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Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives 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

### Congratulations to our new 2025 – 2027 State Officers



Left to right: National Director Yvette Griego, State Secretary Yvette Manard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa, State Regent Lorine Bakowsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Yvonne Connolly, State Treasurer Michelle Eck, State Spiritual Advisor Deacon Myers

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## STATE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR ~ DEACON TIMOTHY MYERS



Hello,

Growing up I was baptized Protestant at a very young age. My wife and I were married at St. Felicitas. 10 years later I decided to become Catholic. I think I will bring a different perspective when it comes to my faith. I was ordained in 2013 as a permanent Deacon in the diocese of Oakland and assigned at my home parish of St. Felicitas. Years after ordination I was asked to be the spiritual advisor for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in our parish. So, it was a great joy to be with ladies of faith in my community. I never thought that I would be considered as the Spiritual Advisor for California Catholic Daughters State Court.

Having come to the sacraments later in life, I have a heightened appreciation for their significance and grace, which I can share with the Catholic Daughters. I look forward to ministering to a much larger community of Catholic women across the entire state of California - impacting more lives through my guidance and spiritual support.

Deacons are called to a ministry of service and the Word, and the position of State Spiritual Advisor perfectly embodies that calling by serving, teaching, and sanctifying. Testament to my gifts and dedication that I, as a permanent deacon, was asked to fill such a significant role. This new role will undoubtedly be a new adventure in faith and service, allowing me to bring my personal and spiritual experience to the broader community of Catholic women in California.

It is a wonderful opportunity for me to continue to grow in my ministry. I am excited for this wonderful opportunity for me to grow in my ministry and serve the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in California.

*Deacon Tim Myers*

## NATIONAL SUPERVISOR ~ YVETTE GRIEGO



Hello, My Sisters in Christ,

The 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial California State Convention is one for the books. A lot of planning and preparations went into this convention. Immediate Past State Regent Maria Santos-Silva and CA State Court and crew worked very hard to ensure it was a convention to remember. It began with the opening Mass celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Church, one of the most beautiful churches I have visited. Father Wade Menezes, a native of the Visalia area, celebrated the opening Mass. His homilies and talks throughout the convention were focused on the theme of the "CA CDA Shining in the Light of Divine Mercy" with emphasis on the teachings of the Catholic Faith. Also celebrating Mass throughout the convention was Father Erick Villa, CA State Chaplain and National CDA Chaplain.

Congratulations to the new California State Officers, State Regent Lorine Bakowsky, First Vice State Regent Sheri Kanagawa, Second Vice State Regent Yvonne Connolly, State Treasurer Michelle Eck, and new to the board State Secretary Yvette Manard. Thank you for your service and dedication to the CA State Court. Welcome to the newly installed CA State Spiritual Director Deacon Timothy Myers, thank you for accepting this important position in CDA.

The hospitality during my visit was overwhelming. I enjoyed working with each of you at the convention and look forward to collaborating with the new State Officers over the next two years. It was wonderful meeting many lovely CA CDA sisters.

As State Officers start their term, I will end with a quote recited to us by Father Wade: "Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence." Pope St. John Paul II  
In Unity and Charity

*Yvette Griego*

### ***STATE REGENT ~ LORINE BAKOWSKY***



Happy Summer and greetings to all,

Thank you again for choosing me as your California State Regent. I am humbled and excited, tearful and joyful. I think I understand quite well what Pope Leo XIV is feeling. My past four years on the board has been a wonderful experience, I have learned much, and I will miss the team. I look

forward to the new team and the new term though, and most of all, I am thankful for all of you – my sisters in Christ.

I was born in Concord, California, and am the youngest of four children. My father retired from the Navy, and my mother was a stay at home mom. I graduated from Mt. Diablo High School and have an A.A. in Administration of Justice from Diablo Valley College and a BA in History from Hayward State. I graduated from the police academy in 1984 and from the time I graduated from high school until 2003, I was a police dispatcher for the Concord Police and San Leandro Police Departments. I was a stay at home mom for four years and then became a library media technician. After three years of being in the library, I became the high school office manager, and I hope to retire from this job in 2026.

I have been married to my wonderful husband for 31 years and have two daughters and a son. My daughter Morgan is 28, my daughter Diana is 26 and my son Holland is 25. The girls are both in the mental health field and my son is an Educational Tech. in the school district I work in. We have four cats, and a neighborhood porch- cat that I feed (there were 5 of them). I like to read and play my violin when I have time.

My life of volunteerism started when I was six years old. My parents volunteered at the Jerry Lewis Telethon at the phone banks and were part of the Naval Reserve Association. My job at both was to empty ash trays and serve coffee. My parents were also politically involved, and I helped stuff many letters and walk many blocks handing out flyers and empty ash trays and serve coffee. They modeled volunteerism for us children and we were taught to always say "yes."

