



# THE LONE STAR MESSENGER

## TEXAS STATE COURT



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

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

June has arrived, and I know you are all looking forward to a long, restful summer—and so am I. I wish that summers were as long and as peaceful as the ones I remember from childhood. Summer days seemed endless then, and the three months of summer vacation stretched out forever. Unfortunately, today’s reality falls far short of yesterday’s memory. Summer passes quickly; and before we know it, it will be September.

Use this summer wisely. Learn as much as you can, enjoy your family; celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with those you love, and spend time with your heavenly Father. Allow Him to renew and refresh you. Sometimes the little seeds of joy within us become frozen during the hectic winter months that are so filled with necessary activities and duties, and our service becomes “stuff we have to do.” Let the Lord tend those dormant seeds so that the joy of service blooms in you again. Remember that “God loves a cheerful giver,” and that applies to our service maybe even more than it does to our money.

I am so excited to report to you that our membership figures for the period ending on March 31, 2006, are up! Our membership is now at 15,712. It is a small gain, but it is gain nonetheless. Growth is so exciting because it means that more women are responding to the Lord’s call to service. It means that there are more of us to do His work and to minister to a hurting world. Our hands are the instruments God uses to show the world His love, and now there are more hands available in Texas to comfort those in sorrow, to feed those who are hungry, to defend those who are weak, and to lift up those who are discouraged. I thank all of you who have invited others to join our ranks and who have spread the word about CDA. Thank you for being proud of your organization and for helping others to see the value of a life dedicated to service.

CDA is in the middle of the “changing of the guard.” I salute all of you who have given and will give so generously of your time and talent in the service of your courts. It is your dedication and your willingness to undertake the challenge of leadership that will ensure that CDA remains a vibrant, relevant organization. Thank you for your faithfulness.

As officers’ training gets underway in June, remember that all are invited—not just elected officers. Come and see what being an officer is all about. I look forward to visiting with many of you this summer as you attend officers’ training and prepare yourselves for the new term. Have a wonderful, peaceful summer, and I wish you joy.

*Olga Samaniego*



FLAG DAY – JUNE 14

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

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

**Goals**

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

**Activities**

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

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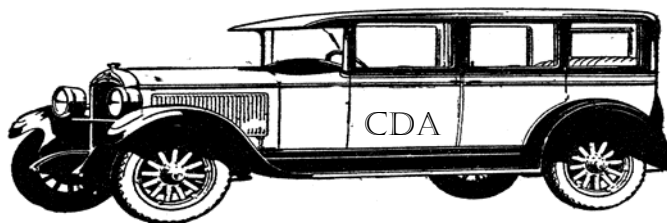
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As a Catholic Daughter,  
does your light shine?

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

*Matthew 5:14, 16*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT



It's time to load up the court limousine and head to Minnesota for the National CDA biennial Convention. Sacred Scriptures reminds us that there is a time for everything. At our conventions, there are "times for working, times for praying, times for eating, and times for laughing." We share with CDA members from across the Americas and realize that we are not alone in working toward our common goals.

CDA conventions are centered on traits I think every Christian should portray. We worship together, share ideas about how we can best serve the Church and our local communities, and join in social activities. We should strive to be a model Christian community: One that **PRAYS TOGETHER, WORKS TOGETHER, AND PLAYS TOGETHER.**

CDA in Texas is alive and well. The State officers have been on the run trying to get to as many functions as possible. I attended several district meetings and, as usual, was impressed with the enthusiasm and optimistic attitudes of the members. The court in my parish hosted a multi-district retreat on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. The turnout was tremendous (around 140). Our State Regent, Olga Samaniego, served as Retreat Master and gave a wonderful spiritual presentation. The session closed with a living Rosary on the church lawn and then everyone gathered at an outdoor chapel for the blessing of the palms and a procession into church for the Palm Sunday liturgy. This is something we need to do more often.

Court elections should be concluded around the state. Congratulations to all those elected to lead CDA for the next term. I also want to congratulate all the recipients of awards throughout the state.

Have a restful summer! Hope to see many of you in Minnesota.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Don Ruppert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Texas State Clergy Consultant



## MESSAGES FROM YOUR TEXAS STATE OFFICERS

### Court Development/Membership

*Carolyn Bachmann- First Vice State Regent*

Summer is here and the time to sit back and relax a little. I do want to thank all the courts that had some form of membership drive for the "March Membership Madness." As you relax for the summer, begin thinking about some kind of membership drive for the fall. Do not forget about the Membership Contest the State is sponsoring for the total number of members brought in from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007. All of the courts can use money prizes.

Have you been listening and looking for new courts? There are many parishes and cities out there that do not have a CDA court. There are many women who have not had the opportunity to share what the members of the Catholic Daughters share with one another. We share a sisterhood of love, unity, and being called by God to pray and work with all. Let us not wait for the priests and women of the parishes to find us. Let us go out and invite them to join us. If you get any leads on someone interested in establishing a court anywhere in Texas, please contact me and I will check into it. Do not forget about the new Campus Courts we are instituting for the women going to college. You can reach me at [carolyn1349@msn.com](mailto:carolyn1349@msn.com) or 940-541-2569.

### Officer Training/Leadership Workshops

*Sheila Martinka, Second Vice State Regent*

Now that elections are over, and the new officers are ready to take the reins, District Deputies, please remember to schedule your officer training with me. I have 75% or more that have already scheduled, and many of you have been great enough to have multi-district training, which saves a lot of "wear and tear" at least on me! I greatly appreciate your efforts to work together and show the unity of CDA!

As you know, times change, and CDA certainly does not want to be left behind. As we travel around this summer presenting the officer workshop, some of you who have been to the workshop before will notice a new look. We've added some new topics and updated our material to ensure that you have the latest information available.

I know it is difficult to adapt to change; however, change is necessary to continue to move forward and to be able to meet new challenges. The first officers' training was presented on June 3, 2006, in San Angelo, (a big thanks to the ladies for braving the new frontier with us) and the workshop was well received!

District Deputies, I will need your assistance in scheduling and organizing the time and place of the meeting and bringing the event together. Where some of the larger gatherings are taking place, I will need your help in assisting with some of the presentations. I will be providing you with materials because it is important that the same information be presented

to all courts in Texas. We want officers to feel fully prepared and ready to fulfill their jobs in September. I appreciate all of the effort and enthusiasm that you give to CDA, and I look forward to working with all of you and to meeting the exciting challenges that lie ahead of us!

### Dues and Assessments

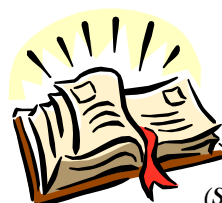
*Carolyn Malik, State Secretary*

By now, you should be in receipt of your national dues bill. Statements for your state dues, theological and JCDA assessments should be mailed about May 20, 2006. National and State dues are billed semi-annually – two (2) times a year. However, assessments for the theological and JCDA funds are **ONLY** billed annually – one time a year. These bills should be paid at once. State and national dues bills do not need to be voted on, so please remit upon receipt of the bills. Even though your court does not meet during the summer months, the bills need to be paid. This will avoid much confusion in the future months.

Concerning the JCDA Assessment – The majority of the courts in the State of Texas do not sponsor a JCDA court on the local level. However, each court in the state is assessed a "JCDA Assessment." This money is used for the overall state program to support the JCDA program in the State of Texas. So, even if you do not sponsor a court on the local level, you are assessed \$.10 per member for the State program and need to pay this assessment. If you have a question concerning this, please give me a call or e-mail me.

Please **DO NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS** on your statements. You are billed according to the number of members recorded with National. Be sure to mail in your deletion and addition membership forms to the National office immediately upon the change of membership in your court. Request an updated membership list from National through e-mail, telephone or mail and reconcile your membership lists annually.

