CDA members the 2013 raffle will be no different. Please begin thinking about what your court would like to donate as a prize. Several members, courts, or districts may want to get together to donate a prize. Perhaps members may want to be creative and make something. The time to begin is now. It's not too early. Prizes will be gathered prior to the 2013 convention.

## LEGISLATIVE

*Peggy Supak, Chairman*

**Update on Texas Legislature** — There were 1458 bills signed into law by Governor Perry during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas legislative session and 27 bills became law without signature. To find a complete listing of those bills you can go to Texas Legislature Online at: [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).

Redistricting continues to be highly contested in Texas and whether the current redistricting plan will stand remains to be seen. If so, some jurisdictions may have new legislators due to redistricting and those courts should familiarize themselves with any new officials in their area.

**Support House Bill 1179, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act** — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sharply criticized a new HHS “preventive services” mandate requiring private health plans to cover female surgical sterilization and all drugs and devices approved by the FDA as contraceptives. The Administration’s failure to create a meaningful conscience exemption to the preventive services mandate underscores the need for Congress to approve House Bill 1179, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would prevent mandates under the new health reform law from undermining rights of conscience. We are asked to contact our legislators to ask them to support House Bill 1179.

**In a July 22 letter** supporting the bill, Cardinal DiNardo wrote: “Those who sponsor, purchase and issue health plans should not be forced to violate their deeply held moral and religious convictions in order to take part in the health care system or provide for the needs of their families or their employees. To force such an unacceptable choice would be as much a threat to universal access to health care as it is to freedom of conscience.” **READ MORE:** [USCCB: HHS Mandate for Contraceptive and Abortifacient Drugs Violates Conscience Rights](#) .

### **Bishops call on House to remember services to the poor in budget and debt ceiling debates**

— The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called on Congress to remember the human and moral dimensions of the ongoing budget and debt ceiling debate writing to remind them that every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects human life and dignity, how it affects “the least of these,” including the hungry and homeless, and how well it reflects the shared responsibility of the government and other institutions to promote the common good of all, especially workers and families struggling in the current economy. We must pray that decisions made during the budget and debt ceiling crisis be done for the common good and not for political gain.

### **The US Bishops approve “To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide”**

— To live in a manner worthy of our human dignity, and to spend our final days on this earth in peace and comfort, surrounded by loved ones—that is the hope of each of us. In particular, Christian hope sees these final days as a time to prepare for our eternal destiny.

**The Bishops write:** Effective palliative care allows those with terminal illnesses to devote their attention to the unfinished business of their lives, to arrive at a sense of peace with God, with loved ones, and with themselves. Learning how to face this last stage of our earthly lives is one of the most important and meaningful things each of us will do, and caregivers who help people through this process are also doing enormously important work.

**READ MORE:** [www.usccb.org/toliveeachday](http://www.usccb.org/toliveeachday).

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## SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

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### **“COME BE MY LIGHT”**

“Come Be My Light” is a quote from Blessed Mother Teresa and it is a wonderful theme chosen by our state regent, Carolyn Malik, for starting our CDA year. “Our mission (*Tools of the Trade book*) is for our CDA members to look for the many ways in which we might come closer to our Lord, closer in spirit and love to our fellow man, and closer to our Catholic Daughters of the Americas’ sisters in Christ. Programs are developed to assist in bringing about opportunities to participate in the religious and charitable ministries of the Church as well as improving personal sanctification.” It is important to state our mission because it clearly states who we are and what we are to do.

I highly recommend that we begin by reviewing the spiritual enhancement section in order to initiate some of the activities that are being recommended through the various ministries. As Jesus himself turned to prayer to seek guidance from the Father, we too must also pray to seek guidance from the Father. Let us pray to Our Father so he can guide our leaders and membership to do the work that will illuminate a well-lighted path for all to see and follow.

Love is a beautiful word. What should be expected so our individual lights can shine together as a membership? Here is a list: smile, be kind, be giving, be forgiving, be ready to say “yes,” be positive, be ready to resolve issues, be united, be charitable, worship together, be a miracle, inspire others.

Being a Catholic Daughter is such a blessing and in turn we are a blessing for others. Let’s pray for each other that God will guide our work so those around us will see the Goodness and love of our Lord God.

God bless you and your loved ones, as we look forward to a rewarding, illuminating and fruitful CDA year.