My foray into social justice started in fourth grade when I went on a letter writing campaign to the city council about the ducks at Willow Pass Park being killed and hit by cars. Three months of letters to the City Council and soon traffic signs showed up!

I was in Girl Scouts and was a Police Explorer in high school. I have been a scout leader for both girls and boys; a catechism teacher and went through all the officer positions of PTA. I have been a soccer coach and softball manager and all the kid stuff in between. When I joined

Catholic Daughters it was to finally do something for myself. CDA has given me sisters and an avenue for service where my reach could go further than my community.

My patron saints are Joan of Arc- because of her faith and strength and St. Francis of Assisi who sacrificed an easy life to take care of others. My patroness is Our Lady of Walsingham. Our Lady is one of the oldest visions of Mary that is approved in Western Europe. She told our Lady Richeldis that if she built Mary's home in Nazareth in England, it would be a place of help and comfort. Mary's loving care and service always present.

My own journey of faith has been winding and interesting. More on this in later newsletters, but please know that I take our CDA Mission Statement seriously, devoutly and add a lifetime of the first line of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics running through my head, "As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind.." Service to others.. the more of us to serve, the more we can serve; therefore, during my term I hope to increase our courts and turn our attention to increasing the public and priests' awareness of our organization. CDA should stop being "the best kept secret in the Catholic Church," and if we "Commit [our] works to the Lord, and [our] plans will be established."

God Bless,

*Lorine Bakowsky*

### ***FIRST VICE REGENT ~ SHERI KANAGAWA***



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I have had the privilege of being elected your California CDA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent at our CDA Convention in April. I have been a member of "St Francis of Assisi Court 1652 of Hanford for the past 20 years and I have dual membership with Blessed Jacinta Court 2527 in Laton for 1 ½ years.

I have been married to my loving husband, Floyd Kanagawa for 32 years with 2 amazing adult children and 4 grandchildren.

After reading the CDA National Quarterly this week, I put my article on hold to write a new one about something very important in our CDA lives. As most of us know, CDA is the best kept secret in the Catholic Church. But we as CDA sisters, we need to step out of our own comfort zone and share this secret with our church communities. As new and seasoned members, we each have a responsibility to encourage family, friends, and even strangers to join our cause. Spreading the word of CDA and helping others even if our courts are dark is very important to help our love for God and CDA to grow.

Sometimes we as individuals must hear a topic several times before we see it as a good idea. So, ask your chaplain if you can invite women to join during a mass or have him encourage them. Put the information in your bulletin, have a membership drive or even just invite a few Catholic women over for a cup of coffee and prayer. What a great way to reintroduce them to CDA.

National CDA is having a Quarterly membership drive Contest taking place RIGHT NOW till the end of the year. (see attachment below). Would it not be amazing if a court OR two from California could win? Ladies get to work and start getting Catholic women 18 and above to join us in Unity and Charity. Click on the link below for complete information.



<https://files.ecatholic.com/24341/documents/2025/4/CDA%20Membership%20Drive%20Flyer%20V2%20copy.pdf?t=1743505921000>

“BE A BEACON OF LIGHT IN THIS WORLD OF DARKNESS.”

Have a beautiful summer. REST and RELAX with family, friends and CDA sisters whether it is at home, church or on vacation.

In Unity and Charity,  
*Sheri Kanagawa*

## ***SECOND VICE REGENT ~ YVONNE CONNOLLY***



My Dear CDA Sisters,

I do not often use the word “WOW” but there have been several times recently that has been the only word that I could think of. It was the first word I thought of when I heard that we had an American Pope. I never thought, especially in my lifetime, that we would have an American Pope. “WOW” how amazing is that! I know he has a dual citizenship with Peru, but he was born and raised in the United States and that my dear sisters is definitely a “WOW.” What an honor for our country, we should all be so very grateful that we have been Blessed with this amazing honor. We need to pray for Pope Leo every day. It is a daunting and challenging position to be the leader of the Worlds Catholic Church even more challenging to do it as an American.

All this following our wonderful, spiritual, fun and energizing State Convention. The BBQ was an awesome start, we have a big thank you goes out to Joe Silva, Maria’s husband and Gary Santos, for all their hard work in preparing a delicious BBQ for over 100 people. What can we say about the Scoop Mobile, a huge success, everybody loved the ice cream. Thank you, Rosa Brothers, not only for the Scoop Mobile but for the great tour, learning all about what is entailed in dairy farming, while enjoying a ride in the MOO Mobile. For those who were able to attend the tour of Saint Charles Borromeo prior to our opening mass, Father Alex did a remarkable job of explaining all the details of that magnificent church. How blessed we were to hold our convention’s opening mass in this beautiful church. All our masses and presentations were inspiring and uplifting. Father Wade and Father Erick were quite a team. Our keynote speaker Sally Cook, Olive Crest Hope Refuge, brought to us the details of the horrendous battle we face against sex trafficking. I know she motivated all of us to become involved. She did speak to us about offering training. I know she has several training programs so I will be looking into those and keep you all informed about what we can do.