You may issue only one check for your dues and assessments; however, it would be much appreciated if you would indicate what items your check is paying and be sure to include the number of your court on the check. Checks are to be made payable to CDA State of Texas. Two signatures are required on your checks. Please mail your checks to: Carolyn Malik, State Secretary, P. O. Box 243, Shiner, Texas 77984.



*Jesus said: I have come a light into the world that whoever believes in Me may not remain in the darkness.*

*(St. John 12:46)*



## Dollars and Cents

*Peggy Rosales, State Treasurer*

Many thanks to the officers who have served for the last two years! Congratulations to the newly elected officers! I look forward to meeting the new officers at our many Officer Training Workshops throughout the state.

### Quarterly tips:

- Changing banks – make sure Court name and number is printed on the checks.
- Reordering checks – again make sure Court name and number is printed on the checks.
- Always make notation in memo area of check what check is for; i.e., Dues statement dates, donation for what charity.

During some of the District Meetings a prayer was shared and many of you wanted a copy – so here it is!

Oh, God, give us strength today for anything that is hard to face or difficult to do;  
 Give us enthusiasm to share with others the tasks that we shall do together;  
 Give us integrity and unselfishness, that the reward may be fairly shared;  
 Give us humility when things go exceptionally well and patience when results are long in coming.  
 If we are subject to criticism, help me to take it well;  
 Show us where we can do better;  
 Show us where another can develop strengths if she could have help from me;  
 Show us where a little humor would help when spirits are ruffled and tired. So let us serve you and those that depend on us.

-Rita Snowden-

May you all have a restful, comforting, safe summer! “Now let your unfailing love comfort me, just as you promised me, your servant.”...Psalm 119:76



## MESSAGES FROM YOUR STATE CHAIRMEN

**A great big THANK YOU to all Courts** who participated in the Read Across America event and an even bigger **THANK YOU** to the Courts that sent in their report. It was very encouraging to see that the reports revealed that 274 members participated, over 4,100 children were read to and over 1,600 new and gently used books were donated. It however, was somewhat discouraging to see that only thirty-two (32) Courts sent in a report. Hopefully many, many more Courts participated but did not send in a report. Every Court was to send in a report even if they did not participate. Hopefully, next year we will have more Courts participating and 100% of the Courts reporting. The reports revealed that although some Courts were not able to actually set up times and read to children, they donated money for books, asked members to donate new or gently used books or held book drives and donated the books to schools or libraries. Maybe more Courts can find innovative ways to participate in this event next year.

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Read Across America Chairman

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**The state convention will be here before you know it!** To help make this huge event successful, we need to consider helping with the expenses by donating a prize to the state raffle! Tickets will need to be printed & distributed in November 2006, so it's not too early. Ask your court to be creative with this project. We would love to hold an "Old Fashioned" raffle, so we're looking for homemade items such as quilts, afghans, ceramics, etc. Use your imagination! Any cash donations will be used toward purchasing handcrafted items (Maybe a quilt from Tutwiler). Also, if your court or perhaps parish has recently published a cookbook, we thought it might be fun to basket all these and make one big prize for the raffle. Please consider mailing me your publication! Send these & other raffle donations to:

Cathy Bittner, Ways & Means Chairman.

3307 Pecha Ln.

Rosenberg, TX 77471

281-344-1772(D) or 281-232-4207(N)

**Congratulations to the newly elected court officers!** While some of you have been re-elected to the same office you held this past term, others are taking on a new job. Either way, enjoy being the leaders of your court. I hope it's a wonderful experience for you. I've heard that lots of workshops are being planned for officers' training. It is so important for new and returning officers to attend the workshops. Officer guidelines and CDA by-laws change periodically and the training workshops will keep you updated. Lots of courts take a break in the summer from business meetings so the members can rest and relax. I hope you have a great summer, whatever you plan to do. If you're going to the national convention, I hope you have a good time. I know you'll be Texas proud! God bless!

Janis Wright  
State Financial Review Chairman

## Publicizing Court Events



It is important to let the public know WHO the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are; and most importantly, WHAT the Catholic Daughters DO. It is important to let the world know that we are a group of hard-working Christian women making a difference with our spiritual, charitable, and educational projects through the "Circle of Love" program. We want to be noticed. We accomplish a lot as individual courts and as a State court. Hopefully, each regent will appoint a public relations chairman and plan a yearly publicity program.

When planning a spectacular activity, you may want to contact your newspaper and ask someone to attend and take pictures and discuss the event with you. That contact person, hopefully, will write the article. If no one from the paper can attend, have the publicity chairman or an appointed member write an article about the upcoming event and send it to the paper. You don't have to wait for 'big' events to publicize, for all activities warrant some attention in the media. The newspapers like to receive news via email.

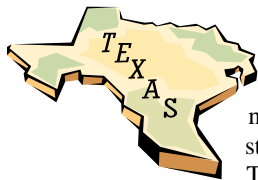
To submit an article to the national magazine **Share**, send it to:

Share Magazine	Deadlines: Spring Issue	January 4
Attn: Lorraine McMahon	Summer Issue	April 14
10 West 71 <sup>st</sup> Street	Fall Issue	June 30
New York, New York 10023	Winter Issue	September 16

All articles must be cleanly typed, double spaced on 8 ½ X 11 sheets. Include your name and address and phone number. Photos must be clear with complete identification typed and attached and are unable to be returned. Keep up your good work and let everyone know of it.

Henriette Jalowy  
State Public Relations Chairman

## 2007 Texas State Convention



The courts in the Dallas area are gearing up for a great state convention, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Fairmont Hotel! All you fun-loving Texans need to start shopping for your Hawaiian apparel to get ready for the "Fun Night Luau." You better start practicing your Hula dance and Limbo rock—you've seen what great dancers we have in Texas, and you'll want to get out on the floor, too.

From April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>, the **in** place to be is Dallas, and we **in**vite you to join us. Come and participate in **in**formative workshops, enjoy **in**credible presentations, and be blessed by **in**spiring liturgies. Come and experience true Dallas hospitality!

Just a quick reminder: The 2007 Convention Committee is holding the next local meeting at St. Monica's Family Life Center, 9933 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75220 at 9:30, on June 24, 2006. All local members are welcome to attend.

Joyce Pierce  
Convention Chairman

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Report of Legislative Chairman  
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**June State Newsletter 2006**

**CIRCLE OF LOVE CONTEST**

I want to thank everyone who responded in the Circle of Love contest. We had close to 50% reporting in the Legislation category and that is wonderful. It is great to see what is being done throughout Texas in the legislative arena. Great job, ladies.

**PORNOGRAPHY AND THE INTERNET**

The latest technological advance is the use of I-pod's with pornographic video programming for instant gratification. We MUST take a strong stand against all porn in our communities, especially through a medium that again is so popular among our children. We need to write our legislators and tell them we want strong laws and enforcement against pornographic violators. We also need to contact our community officials imploring them to take a strong stand against pornography and that we expect them to vigorously prosecute violations of porn laws.

**STEM CELL RESEARCH**

Action needs to be taken, if it hasn't already been done, to contact legislators asking them to oppose **H. B. 810/S.471** which would provide federal funding for the use of human embryonic stem cells for research. This would include the destruction of human embryonic stem cells. Pope Benedict's message on human embryos, setting forth that an embryo is a full and complete human being from it's beginning, can be viewed at [www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com) by going to January 3, 2006.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM**

The State Board and I continue to watch the immigration reform legislation and its possible effects on any of our State projects. We continue to stay in contact with the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops for additional updates. There have been questions from many members regarding this legislation and its effects. Legislative alerts have been sent out for action and I will continue to send out such alerts as we learn information. When an alert is sent out, it is imperative that the information be passed along to membership for action immediately. If you have questions in this regard contact me or the State Regent.

**FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

Proposed marriage amendment legislation will be back on the agenda this summer. We need to let our legislators know that we support an amendment that upholds the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.

**PATRIOTISM**

The fourth of July is coming up and a time when we should all share in and show the pride we feel to be Americans and Texans. Courts are encouraged to participate in activities honoring our country, our state and our service men and women.

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

<i>Court Louise #209</i>	<i>Fort Worth</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>Court Regina Coeli #1959</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Court Ave Maria #2001</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>37</i>

## Missions of Mercy.....Lillian Hansen

**Some stories are just too good not to be shared. The Cameron Park Colonia has many stories and these are just two of them:**

**Rose Patek, Regent of Court Our Lady of Angels #2505, Seguin, wrote:** When we heard about the hurricane damage done to the area near Brownsville, our court took up the cause and asked our members and the members of our parish community to donate what they could, we would take it down personally. The members and the parish were more than generous. We had mountains of donated items. Two members took on the project of getting the supplies sorted and boxed, ready for delivery. Arrangements were made. Eight members decided to travel down and visit for the first time the Colonias. A mini-Winnebago was rented to take all of the items and all of the people. Plans were to stay overnight in order to tour the Colonias, make the delivery, attend Mass and pray with the people. When the Winnebago was loaded all of the storage area was taken up, plus the entire back bedroom, kitchen, shower, and closets.

We were welcomed with open arms and disbelief of all the schoolbooks and supplies we delivered. We were fortunate to be able to deliver nearly new school textbooks that the parochial school had in storage and needed to dispose of. There were cases of these books, all elementary grades, literature books, science books and math books.

We visited with Father Mike Seifert, toured some of the Colonia and visited a family that had escaped the confines of the Colonias, all that evening. Next morning, we regrouped, attended Mass, toured another part of the Colonias and began our trip back home.

Making the trip: 8 members plus 2 granddaughters. Benefits: Fellowship and getting to know our fellow CDA members, providing quality books for the education of young people and providing much needed supplies to those who had lost everything.

Several months later, we contacted Alicia, the social director at San Felipe de Jesus Church, inquiring about present needs. This is what Alicia wrote: "We have used every last school supply you all have sent. This month the children are still turning in last minute reports and Science Projects.

Today one of the regular kids, who come to our After School Tutorial, went into the school supply closet and came out just beaming. She yelled out, "Alicia! I can make my mother a Mother's Day Card after all! I found a package of construction paper!" I had told them last week they had to start bringing in their own supplies because I didn't have any more left from all the supplies you all gave us.

This supply closet is like the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It seems as if the supplies multiply by themselves! I assure you I haven't bought a single thing since you all brought all the new supplies at the beginning of the year. I made *school supply packs* with everything they needed from the School List, and what I had left, I put in the "magic closet".

They have to go through a *formal interrogation* before they enter, and only then can they take what they need. They tell these wonderful, incredible stories about their assignments so that I will give them "the goods."

Later I see them at their table proudly working on their assignment knowing their work will look just as good as those of the kids from the Country Club subdivision, which, by the way is just on the other side of Paredes Line Road from Cameron Park!

Thank you for all your gifts and for the love that accompanies them!"

To help Cameron Park Colonia with school supplies, strollers, cleaning supplies, toiletries, baby clothes and diapers, send parcels, by UPS to:

**San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church  
2225 Rancho Viejo  
Brownsville, TX 78526**

**Mail checks to:  
Father Mike Seifert  
San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church  
P. O. Box 8093  
Brownsville, TX 78528  
(Write "social services" on the check)**

**Or make your own trip and reap the rewards! Call Alicia ahead of time: (Phone 958-982-2007)**

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In May, members of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374, El Campo and Court Holy Rosary #1476, Rosenberg, loaded up household goods, furniture and toiletries and headed for Casa Juan Diego Mission in Houston. The most welcome of the goods delivered were the toiletries bags, which would be useful at any Homeless shelter or Battered Women's shelter wherever located in your area. Each drawstring bag (or large ziplock bag) contained the following:

Toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, comb, soap, deodorant, washcloth, nail clippers.  
For men: Shorts & socks  
For women: Underwear, wet wipes  
For donations of food/clothing: 4818 Rose  
Houston, TX 77007

Correspondence or to send checks: P. O. Box 70113,  
Houston, TX 77270

### **NEED IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MISSIONS OF MERCY TEXAS PROJECTS**

We would like to extend the works of MOMS and are open to nominations from your court, especially in the West Texas and panhandle areas. Also, there are many women's religious doing great works that could use our help. Tell us what your court is doing locally and give us your suggestions.

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

*Olive Hastad....Past National Director*

*Kenneth Dalton....Son of Carol Dalton, National Office Staff*

*Elsie Fries....Court St. Michael #559, Weimar*

*Willie Jo Neiser....Court St. Michael #559, Weimar*

*Doris Benson....Court Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361, Deer Park*

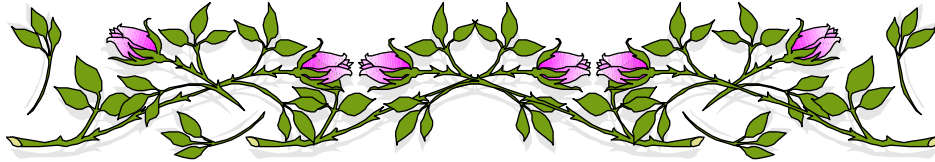
*Mary Smith...Court Our Lady Queen of the Apostles #2391, Austin*

*Edwina McHugh....Court Our Lady #2337, Dallas*

*Elida Gonzales....Court Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy #2469, Pattison*

*Sally Butera....Court Mary Immaculate #1719, Dallas*

*Sara Laney....Court Mother of Unity #2292, Houston*



## **HOLY CARDS**

One can give them tucked inside a greeting card, use them as bookmarks, and give them to family and friends as a special little gift. Most holy cards have pictures of saints and prayers on them. Some cards are the memorial cards one gets at a funeral with a holy picture on one side and the name and dates of birth and death on the other.

A wood block print of Saint Christopher, 1423, is believed to be the earliest holy card. Later in that century, hand cut and die cut lace holy cards were popular. They were called devotesdentelles in French and Andachtsbilden in German. A German, Aloys Senefelder developed lithography. In the 1840's, companies in France, near the Church of St. Sulpice, produced the cards in a style known as St. Sulpice Art (soft and feminine-looking images).

Many of these cards were sold in America. Soon other companies such as the Swiss manufacturer, Carl Benziger and Sons (later known as the Benzier Brothers) opened branches in the United States. In today's market the most commonly known holy cards are produced by the Bonella Brothers in Milan, Italy.



## NATIONAL NEWS

***Eight National Charitable Projects*** Has your court remembered the National Charitable Projects, financially? An \$80.00 check sent to the National Office will allow our organization to serve the needs within our eight Charities. The Disaster Fund has been used frequently for the many disasters this past year. We have received many thank-you letters from those affected and from many Bishops around the country.

***National CDA Sunday to be Observed*** Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 15, 2006. The theme for this year is *Women of Faith and Vision Praying For Vocations*, as we continue to pray for vocations.

### ***Prayer Corner***

- World Peace
- An end to world hunger, oppression, poverty, abuse, terrorism, trafficking, abortion
- The intentions of our Holy Father and the beatification of Pope John Paul II
- An increase in vocations
- For all the sick and grieving members, families, and caretakers, especially for the deceased: Richard Rakow, father of Ramona Rakow – Past National Director, John Nelson, brother-in-law of Ann Nelson – National Director, Norman Klesic, husband of Elaine Klesic – NYS Regent.