*Romans 15:5 -  
God grant you to  
think in harmony  
with one another.*

## CAMPUS COURTS

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First, I thank Carolyn Malik for her invitation to be State Campus Court Chairman again. It is exciting to have the opportunity to continue building the *Texas State Campus Court* program. Right away I am contemplating ways to get things going for the new semester term. Also, I will be DD for two Campus Courts in San Antonio; therefore, I will be able to relate to all Campus DDs. Hopefully we will have a third Campus Court in San Antonio by Christmas. Requested are your prayers to our Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary; and, please ask her to help this very worthwhile Campus Court program.

A few words for the DDs who do not have a Campus Court. Tell those College bound girls where Campus Courts are located and encourage them to join. Freshman year need not be scary and lonely because Campus Court girls are friends waiting to help. Finally, recruit and guide non-college women into regular CDA Courts where they can mature into the adult world. How many times have I said 'these young ladies are our future.' Without the young members this CDA organization is dead!! Bottom line!

At the convention in Houston, we were so thrilled to have two Campus Courts represented. You could feel their energy and enthusiasm just being around them. We need *ALL* of your help. Thank you for voting on the assessment for the Campus Courts. This will give them an opportunity to get more involved in CDA and to attend the conventions, send representatives and also do some other retreats, events, etc. I can not tell you how much it means to the young ladies, members of the Campus Courts, to have your support and guidance. It is also a challenge to work with these courts; for example, with their crazy school schedules, sometimes it is difficult to pick a meeting date. They think about meeting on different days so as to accommodate their school schedules and other events they want to fit in and belong to. I find they are overwhelmed and have little or no experience in organizing, collaborating, focusing, making decisions, and setting priorities. Campus DDs must be available to teach and mentor.

All DDs are encouraged to work closely with the Campus Advisors. Generally, Campus Courts fall under the umbrella of Campus Ministry. But the Advisor is not required to come from the Campus Ministry Staff. Please, feel free to e-mail or call me anytime if you have any questions or problems or just want to talk. It is also difficult because of the Campus Courts being so transient. About the time they get into the swing of things they graduate or even transfer to another university.

So many times the girls are heard to say it is so wonderful having an organization like Catholic Daughters to bring the Catholic girls together. *Catholics support Catholics* – “*Know Love and Serve GOD and be happy with Him in Heaven.*” The Holy Spirit will work with us and guide us, but we need to do our part. I am a firm believer in the Holy Spirit. CDA’s main goal is CATHOLIC spirituality, developing a personal relationship with GOD. We want these young ladies to start now to experience the **UNIQUE CDA** sisterhood and bond we all share. I belong to other clubs and organizations, but none of them give me the *Spiritual* food like CDA does.

We had such a good response at the previous retreat, we are planning another one in the **Fall**. I encourage you to “*reach out*” to the young people and put them in touch with me or a DD for the Campus Courts in your area. In closing, a final request ~ be that **LIGHT** for this next generation of Catholic Daughters represented by the Campus Courts. Texas State Regent, Carolyn Malik’s theme taken from *Blessed Mother Teresa’s* life is awesome and inspiring. “**COME BE MY LIGHT.**” God bless.

### National Projects ~ Texas State Court

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“*What so ever you do to the least of my brothers ~ that you do unto me.*” Those are strong words that should encourage us to consider increasing our funds to all of our National Projects and Charities. National has asked that we increase our donation to \$20.00 for each Project/Charity.

Many of us have received blessings and there are people who really deserve our support. Could you find it in your hearts and soul to study your budgets closely and perhaps find that your court could increase the minimum amounts ask for the Projects; or, add another Charity. So that in thanksgiving let us help our brothers and sisters. Please mail your court’s check to *Rosie Stockwell, State Secretary* as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Mission of Mercy (MOMS)

*Cathy Bittner, Chairman*

*Lillian Hansen, V. Chairman*

The main objective of the **MOMS** committee is to get Catholic Daughter members and courts involved in a “*hands on*” approach to the needy in our state. Seek out your own “*mission of mercy*” in your area and get **INVOLVED**. Appoint an enthusiastic chairman in your court to come up with ideas on how to become an active **MOMS** court. It is up to us to help those most in need. “*Rich and poor have a common bond: the Lord is the maker of them all.*” *Prv. 2:22*

**State Financial Review**  
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Hi ladies. Are you ready to get active in your courts after a very hot summer break? I just returned from a very informative and inspirational weekend with a lot of great CDA members. Many thanks to our state board for getting state chairmen and district deputies together to get to know each other and to learn.

