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Holy Eucharist and the Family as School of Love

It is such a great blessing that I write this message conveying my Christmas message and blessing to you all as your National Spiritual Chaplain, but really, as your fellow pilgrim thanking God for the gift of the Holy Family in our lives of Faith!

This season and for this reason, I invite you to reflect on the purpose of being family. In God's plan, the family is supposed to be a "school of love" in which every member is loved and inspired to give of oneself in love to others; with Jesus, Mary and Joseph as our models for this "school of love".

As much as Joseph and Mary are the parents of Jesus, the Son of God, they were also ordinary people who followed traditional customs and complied with the laws of their nation. They raised Jesus as any normal parents would raise their son. They taught Him and disciplined Him. Jesus probably had to do daily chores and learn basic education like any other boy living in Nazareth. Joseph had to work hard for a living and Mary did her share of the housework.

This ordinary life as a family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus make them role models for any modern Christian family. And they led a typical family life that is distinctly enveloped by love, responsibility and care for each other.

We definitely have read and heard of the difficulties and challenges of the family in the 21st century. Maybe we have experienced these difficulties ourselves. As parents or grandparents, you perhaps worry how our children or grandchildren would grow up or how you can continue instilling Catholic values in the home. You are anxious about the people in their school and the larger society and what influence they have on your loved one's behavior..

At a time when many families are breaking up and breaking down all over, the Holy Family presents itself as our source of great hope and consolation. There is perhaps no other way to keep each family intact and moving onwards except through the virtue of sheer self-sacrifice and self-giving for each other in the family. Think of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and their commitment to each other despite all their difficulties, and trust that your families, too, can weather and hurdle any challenge or obstacle that may come your way. It takes care, responsibility, and most of all – love.

As you gather at the Christmas table after you have attended your Christmas Mass together as a family, embrace the simple truth and boundless opportunity to make your homes, the domestic church, truly a "school of love". I charge you, my dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas, together with your spouses, to imitate Christ's love for His bride – the Church, sacrificing for each other to make the other holy. For any marriage to thrive, for any family to thrive, spouses need to come together to the Holy Eucharist where they will receive the Lord of love inside them and be able to share His complete and total love with each other.

For our JCDA, learn from the example of your parents who strive to model their lives after the example of Mary and Joseph – a task that is not easy, but possible only through your collaboration and response borne out of love; because ultimately, what you do with your parents, you do for God who gave you your parents to make tangible His love and providence for you, His dear children!

To the crisis of the family we recognize the world and the Church face today, God has given a solution: Holy the Eucharist, the "school of love". Gather in the Holy Eucharist on Sunday and holy days of obligations, and as frequent as you are able, to receive Jesus - bring Him home and allow Him to be shared to others out of care, responsibility, and love.

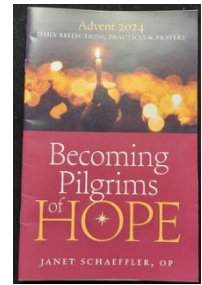
A blessed season of Christmas!

Father Erick Villa

NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ YVETTE GRIEGO



Hello, My Sisters in Christ,



I hope you all had a wonderful and pleasant Thanksgiving Day. As we now prepare spiritually for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Christmas Season. I invite you to join our National Board along with National Chaplain Father Erick Villa in daily Advent prayer from the booklet "Becoming Pilgrims of Hope". Beginning on December 1st and throughout each day in December at 12:00pm Central Time on our Facebook Page at National Catholic Daughters of the Americas. A National Board member will lead the daily prayer, Father Erick will be leading the prayer on Mondays throughout the month. This Advent Booklet can be purchased from our Store on the National CDA website for \$5.00. All CDA members are welcome and encouraged to join our National Facebook page for ongoing news and happenings within our CDA organization. If you would like to become a member of our Facebook page, please complete the two questions; how long you have been a member and the name and number of the CDA court you belong to, city and state. Looking forward to a peaceful and prayerful Advent Season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings 2025
Yvette Griego

STATE REGENT ~ MARIA SANTOS-SILVA

Merry Christmas and Blessing for 2025



Dear CA CDA Sisters

CDA Sisters, we always refer to our lovely CDA's as Sisters, what does that imply? The obvious is that we enjoy each other's company at our local court meetings. Time spent praying together, and some of us even have meals together during our Court meetings. We work tirelessly on our fundraising commitments to support those in our communities who need us the most. We lively participate in our Court meetings, helping our Courts to function and thrive. We come together to participate in Regional, State, and National CDA functions to grow our circle of CDA Sisters and friends. Times when we cry together, times when we rejoice, all as part of this amazing CDA Sisterhood.

