



April showers bring
May flowers!
From all of your state officers!

A Message from your President

Dear JCDA Sisters,
Hello Beautiful girls I hope everything is going fantastic! Now that spring has arrived, the state officers and I are installing our last group of courts and our minds are focused on the State Convention! A lot of love and hard work has been put in by the state board and Sacred Heart Court Annunciation # 1962 from La Grange who has graciously agreed to host the convention this year. The convention is being held June 24-26th in Austin the home of our capital and a city full of great music, history, and fun! This location could not be more perfect because Austin is where I attended my first convention, and whether it is your 1st convention or your 7th I hope that all of you can attend because it is going to be a blast!

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist." -Pope St. Gregory the Great



With all my heart,
Maya Cuellar State President

A Message from your 1st Vice

Hi everyone! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a wonderful New Years, I know that I did. This winter has been really something with all of the cold temps that we have been having and I can wait for it to be summer! Not because of the warmer weather and the chances to go swimming, but because of the convention and the chance I will get to see all of you there! All of the other State officers and I have been working really hard on this convention and we know its going to be a good one. I also encourage all the girls that are 14 or older to start thinking about becoming a state officer. It is really so much fun and you get to met so many new friends and build friendships that will last a lifetime!

Music is what life sounds like. ~Eric Olson

Kimberly Kallies, State 1st Vice President

The Junior Jazz

A Message from your 2nd Vice

Hello girls! I hope everyone is doing great. I know we'll all start to get busy with the spring coming up! I expect to see each of you at the convention in June. It's going to be spectacular! It's hosted by my court this year, Court Sacred Heart of La Grange. The court, all the state officers and I are really looking forward to it! I'm keeping all of you in my prayers.

'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.' (Deuteronomy 33:27)

God Bless, Sarah Proske 2nd Vice President

A Message from your Secretary

Hey girls I hope all of you are having fun with school. I know I am, with only three more months left in my whole high school career!!!! Spring is almost here and it's time for all the beautiful and wonderful flowers to show themselves. I missed them greatly and the sun. In Lubbock all we have been getting is snow and very, very strong wind two things that don't really work well with the uncoordinated. The girls and I have been hard at work thinking of fun and exciting things to do at the State Convention. I really hope all of you can make this special event. I'm super excited for this year's convention and can't wait to see everyone there. Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night. ~Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters of Rainer Maria Rilke*

Love Valerie Barrera, State Secretary

A Message from your Reporter

Hey Girls!! :) I hope that everyone is doing great!! Man, have things been very crazy, running hear and there, it seems to me these days I am never at home! Being this busy doesn't stop me for taking just a few minutes here and there to sit down and pray to our Lord! I encourage everyone to do the same! It makes my day a billion times better! I am pretty sure that every one of you knows about the convention this year in Austin. I hope that everyone can make it, and I have a feeling that it is going to be great!

Love, Mary Adamek State Reporter

A Message from your State Chairman

The holidays have come and gone and we are entering in the season of Lent and Easter. Jesus came to save us and He came to give us peace of heart. It is with this in mind that I applaud the state officers for the theme they have chosen for their convention. Stars of P.E.A.C.E. "People Experiencing the Awesomeness of Christ Everywhere". In John 14:27 Jesus says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you". We have been working very hard to make this the best convention yet. Reserve June 24-26th on your calendars, start working on your fundraisers and come see us in Austin. Call to Convention Packets will be in the mail by the end of this month. The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it. ~

Mother Teresa

Terri Beltran, State Youth/JCDA Chairman

A Message from your State Chaplain

Dear J.C.D.A. Members

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Season is already past and we are preparing for Lent and Easter. We have experienced God's great love for us in Jesus' coming down from heaven to be one with us as God and man. We now prepare to experience God's great love for us in Jesus' suffering, dying and rising for us so that the gates of heaven are open for us, if we choose to follow Him and enter heaven. I encourage you to take the Lenten Season and Holy Week very seriously and truly reflect on God's love for us and your love for Him. May you have a very blessed Lent and Easter. It is also time to prepare for our J.C.D.A. State Convention June 24-26. It will be a fun time, a learning time and a spiritually rewarding time. Come and spend some quality time with your J.C.D.A. sisters.

Fr. John Peters, J.C.D.A. State Chaplain

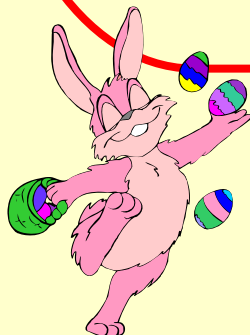
CONVENTION



"STARS OF P.E.A.C.E. – People Experiencing the Awesomeness of Christ Everywhere" Reservations must be made directly with the Doubletree Hotel Austin, located in central Austin at the intersection of I-35 North and Highway 290 East. You may call 512-454-3737 to make reservations. The rooms are \$119.00 per night. Please make reservations as soon as possible to guarantee your court rooms

Happy Easter to all our JCDA Sisters and chairmen, may the resurrection of Jesus grow in each of us...

Always In Peace,
Maya, Kim, Sarah,
Valerie, Mary,
Terri
&
Father John



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Now Is the Time

Now is the time of the Easter season. Now is the time to know the true reason. Now is the time to ask Jesus to forgive your sins. Now is the time to start making amends. Now is the time to be on bended knee. Now is the time for Jesus to set you free. Now is the time to be washed pure and clean. Now is the time feel peaceful and serene. Now is the time to worship our Jesus each day. Now is the time to read the bible and pray. Now is the time to give your life a new start. Now is the time to ask Jesus in your heart. Now is the time you understand the true reason. Now is the time to celebrate Easter Season.

Did you know!

In many ancient cultures, eggs were a common symbol of new life. In medieval times, Eggs came to represent the Lord's resurrection. Just as Christ broke out of the tomb on Easter morning, the yolk of the egg breaks out of its shell when cracked. The decoration of eggs for Easter is part of the folk traditions of many cultures, although it has little or no religious significance any more. The Easter rabbit is a popular secular symbol for Easter that has never taken on a Christian interpretation. It seems to have originated from the hare, a symbol of fertility in ancient Egypt and later on in parts of Europe.