It's time for regents to schedule, with your district deputy, the October financial review of the April through September books. At the organizational workshop DDs were given guidelines in conducting a court financial review. These will also be included in your regents' packet, but you can ask your DD for a copy now. Please study these guidelines with your officers so that you are well prepared for the financial review. Book officers, please make sure you keep up with your paperwork and keep your books posted on a current basis. One of the most important things to do without fail is to reconcile the bank statement when it arrives and make sure it balances to the checkbook. Thanks and God bless!



**Education**

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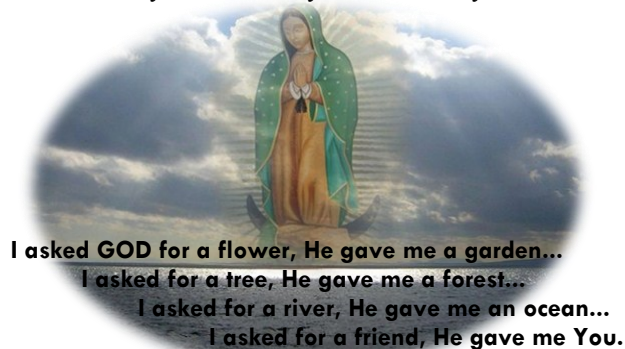
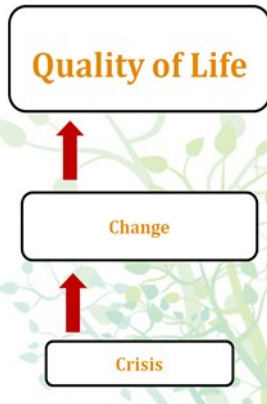
My Dear Sisters in Christ, I am very excited to share with you that I will be serving as the state education chairman. I am a member of Court St. John - Baptizer of Jesus #2532, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Corpus Christi. I will do my very best to encourage local courts to sponsor the education contests. The education contest rules and themes come from the National office and it is a very challenging task for the local and state chairmen, as the contests involve religious as well as secular themes in order to allow participation in our public schools.

The themes for the contests are: "Planting Seeds of Faith" or "Inspiring Others to Grow." The categories are Art, Essay, Poetry, Poster, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. The contests are excellent ways to encourage creativity! Encourage your local courts to promote the contests! Refer to your Tools of the Trade for all rules and deadlines, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. God's blessings to each of you. Elva I. Pena, 7705 Cedar Creek Circle, Corpus Christi, TX 78413.



**Quality of Life**  
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Each of us has our own definition of "Quality of Life." Nursing home residents come to our minds and their type of quality of life. There are so many areas that Quality of Life encompasses such as loss of family income due to job loss or health emergencies. Some other areas are community issues, worldwide issues, protection of our earth, health and wellness of family members, court members, and ourselves. Even personal identity theft affects an individual's quality of life. Please keep your eyes and ears open to ways you and your court can make someone's quality of life better in your court, parish, and community. I am looking forward to hearing about how people's lives will be made better through the many works of our CDA sisters. God Bless each of you and thank you for all that you do.



**A Prayer for September 11th**

*Almighty God, September 11th will be indelibly inscribed in our memories forever. We looked with horror on the terrorist attacks of September 11th. But we looked with honor on acts of courage by ordinary people who sacrificed themselves to prevent further death and destruction. Help us to remember their courage and learn from them. We shed our tears in a common bond of grief for those we loved and lost. We journeyed through a dark valley, but your light has led us to a place of hope. You have turned our grief into determination. We are resolved to do what is good, and right, and just. Help us to remember what it means to be Americans, a people endowed with abundant blessings. Help us to cherish the freedoms we enjoy and inspire us to stand with courage, united as one Nation in the midst of any adversity.*

*Lord, hear this prayer for our Nation...Amen*

**"We Remember"**



# EDA Fall Newsletter Feature Story

By State Public Relations Chairman, Terrie Vacek



## 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial JCDA State Convention 2011

Over 300 attended the **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA)** 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention, Austin, June 24-26, 2011. Look out Texas drought, these girls are on fire for God; the flames of the Holy Spirit ignite the most amazing acts of service positively changing lives. There are currently seventy (70) JCDA Courts in Texas with 829 members.

