The Third (3rd) Biennial Pray and Play Weekend for the Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Texas commenced on February 17, 2018 and ended on February 18, 2018 in Ennis, Texas.

The goal of this event was to raise money and awareness for the Texas CDA Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects. Proceeds were divided between the four (4) projects which include Annunciation Maternity Home (Georgetown), Casa Juan Diego (Houston), Cameron Park Colonia After School Tutorial Project - Proyecto Juan Diego (Brownsville), and Missionaries of Charity (Dallas).

Over one hundred (100) CDA members from different courts throughout Texas gathered at St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Ennis, Texas on February 17, 2018 to attend the "pray" part of the weekend. Olga Samaniego, National Regent Elect from El Paso, Texas, was the Retreat Master. The topic for the retreat was "Be Not Afraid!" - St. John Paul the Great, which is the theme that the State Regent, Rosie Stockwell, chose for the 2017-2019 term.

The weekend began on Saturday afternoon with a retreat at St. John’s Catholic Church. Olga Samaniego, National Regent-Elect, was the facilitator. Olga spoke about empowering women through the love of God and how all children of God.

After the retreat, everyone attended Mass and then returned to the parish hall for dinner. During dinner, a raffle was held with items donated from local courts. Everyone head back to the hotel for relaxation. Precious time in fellowship with CDA sisters culminated this day.
Sunday morning (February 18, 2018) arrived and all participants gathered at the Ennis All Star Bow, the local bowling alley. Many CDA members formed teams and bowled for two hours. A spirit of competiveness prevailed with some members bowling strikes and spares – although some had gutter balls! For those CDA members who were physically challenged, games were played in a private room such as "Flags Up" and a Jumbo Raffle. The "play" part of the weekend was enjoyed by all and contributed to a great time. Laughter and love for one another floated all through the bowling alley.

State Officers in attendance were State Regent, Rosie Stockwell, First Vice State Regent, Melodie Brunt, and State Treasurer, Mary Jane Albert. District Deputies and State Chairmen attended in addition to Carolyn Bachmann, National Director.

This **weekend impacted many local court members through spirituality and service, which is what CDA stands for.** The local parish and community were given a chance to see CDA at work in fulfilling the goals of the organization.

Texas CDA is gearing up to the next Pray & Play Weekend which will be hosted by the CDA Members in Alice, Texas, in 2020.