***Price Changes*** #109-b – Termination of Membership Notice. Although this material is no longer available, we will be offering a revised form in the near future. In the meantime, feel free to create your own form or letter for use within your court.

***Update your National Roster:*** Libby Ramirez’ e-mail [ramirez59@cox.net](mailto:ramirez59@cox.net)

### **National Convention**

It’s almost time for the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial National Convention to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 16-21, 2006. It will be exciting to visit the “land of 10,000 lakes.” Avoid the late registration fee, and register by June 1, 2006. It is not too late to make plans to attend as a non-delegate or a daily participant. Non-refundable registration fees are as follows:

	<b>Advance Registration (PRIOR TO 6/1/06)</b>	<b>Late Registration (POSTMARKED AFTER 6/1/06)</b>
Delegates	\$85.00	\$100.00
Non-Delegates	\$75.00	\$ 90.00
Chaplains	No Charge	No Charge
* Daily Registration	\$35.00	

***PLEASE NOTE: DAILY REGISTRANTS ARE NON-VOTING ATTENDEES.***

If you have misplaced your registration forms, all forms are available online at [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org).

### ***“TAKE TIME, TAKE THREE”***

*Anne Nelson, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman*

I would like to offer as a program for the Catholic Daughters, a new look at an old idea. During the Cold War, the Pope asked us to pray three Hail Marys a day for the conversion of Russia and the fall of Communism. It eventually happened and many contribute it to the power of prayer. It took time and effort but prayer endured. No politician can explain the rapid fall of Communism. Many have agreed that it was a power greater than they that led the leaders of the world to have a change of heart. It is time to do it again. I am asking the Courts to consider: ***“TAKE TIME, TAKE THREE”***.

I propose that you ask your members to pray three Hail Marys each day for the fall of terrorism and terrorist nations. Local courts could make this a part of their meeting. Reminders and notices could be placed in Church bulletins, diocesan papers, and school newsletters noting the sponsorship of this program by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

As doers and hearers of the Word, we need to step out more and take a more visible stance on issues. Prayer doesn’t hurt, it costs nothing but your time and the rewards are beyond measure.

**God Bless, Be At Peace, Pray For Peace, Work For Peace**

***“TAKE TIME, TAKE THREE”***



## Quarterly Prayer Intentions

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

- That rulers and legislators will be inspired by the beatitudes to serve the poor and the voiceless.
- That the Spirit of the Lord and the warmth of a peaceful summer will renew and refresh us and prepare us for productive and joyful new term.



### Congratulations to our newest Texas Courts:

#### **BROWNWOOD – LADIES OF ST. MARY #2565**

Tonia Steiner, Regent  
1013 Avenue K  
Brownwood, TX 76801  
(325) 643-5153

#### **BRADY – DAUGHTERS OF THE HEART OF MARY #2566**

Tina Selvera, Regent  
510 W. White  
Brady, TX 76825  
(325) 792-0866

#### **FRIONA - DAUGHTERS OF HOPE #2567**

Manuela Aronce, Regent  
805 W. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Friona, TX 79035

#### **PORT ISABEL - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA #2569**

Helen O. Delgadillo, Regent  
1213 Palm  
Laguna Vista, TX 78578  
956-943-2741

#### **FLATONIA – SACRED HEART OF MOTHER TERESA #2570**

Susan Steinhauser, Regent  
3814 Maeker Road  
Flatonia, TX 78941  
361-865-2665

### State Retreat

You are cordially invited to attend the State Retreat to be held in San Angelo, Texas, on September 22-24, 2006. Father Chuck Gunti, OFM, from San Antonio will conduct the retreat, and his theme will be "Staying Attached to the Vine: Life in the Eucharist." Those of you who have attended retreats know how powerful it is to come together to listen to Christ and to pray with and for each other. Don't miss this opportunity to hear God's voice. Allow Him to refresh and renew you and to prepare you for the new term. Capacity is 150, so make your reservations by filling out the registration form found in this newsletter as soon as possible. Deadline to register is September 15, 2006. If you have any questions at all, call me at 915-593-6653 or email me at [olgasamaniego@hotmail.com](mailto:olgasamaniego@hotmail.com). You can also call Carolyn Malik, State Secretary, at 361-594-3170. All those who register will receive a confirmation letter with directions to the retreat center. I hope to see you there!

*Olga Samaniego, State Regent*



## CDA Logo



We still have close to 75 courts that have not sent in a request for permission to use the CDA registered logo on newsletters, stationery, and printed materials. Each court's request must be maintained in the State's files. Please submit your request to the State Regent as soon as possible.

## Officers

On behalf of the State Board, I would like to thank all of the outgoing 2004-2006 local court officers. For two years or more you have served your courts and CDA well. You have inspired your members to fulfill court, state, and national goals; and you have been instrumental in guiding your members to participate in our National Program, The Circle of Love. Additionally, through your leadership, Texas CDA members have given of their time, energy, talent, and money in record numbers to local, state, and national projects. The generosity of our membership is overwhelming, and much is due to the inspiration and dedication of our local court leadership. Thank you for your faithfulness and service to CDA. CDA works in Texas because of you. Please remember to pass on your robes and all the books and materials pertaining to your office to the new officer.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome aboard all newly installed officers. Thank you for agreeing to accept the challenge of leading your courts for the next term. It is a job that requires time and commitment, but I know you will find it to be rewarding and fulfilling. I look forward to working with you. Please remember to forward your officers list to me as soon as possible. May God bless and protect you and your families as you seek to serve Him.

*Olga Samaniego, State Regent*

## State Newsletter

The last State Newsletter was mailed on March 2, and many of you did not receive it until April. Bulk mailing is just not working out. We are striving to get information to the courts in a much more timely fashion. In the future, we will mail hard copies of the newsletter by first class mail to regents and to those who have paid for subscriptions. As many others as possible will receive emailed copies. In this age of rising costs and improving technology, we have to take every opportunity to utilize the tools that are available. Please include email addresses on your officers' list for everyone possible including your chaplain, and keep the State Regent and the newsletter editor informed if your email address changes. A change of address form is included at the end of this newsletter. This is something new, and it will take a while to type all the email addresses into our system. Thank you for your patience and support.



### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.....**

Olivia McDonald hosts a CDA Crafters get-together at her home twice monthly and members of Court of Lady Queen of Peace #1374, El Campo, are invited to drop by for coffee, conversation and craft fun.

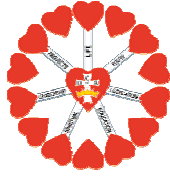
Olivia (standing) and Daisy Zella (sitting) recently organized and made over 100 red, white, and blue Texas-shaped "badges" which will be given to the Texas Delegation to be worn at the National Convention in Minnesota this July.

The Crafters make at least one quilt each year for the parish raffle as well as other craft items for CDA fundraiser functions.