What about our sisters who we are not seeing at these events? The sisters who have been CDA members for a very long time are homebound or find themselves caregivers and unable to leave their homes or are in assisted living, those who have had a heartbreaking loss this year. As your State Regent, many of you have heard me refer in workshops or events about one special CDA Christmas I experienced. It was the year that I was the Second Vice State Regent. I felt compelled to send a Christmas card to every Regent in the State. I spent about a week at my desk with my fireplace roaring and

Christmas music in the background, adding a personal note to a simple card and putting it in the mailbox. Sadly, I must admit most of the people that I had sent cards to I had never met. We were all part of this amazing organization, and as one of the leaders, I wanted to show them that I appreciated them. I got several cards back and enjoyed hearing from so many of the leaders in our State. It was in late January I received a response from one wonderful CDA Sister. She wanted to say thank you for the beautiful Christmas Card. She also shared with me that it was the only Christmas she had that year. She was the caregiver for a friend of hers who was in her hundreds and was at the end of her time on earth. She spent all the Christmas Season caring for her friend; there was no time for any other festivities. She said that when she went to the mail and got that Christmas card, it meant the world to her and that her friend was so happy when she read the card; they displayed it all Christmas. I have never forgotten that, and I have shared this story often, why because it reminds us that no matter how small the act of kindness the impact could be enormous.

I challenge every one of you this Christmas season, amid all the hustle and bustle, to look down on the rosters of your courts. Look for those who you have not seen at a meeting, look for those who have been members a long time. I ask that you reach out to them, ask them if they are OK, ask them if you can stop by for a cup of coffee, or rather, take them to town to see all the beautiful Christmas decorations. Send out some simple cards with a short note. A small amount of your time, a small act of kindness, might have an enormous impact on deserving individuals. And if you are a CDA Sister who is having a hard time this Christmas, due to loss or loneliness, reach out to your Courts and let them know you would appreciate a visit. You might be helping someone else to have a Blessed Christmas helping you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Regent. I am quite sad that this will be my last holiday message to all my beautiful California CDA sisters. This has been an incredible amazing journey. At the time I signed up to run for CA State Secretary, I was coming off a very difficult time in my life. When I received the call to the convention that year, I felt compelled to serve.

When I was elected that term, I gave my focus and attention to my role and our organization. A time when I needed to have this type of role in my life. I have met so many incredible women and gained so many new lifelong friends throughout California and our national organization. I will be forever changed and blessed by this experience. The road was not always easy, but the road was never a lonely one. I have changed during this time, and I have grown in my faith. Thank you to all my CDA sisters for traveling on this journey with me. I Love You All.

Merry Christmas,
María Santos-Silva

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to Observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

FIRST VICE STATE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY



If You Give a Catholic Daughter a Cookie

If you give a Catholic Daughter a cookie, she will probably want some tea. Once she has tea, she will probably want to invite another Catholic Daughter to join her. Once they are together, they will probably start planning an Advent Tea. Once they start planning, they will probably start discussing their theme: Peace, Hope, Love, Joy, the coming... the arrival of the most notable person in history – our Lord Jesus. But Advent can also be the arrival of a notable event. Our notable event that is coming is the 2025 Convention!



I am still hearing CDA members praising the National Convention in New Orleans, and what a memorable, fun and informative event it was. Our State Convention is also the same. There are fun events planned and of course, we have business to conduct and information to receive from our Circle of Love Chairmen as well as the state officers. Please start planning now to fundraise; fundraise and get your delegates to the state convention. The Regent on record for your court should have received the notification letter from National on how many delegates and alternates your court is allowed.

Just like Advent, convention is a time of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hope of the next term and the changes to come; the peace of our Lord shared with each other, the joy of sisterhood and the love we express to each other in Unity and to those we help with our Charity. I hope to see you there. Our theme is divinely inspired. Check out the flyer.

Lorine Bakowsky



SECOND VICE STATE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA



Merry Christmas Dear CDA Sisters,

As we begin to the Christmas season, we as women tend to take on all the responsibilities of shopping, wrapping, cooking and entertaining. Making sure everyone in our family is taken care of. Please take the time for yourself too, take that extra 20 minutes in the morning to pray the rosary, read your bible or just talk to God. That quiet time will make a world of difference in your life. OR if you want to go to a feel-good movie with family or CDA sisters go see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." It is amazing. I have added a Nativity Journey, that you can use during the gift exchange.

The Nativity Journey

A LEFT and RIGHT Christmas story game.

One bright and starlit night, Mary and Joseph LEFT their home, heading towards Bethlehem. Joseph walked RIGHT beside Mary, who was riding a donkey, carefully guiding them to the RIGHT path.

As they traveled, they looked LEFT at the starlit sky, feeling hopeful. RIGHT at that moment, Mary felt the baby kick RIGHT inside her. She smiled and patted her belly gently, looking RIGHT at Joseph, who smiled back.

After traveling many miles, they realized they had LEFT their map at home. But Joseph remembered the RIGHT way, and they kept moving. They passed fields on their LEFT and RIGHT, where shepherds were watching their flocks.