The “*Stars of PEACE*” convention theme and the JCDA threefold program of ‘*Message, Service and Community*’ was emphasized by guest speakers throughout the convention. Maya Cuellar, JCDA President, Dallas called the convention to order.

Out-going 2011 Officers



Maya and the State Officers, First Vice President Kimberly Kallies, Deer Park; Second Vice President Sarah Proske, LaGrange; Secretary Valerie Barrera, Lubbock; and Reporter Mary Adamek, Shiner hosted a talent show for the opening welcome. The girls and court advisors presented various skits, sang, and literally danced with Love and Peace right into a hula-hoop contest.

Judges were CDA State Officers, ‘Minnie Pearl’ State Regent Carolyn Malik, Shiner; ‘Rose Petal’ First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales, Austin; ‘J Lo’ Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi; ‘Grace Slick’ State Secretary Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; and ‘Moon Beam’ Immediate Past State Regent Sheila Martinka, Houston.

Convention business included a slide presentation with the charitable events for each JCDA Court. Convention attendees participated in a Divine Mercy Chaplet, Candlelight Living Rosary, and the Celebration of Mass. Opening Ceremony Color and Honor Guards were from the host court, Court Annunciation #1962 La Grange. Austin Diocese Vicar Gen-

Reverend John Peters, State JCDA Chaplain, Hallettsville, shared the highlights of the past two years. Terrie Beltran, JCDA/Youth State Chair, El Campo, reported on JCDA’s growth noting that twenty three new courts were installed in this term!

Sheila Martinka, 2009-2011 CDA State Regent, Houston, spoke on discipleship and service with enthusiasm. Carolyn Malik, newly elected 2011-2013 State Regent and former JCDA State Chairman, Shiner, congratulated the junior courts for an outstanding two years of spreading God’s peace and love and reminded them to “turn to Him and let your light shine”.

Reverend Bill Wack, CSC, Pastor, St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, delivered an outstanding banquet keynote speech challenging the girls to take every opportunity to “make a difference” for Christ. In closing he said “Peace I leave you, just like in our Mass, I send you forth to go out and serve the Lord.”



Others attending were Cecina Kojemans, Past State Regent and State Parliamentarian, Dallas; First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales, Austin; Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi; State Secretary Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; Past State Regent Carolyn Bachmann, Scotland, and several State Chairman and District Deputies.

Terri Beltran thanked and presented numerous appreciation awards. The election of new officers Sunday morning was followed by an Installation Mass with Celebrant Rev. John Peters. A bid for the 2013 JCDA Convention was made by Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner.

**Newly Elected 2011 – 2013 JCDA State Officers:** **State President** – Mary Adamek, Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner (*not pictured*); **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Katelyn Martinez, Court Mary Queen of Peace #2497, Floresville; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Jamie Ormelas, Court Mary St. John #2197, Baytown; **Secretary** - Holly Soukup, Court Sacred Heart #829, West; and, **Reporter** - Allison Whitworth, Court Ancillae Mariae #1886, Crosby.



### MESSAGE-SERVICE-COMMUNITY

**NEWSLETTER AWARDS** - 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy; 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Paul #1604, Shiner; 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE, Ct. Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361, Deer Park. **SCRAPBOOK AWARDS** - 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211, Sugar Land; 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy; 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Paul #1604, Shiner. **MEMBERSHIP RETENTION** - GOLD-Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211, Sugar Land; SILVER- Ct. Our Lady of the Hills #2415, Roundrock; BRONZE- Ct. St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy. **OUTSTANDING JUNIOR**, Kaitlyn Morrison, Court Ancillae Mariae #1886, Crosby. **ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MEDAL**, Marcella Sinkule, Ct. Sacred Heart #829, West. **ST. ANN MEDAL**, Ginger Kutscherousky, Ct. Sacred Heart #829, West. **DOOR DECORATING CONTEST** – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE, Ct. Enrique San Pedro #2390, San Benito; 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE, Ct. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1919 Edinburg; 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE, Ct. St. Bernadette #1108, East Bernard.

JCDA Convention continued ~

Past State JCDA Officers were recognized with a gift of appreciation. ~ Willow Tree Angels

Each 2009 -2011 State JCDA Officer received a handmade PEACE Blanket as an appreciation gift from State JCDA Chairman Terri Beltran.