## Texas Delegation

Since elections will be held on Tuesday, a short, informal Texas Caucus will be held on Monday, July 17, when the convention recesses for the day. The place of the caucus will be determined upon arrival at the convention, and all delegates will be informed of the site and are invited to attend. All courts that have sent in a delegate list will receive an invitation and details concerning the Texas State Dinner to be held on July 19, 2006. Sheila Martinka, Second Vice State Regent, and Peggy Rosales, State Treasurer, are chairing the dinner. They are researching sites now, and we hope you will join us—it will be a terrific evening. If you have any suggestions about the State Dinner, or if you would like to help organize the event, please call either Sheila or Peggy. The convention promises to be a wonderful learning experience and an opportunity to meet and get to know "Women of Faith and Vision" from around the Americas. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Olga Samaniego, State Regent*



# Circle of Love

Thank you to all the courts that turned in Circle of Love forms and that participated in the Education and Newsletter Contests, Memorial Scholarship Program, and Read Across America. The projects and activities in which courts are participating are incredible. The creativity of local court members never ceases to inspire and amaze me. Thank you for sharing what you are doing, and congratulations to all the Circle of Love and Contest winners. A complete list of winners is contained in this newsletter. Thank you as well, to all the chairmen and judges who worked so hard on compiling and scoring entries and on mailing reports to the National Office. This year was especially challenging because all were working with a new form for reporting. Thank you all and congratulations on a job well done!

*Olga Samaniego, State Regent*

## TEXAS STATE COURT 2006 WINNERS

### **EDUCATION**

	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Blessed Mother Immaculada # 2493	Houston	Gerilyn Edgar
Second Place	St. Joan Of Arc #1224	Del Rio	Guillermina Martinez
Third Place	Father Thomas Billimek # 2425	Los Fresnos	Socorro Vicinaiz
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	St. Anthony Of Padua # 2486	Wylie	Fran Morris
Second Place	Father Juan Zavala # 2012	Benavides	Iris Hinojosa
Third Place	Bishop Adolph Marx # 1988	Brownsville	Barbara Merta
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Father Pete Roebrocks # 2140	Gonzales	Suzanne Benes
Second Place	St. Elizabeth # 1616	Sealy	Carolyn Rapsilver
Third Place	Mary Queen Of The Snows # 1588	Columbus	Christine Moore
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	St. Bernadette # 1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Second Place	Annunciation, # 1962	La Grange	Theresa L. Wagner
Third Place	St. Ann # 369	Victoria	Donna Wesley

### **YOUTH**

	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Holy Family #2060	Missouri City	Delores Odle
Second Place	St. Joseph's of Honey Creek #2260	Bulverde	Margaret Ognibene
Third Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Carolyn Hunt
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	Missy Price
Second Place	Holy Cross #1598	Yorktown	Linda Willms
Third Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus

<b><i>YOUTH(Cont'd)</i></b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Father Pete Roebrocks #2140	Gonzales	Suzanne Benes
Second Place	Ava Maria #2001	Houston	Vernell Kasper
Third Place	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum	Maggie Jahn
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Theresa Lea Wagner
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Mary Machacek
Third Place	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville	Joyce Machicek

<b><i>LEGISLATION</i></b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Court St. Monica # 1262	Olfen	Kathy Halfmann
Second Place	Court St. Lawrence # 2402	Sugar Land	Brenda Munoz
Third Place	Court Our Lady of Seven Hills #2464	Huntsville	Charlotte Sanders
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	Court St. Anthony of Padua # 2486	Wylie	Fran Morris
Second Place	Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
Third Place	Court Bishop Adolph Marx # 1988	Brownsville	Barbara Merta
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Court Mother of Unity # 2292	Houston	Kathleen Taylor
Second Place	Court Christ the King # 1750	Houston	Patricia Hall
Third Place	Court St. Catherine of Siena # 1762	Wall	Claudette Molina
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	Court Annunciation # 1962	La Grange	Theresa LWagner
Second Place	Court St. Bernadette # 1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Third Place	Court St. Ann# 369	Victoria	Donna Wesley

<b><i>MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP</i></b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Kathy Halfmann
Second Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Carolyn Hunt
Third Place	Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy#2469	Pattison	Elrose Kostak
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	Our Lady #2337	Dallas	Neva Fairchild
Second Place	St. Matthew #2241	San Antonio	Janet Crawford
Third Place	Rev. Msgr. Herbert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels	Carol Schwartz
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Nika Saenz
Second Place	Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268	Ennis	Irene Vitdovsky
Third Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Kathleen Taylor
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	St. Ann #369	Victoria	Donna Wesley
Second Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Theresa Wagner
Third Place	Our Lady Queen of the Clergy #1990	Wharton	Carmen Longoria



## LOCAL COURT NEWSLETTER CONTEST

	Court	City	Regent
<b>Category I – Division I</b>			
First Place	Mary St. John #2197	Baytown	Mary B. Hrabina
Second Place	Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391	Austin	Mary Tello
Third Place	St. John the Baptist #2073	Alvin	Joyce Chiasson
<b>Category I – Division II</b>			
First Place	Sacred Heart /Divine Mercy #2469	Pattison	Elrose Kostak
Second Place	Maria Galante #115	Austin	Lorelle Jacobs
Third Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Carolyn Hunt
<b>Category II – Division I</b>			
First Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Kathleen Taylor
Second Place	Court St. Helen #2330	Pearland	Gladys Chauvin
Third Place	Regina Coeli #1959	Houston	Esther Ornelas
<b>Category II – Division II</b>			
First Place	Queen of Angels #1538	Wallis	S. Pfaffenberger
Second Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Vernell Kasper
Third Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Barbara Merta
<b>Category III – Division I</b>			
First Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Second	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Rita Vacker
<b>Category III – Division II</b>			
First Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Mary Machacek
Second Place	St. Michael #559	Weimer	Janet Purdy

## NATIONAL PROJECTS

	Court	City	Regent
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Anna Callahan #1339	Longview	Loretta Story
Second Place	Blessed Mother Immaculate #2493	Houston	Gerilynn Edgar
Third Place	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Kathy Halfmann
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	Mary St. John #2197	Baytown	Mary B. Hrabina
Second Place	St. Joseph #1729	Waco/Bellmead	Jennie Kunkel
Third Place	Our Lady of the Grotto #2439	Magnolia	Yolanda Garcia
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Vernell Kasper
Second Place	Our Lady of the Angels #2505	Seguin	Rose Patek
Third Place tie	Mary, Queen of the Snows #1588	Columbus	Christine Moore
Third Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Nika Saenz
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	Saint Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Second Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Theresa Wagner
Third Place	Sacred Heart #829	West	Laurann J. Grimm

## ***SPIRITUAL***

<b><i>ENHANCEMENT</i></b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Father Tom Billimek #2425	Los Fresnos	Socorro Vicinaiz
Second Place	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Kathy Halfmann
Third Place	Our Lady of Peace #2489	Converse	Marilynn Gallagher
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	St. Anthony of Padua #2486	Wylie	Fran Morris
Second Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary#2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
Third Place	Our Lady of Grace #1734	Rowena	Patricia Vancil
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Vernell Kasper
Second Place	Our Lady of Angels #2505	Seguin	Rose Patek
Third Place	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum	Maggie Jahn
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	St. Bernadette#1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Second Place	Sacred Heart #829	West	Laurann Grimm
Third Place	St. Paul#1604	Shiner	Mary Machacek

<b><i>QUALITY OF LIFE</i></b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
<b>Category I</b>			
First Place	Court St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Kathy Halfmann
Second Place	Court Our Lady of Peace #2489	Converse	M. Gallagher
Third Place	St. Monica Patroness of Women #2477	Plano	Cleo Smith
<b>Category II</b>			
First Place	Court Marie Galante #115	Austin	Lorell Jacobs
Second Place	Court St. Cecilia #1396	Orange	Dorothy Harmon
Third Place	Court Fr. Juan Zavala #2012	Benavides	Iris Hinojosa
<b>Category III</b>			
First Place	Court Mary Queen of Snows #1588	Columbus	Christine Moore
Second Place	Court Mother Of Unity #2292	Houston	Kathleen Taylor
Third Place	Court Ave Maria # 2001	Houston	Vernell Kasper
<b>Category IV</b>			
First Place	Court St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Second Place	Court Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville	Joyce Machicek
Third Place	Court St. Ann #369	Victoria	Donna Wesley