Finally, they arrived at Bethlehem. They went RIGHT to the Inn, but the Innkeeper said, "I am sorry, all my rooms are taken. The only place LEFT is the stable on the RIGHT side of the Inn.

That night, in a humble stable, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him in swaddling clothing and laid him in a manger. Shepherds, who had been told by angels LEFT their flocks and came RIGHT over to the baby. They arrived from their fields, coming LEFT and RIGHT, guided by the bright star directly above the stable.

Three Wise men traveling from faraway lands, had followed the star RIGHT from the East. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which they placed to the LEFT and RIGHT of the Newborn King.

Mary looked at the faces gathered on her LEFT and RIGHT, feeling immense joy. Joseph standing RIGHT beside her, knew that this night, RIGHT in the stable, something miraculous had happened.

And as everyone LEFT the stable that night, they knew something RIGHT and true had touched their lives. It was not about the gifts they had placed LEFT and RIGHT but instead about the love of Christ, born on the silent, starry night which illuminated the world.

This love is the REAL JOY and MEANING of CHRISTMAS!

May you each have a very blessed Christmas Season and a wonderful.
In Unity and Charity,

Sheri Kanagawa

STATE SECRETARY ~ YVONNE CONNOLLY



Dear CDA sisters,

Let us take time out of the hustle and bustle of this time of year for **ourselves** . A quiet time, a few moments to pray and remember what we are preparing for. We are getting ready to receive the greatest gift of all, the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ as a baby. What Love and joy we feel at the birth of a baby. Nothing feels quite Like holding a newborn baby. Mary must have feLt the same when holding her brand new baby. It is up to us to spread the Love and joy of this season to others in the way we treat the peopLe in our lives, relatives, friends, neighbors and peopLe we meet.

I came across a LittLe article about Advent that I share with you all:

Advent

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us, memories of goodness, and thus, to open doors of hope. At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of advent by Loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.

Catholic Daughters have very big hearts, it is a priviLege to be serving in this organization with you. I wish you and your loved ones aLL the bLessings of Christmas.

Yvonne Connolly



STATE TREASURER ~ MICHELLE ECK



Advent is a time to reflect on the family and your faith. I know as a child my family always did an advent wreath, but I never knew really why the tradition and what it meant. I did some looking on the internet and found some interesting facts. I have listed a few below and since advent is a time for family, I have listed 12 fun activities that can be done as a family.

Why is 1 pink and 3 purple?

A tradition is that each week represents 1,000 years – (representing) the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. “Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.



What are the four virtues of Advent?

The church has traditionally assigned four virtues to each of the four Sundays in Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Why is Joy candle pink?

Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent. And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose.

What is the symbolism of the wreath?

Eventually, the branches were shaped into wreaths, symbols of joy and victory in classical times. The evergreen wreath - its circular shape an emblem not only of perfection and unity but also of the warm, enduring sun - later became a Christian symbol for Christ's suffering and ultimate triumph over death.

What do the red berries represent in advent

In the Christian tradition, red berries on an Advent wreath symbolize the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for the salvation of humanity

12 Things to do With Your Family During Advent

1. DIY Advent Wreath
2. DIY Advent Calendar
3. Celebrate the Saints
4. Sing Christmas Carols
5. Give God Time Every Day
6. Did Someone Say Candy Cane?
7. DIY Jesse Tree
8. The Advent of Christmas
9. Share the Season
10. Dedicate One Night for Family
11. Play with a Nativity Scene
12. Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus

Did you know this about a candy cane?

The candy cane holds beautiful symbolism related to Jesus' birth and sacrifice on the cross. Shaped like a shepherd's crook, it signifies Jesus as the Good Shepherd who guides and protects his flock. The white color represents the purity and innocence of his birth, while the red stripes symbolize the blood shed on the cross for our redemption. When inverted, the candy cane forms the letter "J" for Jesus. Hang candy canes on your Christmas tree as a visual reminder of these meaningful messages. Then gather as a family and read the Nativity Story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Luke's Gospel highlights the role of the shepherds and their encounter with the newborn Jesus!

Merry Christmas!!

Michelle Eck

CIRCLE OF LOVE



A circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven-point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest - LOVE.

FAMILY ~ Laura McQuoid ~ l_mcquoid@yahoo.com



Shining Your Light

In the Catholic faith, the phrase “Let your light shine” is a call to live a life of faith and share the Good News with others. “Let your light shine” is an inspiring idea that encourages individuals to express their unique talents, positive energy, and authenticity. Court Sister Emmanuel Cardinale actively encourages each other to share their ideas and talents at planning meetings where everyone can voice their ideas, suggestions, or feedback, creating a respectful and open dialogue while planning events.