## Message

## Service

## Community



*Terri Beltran, State JCDA Chairman*

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**Worthy State and National Officers, District Deputies and Chairmen:** I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in the State of Texas as your State Youth/JCDA Chairman.

Thanks to our State Regent Carolyn Malik for this wonderful experience. I love being a member of Catholic Daughters, and enjoy working with the youth. We have seen a tremendous growth in youth activities and participation and a growth of new JCDA courts. I am happy to report that the youth are making a mark in this great state of Texas; also, several new emails and cards from courts that are interested in starting up a JCDA Court in their parishes have been received. Hopefully these leads will fall into fruition and become active courts.

We have a very young slate of State JCDA officers who are full of energy; we had our first commission meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>. They have some excellent ideas and I look forward to working with them. I encourage each one of you to support your youth and your JCDA courts, keep in touch with them and use their energy to help ease your load. How awesome how the chain works, how the vine grows; from a Juniorette to a CDA member. We must keep the tradition going by sponsoring these JCDA courts, by supporting them, by nurturing them and by loving them. They are the future of our CDA.

JCDA is hosting a Spiritual Retreat in June; we are working on the dates and will be sending emails out to the courts. It will be held at the home of Father John Peters, State JCDA Chaplain in Hallettsville. This year we will have some water sports.

At the present time we have 70 JCDA courts and 829 members; with over 200 CDA courts; we have the potential to have that many JCDA courts. I need the District Deputies to get on the band wagon and start forming JCDA courts in their districts; inject the blood of enthusiasm in the veins of their inactive courts bringing them back to life. As we all know we are competing with the Girl Scouts, baseball, school activities, etc. It's not going to be easy, but I believe that if we are as passionate about JCDA as we are about being CDA members, we can bring these young girls into our fold, molding and guiding them to become role models and a solid force to reckon with during these times where negativity is constantly facing our youth today.

I have JCDA merchandise and manuals for sale, please support us by purchasing these items. In order to establish a junior court, there must be a senior court to sponsor them. Many senior courts have members who love to work with the youth, ask one of these ladies to be the court chairman. Per the JCDA By-Laws any court must consist of at least 6 members; with this information, forming a new court is only a matter of taking the time to introduce the idea to your senior court.

We will be holding our fall audits soon and I ask that each District Deputy speak to your JCDA chairmen and make sure their financial books are in order and that their Audit Review form is mailed in to me. Each Junior Chairman will receive a copy of the Audit form in sufficient time for both audits each year. Encourage your JCDA courts in your district to meet at least once a year to share ideas, discuss service projects, and to socialize. By doing this, you will actually be enhancing the junior program in each court thru team work as a district.

In closing most of the JCDA forms are on the [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org) website, visit us.

Yours in Christ,  
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State JCDA Chairman





**God Bless Our Nation**

Fr. Edward Lamp, National Chaplain stated, "God created everyone for success; God did not create anyone for failure. For Jesus (and for Catholic Daughters as well) success means people realizing and fulfilling God's dream for them. Mary is the perfect example of success because she courageously said yes to the word of God to become the mother of our Savior. God has created every one of us for something different. He has a different dream for everyone, a different success." Our CDA members are returning to their courts, renewed and refreshed and ready to begin a new year of CDA activity; and, with the resources National has given us and our faith in God, we too can succeed. We have been asked to make membership a priority in order that the Catholic Daughters might continue to grow, thus providing new ideas, new talents and the commitment of the new members to our motto of "Unity and Charity" and we will succeed at this also.

**All Courts** received their annual **Certificate of Liability Insurance** with their invoice in **March**. Each Court is responsible for their share of coverage by paying the rate charged for their membership as of **September 30, 2010**. Send your payment to the National Office if you have not already done so. The coverage is from **April 6, 2011 through April 6, 2012**.