## **WEBSITE CONTEST**

	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Regent</b>
First Place	St. Monica, Patroness of Women #2477	Plano	Cleo Smith
Second Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2200	Austin	Carolyn Hunt

**2006 Education Contest  
State Individual Winners  
Texas State Court**

<b>ART</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Division I</b>			
First Place	Tanya Cazares	St. Mary Magdalene # 1989	Laredo
Second Place	Brandon Lee Gutierrez	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Third Place	C.J. Keenan Kingston	Our Lady of Good Council #309	Wichita Falls
<b>Division II</b>			
First Place	Ashley Harton	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo
Second Place	Erin West	John F. Kennedy # 1907	Fredericksburg
Third Place	Jorge Diaz	Blessed Anne Marie Taigi # 2167	Amarillo
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Manda Frazier	Fr. Pete Roebrocks # 2140	Gonzalez
Second Place	Lindsey Marik	Our Lady Queen of Peace # 1374	El Campo
Third Place	Chelsea Korenek	Our Lady of the Rosary # 1595	Nada
<b>Division IV</b>			
First Place	Geraldine Jurica	St. Ann # 369	Victoria
Second Place	None		
Third Place	None		
<b>POSTER</b>			
<b>Division I</b>			
First Place	Sam Matussek	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum
Second Place	Ashley Mitchler	Our Lady of the Gulf # 2267	Port Lavaca
Third Place	Bailey Knippa	St. Ann #369	Victoria
<b>Division II</b>			
First Place	Brianna Shimek	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Second Place	Colby Mikes	Sacred Heart # 797	Hallettsville
Third Place	Makala Ramirez	St. Michael #559	Weimar
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Brittany House	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Second Place	Trey Berend	Our Lady Of Perpetual Help # 296	Windthorst
Third Place	None		
<b>POETRY</b>			
<b>Division I</b>			
First Place	Tiffany Ang	Holy Rosary # 1476	Rosenberg
Second Place	Kayla Headley	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Third Place	Bonnie Winkler	St. Michael # 559	Weimar
<b>Division II</b>			
First Place	Christian Maxwell	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Second Place	Rebecca Schwarz	John F. Kennedy #1907	Fredericksburg
Third Place	Haylee Grahmann	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Lauren Lev	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg
Second Place	Rachel Wolf	Our Lady Of Perpetual Help #296	Windthorst
<b>Division IV (Adult)</b>			
First Place	Janice Jessen	Our Lady Of Angels #2505	Seguin
Second Place	Rhonda Goebel	Michael's # 347	Cuero
Third Place	Jeanette Boehme	Cecilia # 1396	Orange

**2006 Education Contest  
State Individual Winners  
Texas State Court  
(Continued)**

<b>ESSAYS</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Division I</b>			
First Place	Joe Martinez	Our Lady Of The Gulf #2267	Port Lavaca
Second Place	Grace Hight	Blessed Anne Marie Taigi # 2167	Amarillo
Third Place	Allyson Reithmeier	St. Ann #369	Victoria
<b>Division II</b>			
First Place	Haley Kovar	Mary Queen Of The Snows #1588	Columbus
Second Place	Collin Brewer	Our Lady Of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum
Third Place	Mathew Mendoza	Mother Of Grace #1906	Pasadena
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Regina Toohey	St. Cecilia #1396	Orange
Second Place	Chekea Korenek	Our Lady Of The Rosary #1595	Nada
Third Place	Sarah Land	Our Lady Of Hyacinth # 2361	Deer Park

**COMPUTER  
ART**

<b>COMPUTER ART</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Division I</b>			
First Place	Amanda Pruett	Our Lady Of Angels #2505	Seguin
Second Place	Lauren Hand	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe
Third Place	Bonnie Winkler	St. Michael #559	Weimar
<b>Division II</b>			
First Place	Emily White	Our Lady Of St. Hyacinth # 2361	Deer Park
Second Place	Phillip Gonzales	Our Lady Of Angels #2505	Seguin
Third Place	Meagan Aguilar	Queen Of Angels #1538	Wallis
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Rick Frazier	Fr. Pete Roebrocks # 2140	Gonzales
Second Place	Zach Redlinger	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg
Third Place	None		

<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Division II</b>			
	None		
<b>Division III</b>			
First Place	Daniel D. Coburn	Our Mother of Peace and Unity #2487	Livingston
Second Place	None		
Third Place	None		
<b>Division IV</b>			
	None		

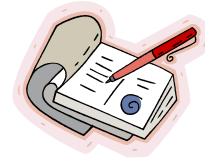


**2006  
Memorial Scholarship Winners  
Texas State Court**

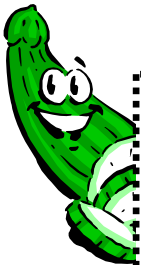
<i>Student</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Regent</i>
<b>\$2000.00 Scholarship</b>			
Jared Bench	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Hall
<b>\$1500.00 Scholarships</b>			
Hannah Kozelsky	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
James Hoelscher	John F. Kennedy #1907	Fredericksburg	Beverly Peske
<b>\$1000.00 Scholarships</b>			
Chelsea Kunz	St. Michael #559	Weimar	Janet Purdy
Hannah Heger	St. Michael #559	Weimar	Janet Purdy
Trevor Hybner	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Mary Machacek
Justin Chapa	Sacred Heart of Jesus # 2422	Odem	Delma Cantu
Wesley Earnshaw	Our Lady of Grace #1734	Rowena	Patricia Vancil
Michael Antosh	St. Michael #559	Weimar	Janet Purdy
Jessica Garza	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Terrie Vacek
Katy Striegler	John F. Kennedy #1907	Fredericksburg	Beverly Peske
Kayla Hemmi	Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296	Windthorst	Linda Haynes
Mary Vasicek	Father Chromcik #1440	Fayetteville	Mildred Walla
Kristin Jondrzej	Holy Cross #1598	Yorktown	Linda Willms
Brittany Price	Resurrection #2054	Bay City	Karen Owens
<b>\$800.00 Scholarships</b>			
Elizabeth Shelley	Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	Melissa Price
Jason Davis	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Kathleen Taylor
Theresa Michalewicz	Santa Angela #1736	San Angelo	Claudette Molina
Todd Adler	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Rita Vacker
Brandi Novy	Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268	Ennis	Irene Vitdovsky
Robert Dranela	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Rita Vacker
Marc Schroder	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Rita Vacker
Kelli Barcak	St Michael #559	Weimar	Janet Purdy
Janis Etzler	St. Ann #369	Victoria	Donna Wesley
Joseph Noska	Father Chromcik #1440	Fayetteville	Mildred Walla
Thea Lonewolf	Rev. Msgr. Herbert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels	Carol Schwartz
Kendra Gunn	Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268	Ennis	Irene Vitdovsky
Jerrold Flusche	St. Mary #249	Muenster	Lina Jo Flusche
Benjamin Baker	St. Helen #2330	Pearland	Gladys Chauvin
Sara Busha	Resurrection #2054	Bay City	Karen Owens

The Texas State Court has awarded \$29,000.00 in scholarships from the Memorial Scholarship Fund for 2005-2006.