Our first fund raiser of the year is our annual No Bake-Bake Sale. Each court member is asked to prepare a gift basket of items to make cakes, cookies, brownies, marshmallow crispy treats, or whatever they choose. Mixes, spatulas, cake or brownie pans, sprinkles, frostings, treats, mugs, tea towels and anything else they desire are often included. For those who have difficulty with wrapping or bow making just need to reach out. There is always someone ready to step up. Although this booth does not require many to staff, it is always a place to socialize and recruit. This fund raiser benefits the children of St. Michael Church. We provide weekly MagnifiKids, a missalette designed especially for kids aged 6-12 years old. We also provide extra materials for the major feast days, Mass and prayer books, and rosaries throughout the year. This is a group effort and allows us to display our talents in many ways.

"This Little Light of Mine" Lyrics

This little light of mine
I am going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine I am going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I am going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I am going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I am going to let it shine

This Little Light of Mine is a traditional gospel song meant for children. It was written by Harry Dixon Loes in the 1920s. It is a religious song especially popular during Christmas.

Laura McQuoid



LEADERSHIP ~ Ismaela Muniz-Heiden ~ ismaela.muniz@gmail.com

Blessings CDA Sisters in Christ!

As we enter this holy time of Advent, the blessed season of waiting and preparation, it serves as a reminder to each of us that our Heavenly Father asks us to be in a constant state of expectation! Advent refers to the Second Coming and as practicing Catholics, we are anticipating that 'coming of Christ'!

As Catholic Daughters, it seems that we are always in constant motion and during this Advent Season, may we also continue to deepen our relationship with our Heavenly Father and each other. May we remember as we all gather around the table we also celebrate Thanksgiving. What a joy that breaking break with each other does not only come around during the month of November, but every moment of every day!

We are also preparing for the New Year, a time of reflection and renewal. We are all Leaders of this wonderful organization, and it is my prayer that all the events circled around our CDA Mission and Motto, that we also take time for ourselves and our spiritual well-being. Often times we are in 'working mode' and that is great, but our Heavenly Father calls on us to be one with Him and spend quality time with Him. I am in awe of all that He provides and fulfills for us in satisfying our needs, but not necessarily our wants.

Let us find this Advent Season and Christmas Season to also pray for ourselves and each other. I have often said that prayer is one of the most precious and inexpensive gifts we can give to each other. So instead of gifting our loved ones with a material gift, we give each other the gift of prayer, as well as our time to be with them in prayer. Also take this time to be childlike, just like on Christmas morning when we love to see the faces of our children light up with joy. And share with them the true meaning of Christmas by attending Christmas mass as we welcome our King, because He is the reason for the season.

We are also in the midst of preparing for our California State Convention in April and I so look forward to seeing all my CDA Sisters that I have met and those that I will be meeting for the first time at the Convention.

As your Leadership Chairman, I continue to look forward to attending your Courts' monthly meetings, if I have not already. I also look forward to attending as many of your Courts' events in an effort to personally meet each of you. Please remember, I am 'Here to Help (H2H)!', so do not hesitate to reach out to me.

My prayer and desire for you is that God's loving, warm and comforting arms cradle you, your family members and friends. And may we also remember to extend the same to our fellow brethren during this Advent season and the seasons to come.

Blessings to you and all of yours!

Ismaela Muniz Heiden

MEMBERSHIP/EXT~CENTRAL ~ Kathi Morris ~ Kathi.Morris51@comcast.net



“Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.”
~ **Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018**

Christmas Greetings CDA Sisters!

Let us talk about Advent, Christmas and....you guessed it....Lithuanians.

Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” It is a time of waiting and preparation, filled with joy but also with repentance and penance. It anticipates the “coming of Christ” from three different perspectives: the nativity in Bethlehem, Christ’s reception in the heart of the believer, and the return of Christ at His Second Coming.

Advent has existed from about 480. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours, who died in 490, ordered that the faithful fast three times a week from St. Martin’s Day, November 11th, until Christmas Day. This rule’s degree of strictness changed several times over the centuries. **Finally, the Second Vatican Council, in order to differentiate the spirit of Advent from that of Lent, emphasized that Advent was a season of hope—the promise of Christ’s Second Coming.**

I am proud to say that my lineage is Lithuanian – a country deeply rooted in Roman Catholicism. It had been the main faith of Lithuania since the 15th century. Almost 75% of the population is Catholic. There are several miraculous paintings in Vilnius, Lithuania, including the Divine Mercy – the namesake of **Court Daughters of Divine Mercy, #2753 in Clovis, California**. The painting by Kazimierowski is based on visions received by the Lithuanian, Sister Faustina Kowalska. Many miracles have been attributed to the painting - a conduit for grace and a vessel of mercy.