**Choose Life License Plates – Choose Life...** A simple statement with an important message. Texas will have the license plates by September 2011 for you to purchase. More information will follow later regarding this subject. Check National website: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

**Texas is well represented at the 2011 State Officers Conference in Bellville, IL.** State Regent Carolyn Malik and other Texas State officers are joined by state officers from across the nation at the 2011 State Officers Conference in Belleville, Illinois July 14-17. The National Board hosts this conference biennially providing new state officers tools and guidance. National Director, Olga Samaniego, El Paso also attended. Concerns and goals of the state courts included those of today's church and society as well as issues affecting the well-being of women and children were discussed. *By: Terrie Vacek, Public Relations*



L-R State Secretary Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales, Austin; State Regent Carolyn Malik, Shiner; Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi; State Treasurer Melodie Brunt, Texarkana represented all 228 Texas Local Courts.

**State News**



**2011 National Education Contest Winners ~ TEXAS**

- Art Division I ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Alex Corpuz, Court St. Ann #369, Victoria, TX.
- Art Division II ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Beatriz A. Rodriguez, Court Bishop Adolph Marx #1988, Brownsville, TX.
- Art Division III ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Christian Pascual, Court Our Mother of Peace & Unity #2487, Livingston, TX.
- Computer Art Division IV ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Elyssa D. King, Court Queen of Angels #1538, Wallis, TX.
- Photography Division IV ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Kathleen Kramer, Court Chromcik #1440, Fayetteville, TX.

**2011 National Newsletter Contest ~ Local Court Winners – TEXAS**

- Category I, Division I ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Court St. John the Baptist #2073, Alvin, TX.
- Category II, Division II ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Court Queen of Angels #1538, Wallis, TX.
- Category III, Division I ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Court St. Bernadette #1108, East Bernard, TX.
- Category III, Division II ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, TX.

**2011 YOUTH/JCDA Scholarship Winners ~ TEXAS**

JCDA SCHOLARSHIP ~ \$1000.00 ~ Elisa Benedetti Caffrey, San Antonio, TX.

**TEXAS National Projects/Charities Donations** (for the past term) from local Texas courts:

- Disaster Relief/\$1367.08; Habitat for Humanity/\$1317.07; Holy Cross Family Min/\$2129.43; Smile Train/\$4861.07; SOAR/\$1587.00; Apostleship of the Sea/\$612.20; Covenant House/\$657.20; Tutwiler/\$778.23; Catholic Relief Services/\$1037.20; Morality in Media/\$1192.20; Mother Teresa/\$642.21; North American College/\$983.17 & Special Collection for Japan/\$3970.00.

"National extends their sincerest gratitude to the Catholic Daughters Courts in the State of Texas for their unselfish generosity and caring. You are all a credit to our wonderful organization." Mary Impellizeri, Administrative Assistant

**REMEMBER!** At the 2011 State Biennial Convention held in Houston, Texas last April, an assessment of **\$.25 per member** was passed for the benefit of the campus courts in Texas **effective May 2012**. These funds will be used to provide training sessions and retreats for the campus court membership in Texas. This assessment **will begin in May 2012** and will appear only on the May statements from the State Court. It is an **annual assessment** and will not appear on the November state dues statement.



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STATE CALENDAR

*August 12-14, 2011* – State Organizational Workshop, Houston

*August 27, 2011* – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364, Lake Jackson

*September 10, 2011* – Institution New Court, St. Ann Catholic Church, LaVernia

*September 16-17, 2011* – State Board Meeting, Texarkana

*September 17, 2011* - 90th Anniversary Court Isabella The Catholic #683, Laredo

*October 15, 2011* – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court Immaculate Mary #2134, Angleton

*October 16, 2011* – National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day

*October 22, 2011* - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court Queen of the Rosary #2368, McAllen

*October 22, 2011* - National Make A Difference Day

*October 28-30, 2011* – CDA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Circle Lake Retreat

*October 31/November 7, 2011* - White Ribbon Against Pornography Week

*November 13, 2011* - JCDA State Commission Meeting, Hallettsville

*January 13-14, 2012* – State Board Meeting, South Padre Island & Celebration for 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
**the Texas State Court**

*January 14, 2012* – 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Texas State Court

*January 23, 2012* - March For Life, Washington, D.C.

*March 23-24, 2012* – State Board Meeting, Port Alto

*June 8-9, 2012* – State Board Meeting, Shiner

*June 9, 2012* – State Board Annual Financial Review, Shiner

*July 18-22, 2012* – National CDA Convention, Omaha, Nebraska

*August 5, 2012* – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court St. Elizabeth #1616, Sealy

*October 19-20, 2012* – State Board Meeting

*January 13, 2013* – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court Santa Maria #184, Marshall