# State Calendar



June 2, 2006	Installation of Officers, District 31
June 3, 2006	Officers' Training, District 3
June 4, 2006	Institution of new court in Port Isabel
June 7, 2006	Institution of new court in Flatonia
June 10, 2006	Multi-district installation of officers, Channelview
June 9-11, 2006*	Board Meeting and Financial Review, Shiner
June 11, 2006	District Meeting, #51 New Caney
June 11, 2006	Installation of Officers, District 5
June 12, 2006	39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Court Blessed Trinity #1971
June 14, 2006	37 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Court Ave Maria # 2001
June 24, 2006	Multi-district officers' training, New Braunfels
July 8, 2006	Officers' Training, Hillsboro
July 8, 2006	District Meeting, Marfa
July 17-21, 2006	National Convention, Minnesota
July 23, 2006	Officers' Training, Districts 12 and 30
July 29, 2006	Officers' Training, Districts 11 and 37
July 29, 2006	Officers' Training, Tyler
August 5, 2006	Officers' Training, Irving
August 12, 2006	Officers' Training and Installation of Officers, Corpus Christi
August 19, 2006	Officers' Training, District #38 and Galveston/Houston
August 26, 2006	Officers' Training, Districts 14, 34, 19
September 9, 2006	Officers' Training, Mission
September 22-24, 2006**	Board Meeting and State Retreat, San Angelo, Texas
September 30, 2006	District Meeting, Sugar Land
January 2007*	Board Meeting, Dallas
January 20, 2007	Meeting, District #38 Alvin
February 24, 2007	Multi-district meeting in Gregory, 16,36,41,47
March, 2007*	Board Meeting, El Paso
April, 2007	Financial Review, Houston
April 26-29, 2007	<b>CDA State Convention, Dallas</b>



## LYNN'S CUCUMBER TREATS

*2 cucumbers*  
*1 8oz pkg. Cream cheese*  
*1 pkg. Good Seasons Italian mix (dry)*

*3 T. salad dressing (Miracle Whip)*  
*1 loaf white or wheat bread*  
*lid from a spice bottle*

Peel cucumbers and score with a fork, down the sides. Slice cucumbers, (25 to 35 slices per cucumber). Mix cream cheese (room temperature), seasoning, and salad dressing until soft. Use the spice lid to punch out three circles from each slice of bread. Spread cream cheese mixture on one side of each circle. Place cucumber slices on top and serve.



**C D Angels** can be anyone and anyone can nominate an angel. Angels are women who are doing their regular jobs in an extraordinary manner, women who have gone “above and beyond” and have given special service to a court, or women who have been quietly reliable and trustworthy whom you would like to recognize for their faithfulness. Be creative, and let’s recognize the **Caring, Devoted, Absolutely** terrific women of Texas. Send your nominees to State Regent, Olga Samaniego, at: [olgasamaniego@hotmail.com](mailto:olgasamaniego@hotmail.com) or 915-593-6653.

**Guillermina Martinez** from **St. Joan of Arc # 1224** in Del Rio came hesitantly to the office of regent, and has come a long way. She has learned a lot and has inspired and motivated us. If she makes a mistake, she is humble enough to admit it. She gives all of us a spark of energy that we all need at times. She gives her best to all that she does for our court.

**Anne Marek** is a real **C D Angel**. She is the Vice Regent of **Court St. Joseph Protector of Mary #2475**, Inez, Texas. She taught CCD and now is a leader in Generations of Faith. She applied for and received a \$3000.00 religious grant from Formosa Plastics in our court's name. She secured Raddix Group, a music ministry by Erik Genius, and a one-man passion play by Doug Berry for our parish. Anne gives a spiritual reflection at our C.D.A. meetings. She serves with the ACTS Retreat. Anne is an engineer, but chooses to be a stay at home mom for her 3 sons ages 7, 4 and 2. All our members go the extra mile, but I think Anne deserves special recognition.

**Betty Floyd, Regena Hamilton, Mary Louise Krickenberger and Dora Meyer** have faithfully served **Court Queen of Heaven #1844** as hostesses. They prepare the gathering room, serve refreshments, and clean after each monthly meeting. These hostesses go out of their way to coordinate and decorate for our Christmas and Court's Birthday parties. Moreover, they organize and stock the Court's supply closet. These ladies are truly angels. God's love shines through their devoted service and welcoming smiles.

**Ms Alicia Salinas, Court St Jude Thaddeus # 1770** is a **C D Angel**. She has been my right hand, my left hand, and my guardian angel since our regent, Ms. Dee Carreno left us. I did not feel ready to lead such an excellent organization of Christian women. Alicia Salinas deserves all the recognition.

**Dianna Harvill of Court St. Gerard #1938 Beaumont** is a **C D Angel**. She converted to Catholicism in 1961 and serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector for the Diocese of Beaumont. Dianna serves as a Homebound Minister for the sick/elderly, an RCIA Coordinator, and as a member of the Parish Advisory Council. She serves on the Arts & Environment Committee, is the Co-editor for Court St. Gerard's CDA, is a substitute teacher for Children's Religious Education, the Generations of Faith Leadership Chairman, a member of St. Pius Ladies Society, and a facilitator for RENEW 2004. Dianna loves to sew and in her own personal ministry makes a lap-sized prayer blanket made of colorful cloth, praying for the individual who is ill or dying and prays during its construction. The blanket has a label affixed with a personal message of encouragement, the person's first name and the quote from Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Him."

We have two angels in **Court St. Faustina # 2478**. They have contributed so much to spirit in our court. Actually they are our social chairman and her helper **Juanita Hoelscher** and **Christine Bukowsky**. What one does not think of the other does. Besides arranging for delicious snacks for our meetings, they decorate for the occasion as well as dress in costume when the theme dictates. On occasion they sing a song, cut up and generally bring spirit to our meetings. If something comes up on the spur of the moment as sometimes does happen, they somehow manage to “get it done.” They are truly angels in our court, and we are blessed to have them as members.

**Randa Gonzales** from **St. Monica, Patroness of Women #2477** works hard in helping the women at the women shelter that is run by the Missionaries on Charities. She also works tirelessly for the nursing home ministry and countless other CDA activities. Randa is caring and has a cheerful attitude for whatever the task is. She is a true example of someone who is living her faith.

It was the summer of 2004, when a **C D Angel** approached me and totally sold me on an idea. A proposition that couldn't have come at a more appropriate time in my life, as it had only been 5 months since the death of my husband. **Mrs. Janie Lopez** had a “vision” for the women of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Corpus Christi, Texas. Janie, a 13 year CDA veteran at the time, was excited that Msgr. Michael Heras, Pastor of OLPH, had given his blessing and approval for the establishment of a new CDA court. On September 24, 2004, **Our Lady of the Body of Christ CDA Court #2543** from OLPH Parish, Corpus Christi was established with 50 Charter members. As a member of OLPH, Janie was instrumental in organizing the Traveling Chalice for Vocations, as well as, First Friday Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She currently serves as our CDA Court's Chairperson for both the Nominating Committee and the Telephone Committee. Janie brings energetic enthusiasm and great ideas to our Court and is always ready and willing to serve when called upon. Since her retirement in January 2006, Janie has been working and offering her time and skills in helping with preparations for the fall 2006 opening of John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi. The “General” as she is fondly referred to by her friends, keeps us all in line with CDA rules and protocol. Mrs. Janie Lopez is a blessing and a true, faithful **C D Angel**.

The Court is pleased to nominate **JUANITA TIJERINA** for an angel award. Juanita has been a Catholic Daughter since 1979 and has been a loyal and active member of **Court Prince of the Apostles #1787** since joining. She has continually held an office in the court. She was Regent (1991-1993) and for many years she was either the Treasurer or Financial Secretary. During this latter period of membership she has remained active even though she had been waiting for a kidney transplant. Juanita has become a valued assistant to DD# 40 during Financial Reviews for 4 years. If the Treasurer or Financial Secretary from other courts were having a problem she helped them. She says that it is so very important to share your knowledge, especially with new members, and not keep it to yourself. At present she is the court's Sunshine Girl sending cards to not only all the members but also to the priests at Padua Place. In point of fact, the Court considers Juanita to be more of an Archangel than Angel. Court Prince of the Apostles would not be the same without her.