A major site of Catholic pilgrimage in Lithuania is the Hill of Crosses. Religion was forbidden during the Soviet occupation of Lithuania. People were not allowed to honor the dead, so they placed crosses and crucifixes on the hill. The Soviet government would tear the crosses down and persecute the pilgrims, but soon the crosses would spring up again, restoring the number to hundreds and thousands. In 2007 the number surpassed 200,000.

In Lithuania, Advent is a time of abstinence and Christmas is a time of strong Catholic experience. Even today, many traditions are still observed. I want to share some of their culture because it is rich with symbolism and saturated with prominence.

Christmas Eve is more celebrated than Christmas itself. It is a day of fasting and dry abstinence meaning not only no meat, but also no dairy products or eggs. The family gathers to eat a special supper that must include at least 12 meals in honor of the twelve apostles.

Straw is spread on the dining table and then covered with a clean, white tablecloth in memory of the manger where the Child Jesus was placed after his birth. Family members pull a piece of straw from under the tablecloth and believe that if it is long, they will have a long life; if it is short they will have a short life; and a thick straw means a rich and happy life!

In the center of the table is Holy Communion decorated with images of the Nativity of Jesus sold in churches and blessed by priests.

The table is decorated with candles and small branches from a fir tree. Dinner begins when the first stars can be seen in the night sky. If it is cloudy, the head of the house decides when the meal starts. Dinner begins with a prayer, and then Communion. Everyone starts with a separate wafer, breaks it and offers it to another while blessing them and wishing them something for the coming year. Sometimes an apple is cut and shared by all present as a reminder of the apple eaten in the Garden of Eden.

Often an extra place is set for a family member who cannot come or for a family member who died during the year. Some believe their deceased relatives join the family round the table. The table remains untouched during the night so that the souls of the departed can feast.

Perhaps you would like to begin a new tradition this year with incorporating one of these Catholic traditions. I like the idea of 12 dishes representing the 12 Apostles and sharing Communion while “blessing” the family member for the upcoming year.

A Tale for Advent (Author unknown)

Four candles burned peacefully, and slowly melted. It was so quiet that one could hear them talking.

The first candle said, “I am Peace. Unfortunately, people do not know how to care for me. I guess I have nothing left but extinction!” And the flame of that candle went out.

The second candle said, “I am Faith. Unfortunately, no one needs me. People do not want to know anything about me, so it does not make sense for me to keep burning.” As soon as it was said, a light breeze stirred and blew out the candle.

A very sad third candle spoke, “I am Love. I no longer have the strength to burn any longer. People do not appreciate or understand me. They hate those who love them the most – your relatives.” After a long wait, the candle went out.

Suddenly – a child entered the room and saw three extinguished candles.

Frightened, he exclaimed, “What are you doing? You have to burn – I am afraid of the dark!” And when he had spoken, he wept.

The excited fourth candle said, “Do not be afraid or cry. While I am burning, we can always ignite the other three candles. I am Hope.

With shining eyes full of tears, the child took candle Hope and lit the others. Let hope never to be extinguished in our hearts. **And, like the child, we should all let Hope guide us.**

Wishing you all a vigilant and abstinent Advent, a Christ-filled Christmas, and a year abounding with faith, peace and hope.

Kathi Morris

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 2024				
COURT	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2024
293	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	12/10/1916	108
1454	Immaculate Conception	Fontana	12/7/1947	77
2440	Dominic Franci	Dinuba	12/21/1996	28
2526	St. John	Fresno	12/14/2003	21

JANUARY 2025				
COURT	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2025
1079	Santa Maria	Santa Maria	1/22/1928	97
1267	La Purisima	Lompoc	1/16/1938	87
1553	St. Maria Goretti	Durham	1/21/1951	74
2024	Blessed Sacrament	Westminster	1/31/1971	54
2499	Our Lady of La Salette	Apple Valley	1/19/2002	23
2527	Blessed Jacinta	Layton	1/10/2004	21
2562	St. Madeline Sophie	Pomona	1/22/2006	19
2599	Our Lady of the Angels	North Hollywood	1/20/2008	17

FEBRUARY 2025				
COURT	COURT NAME	CITY	ANNIV DATE	2025
942	Compton	Compton	2/15/1925	100
1306	Our Lady of Peace	San Bernardino	2/26/1939	86
1462	Our Lady of the Valley	Coachella	2/8/1948	77
1557	St. Bernardine	Bellflower	2/11/1951	74
1930	Good Shepherd	San Bernardino	2/14/1965	60
1958	St. Gerard	Tulare	2/27/1966	59
2400	Mary, Queen of the World	San Leandro	2/11/1995	30
2563	John Paul II	Salinas	2/18/2006	19

CDA SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS BY COURTS



Court Our Lady of Peace #1306 and JCDA Court Our Lady of Grace #1306



Court Whittier #519



Court St. Joachim #2553



Court Francesca Cabrini #1407



Court Good Shepherd #1930



Court St Catherine #1378



Court Blessed Sacrament #2024



CDA Sunday at Court Regina Coeli #1521 celebrated with the CA State Court and court members



Court Our Lady of Grace, #2637
Court Our Lady of Victory #1344



COURT HAPPENINGS

Court St. John #2526

Court St. John, 2526 Financial Secretary Valeria Rodriguez & Recording Secretary Mary Harguindeguy dressed up as Mother Mary & St. Joseph for St. John's Cathedrals' Annual Family Festival of Saints. St. Joseph won 1st prize. St. Joseph is holding a walking stick.



COURT MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD #2400

Court Mary Queen of the World as annual Turkey Trot for local food banks.



OUR LADY OF PEACE COURT #1306, SAN BERNARDINO, CA

On Sept. 2nd of 2024 Catholic Daughters Our Lady of Peace Court #1306, San Bernardino, California, met after summer break to discuss plans for the 2024/25 year's events. To kick things off, we wrote notecards to in-patients at St. Bernardine's Hospital to cheer & comfort them during their hospitalization. Olivia Guerrero, our Regent, provided the blank notecards and a variety of stickers to affix to the cards. Olivia's family also participated in writing cards. Our guidelines were to wish them healing and comfort with a prayer and a blessing by gifting them with a lovely, caring sentiment.

On Sept. 19th Regent Oliva Guerrero with several members of our court met with Chaplains Jerod Yates, Fr. Edmund Afageegee, and Chaplain Fred Self to present 88 Note Cards for distribution to patients. Our spirits were lifted by meeting with the Chaplains as they were happy to see us and spoke of the patients' happiness in receiving cards last year. God is Good.



Rear Left to Right: Chaplain Fred Self, Fr. Edmund Afageegee, Chaplain Jerod Yates.
Front Left to Right: Felita Nobleza, Rosalinda Ranas, Eva Garza, Regent Olivia Guerrero.
Inez Lanas, Maria Trujillo.

COURT LITTLE FLOWER #1003

Court Little Flower in Visalia held a beautiful luncheon on Sunday. CDA sisters having fun and enjoying each other's company.



OUR LADY OF PEACE COURT #1306, SAN BERNARDINO, CA

There was excitement in the air, everyone was bustling getting ready for Court Our Lady of Peace #1306, San Bernardino, CA., Bingo Fun Event on Saturday November 9th at the church Hall of Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino. There were giggles and enthusiasm to assist with the Bingo Event by the Junior Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Grace #1306. The JCDA girls were enthusiastic to assist their sponsor court. They chose to Hold a Bake Sale at our Bingo Fun event so they could raise money for end of the year charitable donations, and their Bake Sale was a success. Both courts worked together to provide an atmosphere of fun, laughter, and fellowship. The court organized a beautiful Bingo event which included 2 Bingo Cards, lunch, desserts, and drinks with the opportunity to win door prizes (donated by members). In addition, they had twelve beautiful raffle baskets donated by the members. The girls helped throughout the event by serving the food, assisting the Bingo caller, delivering door prizes, Bingo prizes and raffle prizes to the winners. They also assisted with the serving of lunch. Frank Rivera, Husband of our member Evelyn, served as the Bingo Caller for the first time and did a great job creating a light and friendly ambiance. A good time was had by all. We count this event as a big success with 118+ participants at our event and based on the many positive comments received and are looking forward to our next event.

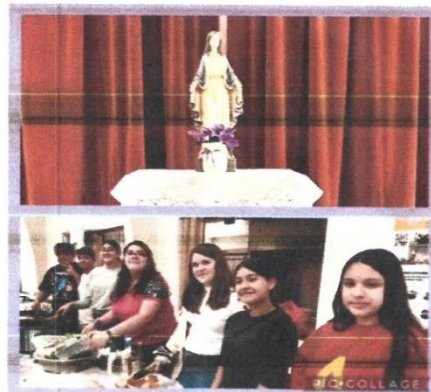
This was entirely a group effort, and each member (CDA and JCDA) were graciously thanked for their individual contributions of love, time, work & donations.



don't know the names



Mama Mary, always present at our events, Abraham Solis, Freddie Ortiz, Marilyn Solis, Allyson Alvarez, Deliah Moore, Christy Ibanez, Cali Ibanez Haley Hobson, Olivia Guerrero – Regent, Stella Guerrero



COURT WHITTIER #519

Ct #519 had their Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday November 16, 2024, good food, good friends



COURT ST. JOHN #2526

Court St John #2526. We had our 2nd Annual Craft fair



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY PATRIOTIC ROSARY

When: 1st Monday of every month
Where: 3737 W. McKinley, Fresno, CA 93722
Time: 6:00 p.m.