## ***Courts In Action***



### ***SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT***

**Ct. Mother of Grace #1906**, Pasadena, held a Corporate Communion. They also took Communion to members' homes.  
**Ct. Prince of the Apostles #1787**, San Antonio, held a Priest Appreciation Day.  
**Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211**, Sugar Land, held a Priest Appreciation Day.  
**Ct. St. Helen #2330**, Pearland, did the Stations of the Cross and a Corporate Communion with the KCS.  
**Ct. St. Bernadette #1108**, E. Bernard, collected religious articles for priests in India.  
**Ct. St. Louise #209**, Fort Worth, held a party for OLV Sisters.  
**Ct. Mother of Peace and Unity #2487**, Livingston, held a Reception for their Deacon.  
**Ct. Mary Immaculate #1719**, Dallas, made rosaries.  
**Ct. Christ the King #1750**, Houston, went to a pro-life Mass and walked in a procession to an abortion clinic.  
**Ct. Queen of Angels #1538**, Wallis, held a RCIA Reception.  
**Ct. Kraljica Mira #2308**, Spring did a Day of Prayer.  
**Ct. Louise #209, Fort Worth**, fixed a Bishop's Luncheon.  
**Ct. Regina Coeli #1959**, Houston, hosted an annual Nun's Day, and made rosaries.

### ***EDUCATION***

Many courts took part in Read Across America. Some were: **Ct. Mary Queen of the Snows #1588**, Columbus; **Ct. Regina Coeli #1959**, Houston; **Ct. Mother of Unity #2292**, Houston; **Ct. Our Lady of Apostles #2391**, Austin; **Ct. Mother Seaton #2513**, Keller; **Ct. St. Paul #1604**, Shiner; **Ct. St. Bernadette #1108**, East Bernard; **Ct. Our Mother of Peace and Unity #2487**, Livingston.  
**Ct. St. Bernadette #1108**, East Bernard, sponsored a girl from India.

### ***YOUTH***

**Ct. Prince of the Apostles #1787**, San Antonio, inducted Junior Catholic Daughters' officers.  
**Ct. St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211**, Sugar Land, held a Senior Luncheon.  
**Ct. Ave Maria #2001**, Houston, held a Birthright Baby Shower.  
**Ct. Louise #209**, Fort Worth, sponsored the American Way Awards.  
**Ct. Holy Family #2060**, Missouri City, made donations to the Boys and Girls Country.  
**Ct. Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy #2469**, Pattison, held a Confirmation Reception and a First Communion/First Confession Day.  
**Ct. Mercy of Jesus #2407**, Tomball, held a reception for First Communion and Confirmation.  
**Ct. Mary St. John #2197**, Baytown, held a Pregnancy Resource Center Shower.  
**Ct. St. Helen #2330**, Pearland, held a diaper drive for the Gabriel Project.  
**Ct. Mother of Unity #2292**, Houston, gave monies to Project Graduation.

## ***Courts In Action (Continued)***

### ***LEADERSHIP***

District #3, San Angelo, held Officers' Training on June 3.

### ***FUNDRAISERS***

Ct. **Mother of Grace #1906**, Pasadena, had their Annual Bake Sale.  
Ct. **St. Michael #559**, Weimar, held their Bake Sale.  
Ct. **Prince of the Apostles #1787**, San Antonio, had a Style Show and Luncheon.  
Ct. **Our Lady Queen of the Apostles #2391**, Austin had a Fashion Show and Brunch.  
Ct. **Our Lady #2337**, Farmers Branch, had a Fashion Show.  
Ct. **Holy Family #2060**, Missouri City, had a Spaghetti Dinner.  
Ct. **Kraljica Mira #2308**, Spring, held a Gumbo Supper.  
Ct. **Sacred Heart of Divine Mercy #2469**, Pattison, held a Bake Sale.  
Ct. **Our Mother of Peace and Unity #2487**, Livingston had an Easter Basket Sale.  
Ct. **Our Blessed Mother #1731**, El Paso, sold tickets for a play at the El Paso Playhouse.  
Ct. **Blessed Trinity #1971**, Houston, had a "No Bake, Bake Sale".  
Ct. **Mary Queen of the Snows #1588**, Columbus, held a Style Show and Salad Supper.  
Ct. **Christ the King #1750**, Houston, had their Games Party.  
Ct. **Our Lady of Grace #1734**, Rowena, had their Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale.  
Ct. **Ancillae Mariae #1886**, Crosby, had a Garage Sale.  
Ct. **Isidore, Patron of the Land #2340**, Needville, had a Chicken Spaghetti Dinner.

### ***PROJECTS***

Ct. **Mother of Charity #1713**, Houston, collected Fiesta grocery receipts.  
Ct. **Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361**, Deer Park, collected Kroger receipts.  
Ct. **Maria Galante #115**, Austin, fixed birthday cupcakes for the Austin State Hospital.  
Ct. **Our Lady of Grace #1734**, Rowena, held their Senior Citizen's Game Afternoon.

### ***QUALITY OF LIFE/ FELLOWSHIP***

Ct. **Mother of Charity #1713**, Houston, went on a Coushatta bus trip.  
Ct. **Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361**, Deer Park, had a Fabulous 50's Party.  
Ct. **Regina Coeli #1959**, Houston, held a Mother and Son Gathering.  
Ct. **St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211**, Sugar Land, had a blood drive and dance.  
Ct. **Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391** Austin, sponsored a team for Relay Life.  
Ct. **Mother Seaton #2513**, Keller, helped at the Ronald McDonald House.  
Ct. **Mary Immaculate #1719**, Dallas, made a donation to the White Rose Center.  
Ct. **Blessed Trinity #1971**, Houston, gave a VA Hospital Party.  
Ct. **Maria Galante #115**, Austin, did the Relay for Life Texas School for the Deaf.  
Ct. **Immaculate Mary #2134**, Angleton, helped United Way with Neighbor Day.  
Ct. **Ancillae Mariae #1886**, Crosby, gave a donation to the American Cancer Society.  
Ct. **Mary St. John #2197**, Baytown, provided lunch for the workers working on the Baytown Habitat for Humanity.  
Ct. **St. Bridget #2269**, Longview, donated basket for St. Mary's School BBQ.  
Ct. **St. Helens #2330**, Pearland, sponsored a team for Relay for Life.

**Note:** If you are not the current regent of your court and you received this newsletter, that means we do not have your new officers' list. Please send it to the State Regent as soon as possible, and please pass the newsletter on to the new regent. Updating rosters for mailing lists is a massive job. Thank you for your help and support.

**NOVENA TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE**

*(Repeat this prayer for nine consecutive days,  
or each hour for nine consecutive hours)*



Oh, Jesus, You said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you." Through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, and I ask that my prayer be answered. *(Mention your intention here.)*

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

Oh, Jesus, You said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you." Through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name, that my prayer be answered. *(Mention your intention here.)*

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

Oh, Jesus, You said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass." Through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. *(Mention your intention here.)*

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)



**Special Project:** It is the middle of summer and the last thing on our minds is Christmas; but, before we know it, the Christmas Season will be upon us. Believe it or not, now is the time when department stores and organizations are planning their advertising and deciding on Christmas activities. Were you unhappy with the fact that, in many ways, Jesus was left out of Christmas last year? Were you saddened by greetings of "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas?" Let's put our heads together and come up with a positive, joyful campaign to spread the word that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." Talk and pray with your court members, and send in your ideas for the September State Newsletter. We don't all have to do the same thing, but let's all do something. Let's "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" this Christmas!

**CORRECTION FORM**

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

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