L.A. ARCHDIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ACCW) ROSARY

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
How: Call-in: 1-425-436-6200
410510# (this is a toll-free call)
Time: 8:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 CA CDA STATE CONVENTION

When: April 24-27, 2025
Where: Visalia, CA
Theme: CA CDA Shining in the Light of the Divine Mercy
Mass: Opening Mass on Thursday, April 24, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia, CA
<https://www.gseparish.com/churches-l/st.charles-borromeo>

[More information to come](#)

See the attached flyer below, if your court wants to participate & purchase a flower arrangement.

CA CDA State Convention Chapel Flowers

The CA CDA State Board has worked on a Very Special Opportunity for Local Courts or Individual Court Members to Honor or Memorialize those who are Special to them.

Working with a local florist, a floral bouquet is available for purchase to help decorate the CA CDA 50th Biennial State Convention. All the bouquets will have the names of those they Honor or Memorialize on a card affixed to the arrangement. They will be used as decorations in the Chapel, Meeting Rooms, and Altars.

Please call in your order to the number listed below up until April 1, 2025. Just let them know you are ordering for the 50th Biennial CA CDA State Convention. All flowers will be delivered by the florist, and following the convention, you can pick up the flowers you ordered to take home, or they will be donated to a local hospital or nursing home.

Pictured is a sample of the small arrangement. The medium and large arrangements will have these same flowers but will be the size of Floral Alter Sprays.



The Costs for Arrangements, Including Tax and Deliver:

\$75 Small Bouquet
\$125 Medium Alter Arrangement
\$175 Large Alter Arrangement

**ALL FLOWERS USED FOR DECORATIONS MUST BE ORDERED FROM:
JULIE'S LITTLE FLOWER SHOP IN TULARE
(559) 685-1980**

4 UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

THE JUBILEE OF ROME 2025

May 12 – May 23, 2025

Led by: Karin Dudash, Oklahoma State Regent

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, Past National Chaplain

Price per person sharing a room: \$4,650

Deposit: \$400

Single Supplement: \$700

Land only price: \$3,800

Open spots: 10

[OKLAHOMA CDA STATE COURT The Jubilee of Rome 2025 led by Fr. Shenan J. Boquet \(lpjp.org\)](#)

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE –

FLORIDA CDA & HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 23, 2025 – June 3, 2025

Fr. John Peter Holy Spirit Catholic Church Pastor & Fr. Anthony Bonela

Price per person sharing room: \$ 4,900

Deposit: \$400

Open spots: 4

Single Supplement: \$700

Land only price: \$4000

12 DAYS FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL GREECE – OCTOBER 17 – 28, 2025

Led by: National Regent Susan Monè and National Chaplain Fr. Erick Villa

Price: \$5,600 all-inclusive except lunches

\$100 early bird special – book by December 31, 2024

Enrollment fee: \$800 (payable on booking)

50% due – May 17, 2025

Full balance due – July 17, 2025

Contact: Email: www.Lpjp.com

Mail: L.P. Pilgrimages

P.O. Box 2015, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Phone 1-833-944-8242

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE – The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY

November 3 – 14, 2025

Led by: State Regent Connie Breindel with State Chaplain Father Rob Orlowski

Price per person sharing room: \$ 4,790

Deposit: \$400

Open spots: 42

Single Supplement: \$750

Land only price: \$3,900

[12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY \(lpjp.org\)](#)

JCDA EVENTS

JCDA COURT OUR LADY OF GRACE #1306

Junior Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Grace #1306 had a fun time yesterday at their first Pumpkin Carving & Craft Day held at the parish hall. Several people dressed up in cute costumes and had a blast at the various craft stations set up for them and their siblings. The Adult Leaders assisted the kids with the various projects. As always, our Patron Saint Our Lady of Grace plaque was present as we prayed and gave thanks.

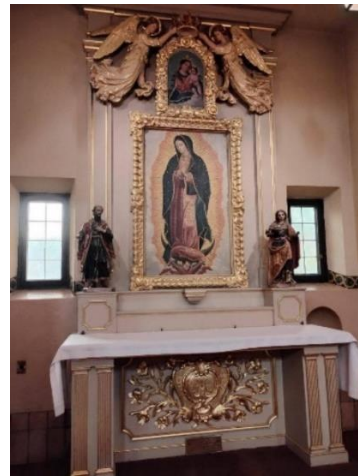
For lunch we had pizza, snacks and drinks. At the end of our day all the kids received goodie bags with Pumpkin pens, rulers as stencils, bouncy balls, coloring books, play Halloween tattoos, and candy. Photos were taken of each of the kids and printed before they went home so they could place in their wood frames they painted and decorated.

If you would like your daughter to join Junior Catholic Daughters please message me. We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 at the conference center.



JCDA COURT MARY QUEEN OF LIGHT #2400

JCDA Court Mary Queen of Light completed the Father Serra patch program, learning about Fr. Serra and the missions and visited the Mission Santa Clara campus. The first mission that was named for a female saint. We also visited the Dessaisset museum where artifacts are exhibited. There is a relic of Fr. Serra in the church.



JCDA COURT MOTHER LUPITA #942

Celebrating Dias de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) at our Lady of Victory church. On Sunday, November 3, parishioners visited the many beautiful altars that were set up on the previous Saturday by CDA and JCDA members, guided by Patty. Celebrating the life of the dead has a rich culture and is a profound experience that honors our deceased loved ones. All of the items placed on the altar have special meaning. Marigolds are the chosen flowers as the color and smell is believed to attract the spirits.



A big thank you to our CDA & JCDA members for helping decorate the church for Thanksgiving.





Dues & Charity Distribution List 2023 – 2025

CA CDA Special Funds

Apostleship of the Sea
(California)
Covenant House
(West Coast)
Emergency Relief Fund
Right to Life/Pro Life
Meals on Wheels

State Regents Charity

Hermanas De La Oración
"Missionary Sisters -
Servants of the World"
Palmdale

CA CDA Special Projects

California State Scholarship
Bishops Burse
(Courts Diocese)
Tree of Life
(CA Central Coast)
Smile Train

All Contributions to State
Court Special Funds,
State Regents Charity or
Special Project Contributions
should be
Made payable to:
CA Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
One Check for \$200
(\$20 per State program per year)

Please mail all Charity Checks to:

CA CDA State Secretary
Yvonne Connolly
1433 Jesusita Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

National Projects

Habitat for Humanity
Labouré Society
National Council on Sexual Exploitation
Holy Cross Family Ministries
SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

National-Charities Endorsed by National CDA

The North American College
Tutwiler Clinic
Catholic Relief Services
The Disaster Relief Fund
Apostleship of the Sea
Missionaries of Charity
Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

All Contributions for the National Projects or
Charities should be made payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
One Check for \$130
(\$10 per National program per year)

CA CDA State Dues: \$12.00/Year
National CDA Dues: \$18.00/Year

Please Mail All National CDA Donations to:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023

"In the same way, your light must shine so that it can be seen by others; this will enable them to observe your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

This is information from our National Board regarding the dress code:

CEREMONIAL DRESS CODE FOR OFFICERS ONLY

We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code.

White Dress Blouses:

Simple, all white blouse

- No visible cleavage or sheer fabric
- No sleeveless blouses
- No tank tops
- No crop tops
- No t-shirts

Dress Skirt:

Simple, all black

- To the knee or longer

Dress Pants:

All black dress pants

- No capris pants
- No Exercise pants
- No leggings
- No black jeans

Shoes:

All black shoes

- No flip flops
- No boots

Jewelry:

- Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials. (to be ordered from CDA store.)
- All jewelry should be small and simple

WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ proactivepatient@verizon.net



CDA CA State Website A Valuable Information and Recruitment Tool

As you are aware our new state website is live at www.californiacatholicdaughters.org. It is important that you visit and refer others to review and learn more about our State CDA and all of our vibrant California courts.

Make sure to have the URL handy and bookmark our website on your cell phone and other devices! *

Some new updates include new [JCDA Courts](#) and the [Featured Court Pages](#).

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/news/featured-courts/>

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/junior-courts/california-courts/>

See below some useful links for information.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR RECRUITMENT

Information page with links to history, organization and structure:

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/state-of-california/>

WHY JOIN AND HOW TO JOIN, SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

Why Join the CDA

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/why-join-cda/>

How to Join

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/how-to-join/>

Spiritual

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/membership/spirituality/>

List of CDA Courts by Area:

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/local-courts/>

Golden State Tiding State Newsletter

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/news/golden-tidings-newsletter/>

HELPFUL LINKS FOR CDA BUSINESS

Tool of the Trade

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/tools-of-the-trade/>

Forms

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/tools-of-the-trade/forms/>

State Releases - Misplaced your Flock Note? See All State and National Releases!

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/state-releases/>

Remember, a website is a dynamic resource that requires your input to be vibrant and new. Thank you for your submissions. *Please do not visit the **OLD** website catholicdaughterscalifornia.org, as we are trying to get this website taken down.

Yvette Manard, State Webmaster ~ CDA Court Compton #942

GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS

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Share what your court is doing with your CDA Sisters. Send in Your Articles! Share with your Sisters! Your articles or updates can be sent either in email format with the text in the body of the email or as an attachment. **(I DO NOT SHORTEN YOUR ARTICLES).**

Karen Jones

DUE DATES

ISSUE	THEME	SUBMIT BY	DUE DATE
Fall	Convention highlights	August 1-31, 2024	September 2024
Winter	Advent/Christmas	November 1-30, 2024	December 2024
Spring	Lent/Easter	February 1-28, 2025	March 2025
Summer	Growth within our CDA courts	May 1-31, 2025	June 2025

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

*Merry Christmas
&
Blessings For 2025*



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