Now we are all home and back to work in our Courts. I hope you start planning your calendar for the year ahead and using some of the ideas you gained from your fellow CDA sisters, and the programs presented at the convention. Calendars are important and takes quite a lot of planning in order to make your events successful. When you do start to plan your calendar, please involve all your court members, we all need to feel ownership in our courts. Everyone brings their own special gifts and talents no matter how small they all matter. Involve your new members, mentor them and bring them along, you might just have a future officer and all she needs is encouraging to belong. Take time this summer for **yourself** even just short time breaks, **you need to take care of you** to become an effective officer, member and leader in your court. Come back to your court refreshed, ready and looking forward to your court’s activities and events.

Your newly elected State Board is excited to take on the challenges of our new offices. I promise I will work hard to do a good job as your new Second Vice State Regent and thank you sincerely for your confidence in me. Regents, it would really help me get started in my new office, if you could please remember to sign and date all your addition and deletion forms. This saves a lot of time in having to request that you re-send them. Please let me know if I can help your court in any way. If you have questions, text or email me. If I do not have the answer I will find out and get back to you.

Have a Blessed summer, if you are taking a vacation, travel safe and enjoy. If you are home enjoy being with your family and friends. Be a friend to someone who needs a friend, it is in Giving that we Receive.

Catholic Daughters are amazing women. Never forget that our strength is in our Unity and Charity.

Blessings to you all,

*Yvonne Connolly*

### **STATE SECRETARY ~ YVETTE MANARD**



I am excited to begin the next phase of my CDA journey as your 2025-2027 CA State Board Secretary. I am both humbled and honored by your vote of confidence in electing me to this position. I pledge to commit myself to fulfilling the duties of this office and to work for the benefit of our organization.

My CDA journey began about 10 years ago, when I decided to become more active in my home parish, Our Lady of Victory Church in Compton. I am a long-term member of my parish and attend mass every Sunday with my mother. While it took years before, I decided to serve the church and join CDA Court Compton #942; it is a journey that I am extremely grateful for the outcome and many blessings I have received. I know my journey is familiar to many of my CDA Sisters who are a part of this amazing organization and sisterhood.

During my term, I would like to work on the following goals with the Board and our local court officers include:

- Finding vehicles to improve and increase our communication
- New member training and refreshers
- Networking and fellowship opportunities.

Understanding that we are a large national organization comprised of over 68,000 members Throughout the United States and California is a big state where we have 68 local courts in Our three regions, Northern, Southern, and Central, it is important that we find ways to stay connected.

I am excited to serve as CA CDA Secretary and look to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**“Come, Holy Spirit”**

*Yvette Manard*

## STATE TREASURER ~ MICHELLE ECK



Dear Sisters,

I have the privilege to be your California Catholic Daughter State Treasurer. I loved doing it so much the first time that I wanted to serve as treasurer again. I have been a Catholic Daughter since 2008. I am a member and the Regent of Court Sacramento #172.

I am an administrative assistant for a CPA firm that conducts audits for government agencies, non-profits, special districts, low income housing and four banks. I also do the accounting and human resources for the firm.

I have been married for 40 years this September, and I have two children and 4 grandchildren. I am currently the mom to two fur babies (maltipoos) and one 41 year old parrot (yellow naped). I am a big Disney and Peanuts fan. I love going to Disneyland and on Disney Cruises whenever I can.

I would like to add to Sheri's article about increasing membership. My idea is to work with the other ministries in your parish. My court works with the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary and the Sunday school kids. We invite them to our functions and do projects with them. It shows them who we are and what we do. By working with the Knights you can approach the wives about joining. Many wives do not know there is a woman's organization like the Knights. For the last two years the RICA has had a "meeting" & potluck with the newly confirmed parishioners with the ministries. We are given the opportunity to talk to them and let them know which ministries are in our parish and we can invite them to join. The best way to be known is to wear your CDA shirts and badges to mass and functions. I have had several people ask what we are just by seeing my shirt or badge.

Since a new Pope was just elected, I thought it would be fun to look up some fun facts about electing the pope. I did not know any of these.

1. The longest conclave lasted almost three years (1268 – 1271 for 1,006 days). Pope Gregory X was elected, and a new format of the conclave was born.
2. Cardinals will be on a strict diet to prevent secret messaging.
3. The next Pope does not have to be a cardinal. In fact, any baptized Catholic male can be appointed as Pope.
4. The conclave has only been in the Sistine Chapel since 1878. Before that it could move around. It was held in France from 1314-1316, and in Germany from 1415-1417.
5. Only Cardinals under the age of 80 can participate in the conclave but the Pope can be any age even a teenager. (Pope John XII was 18 when he was elected Pope in 955). Eligible Cardinals can choose not to participate in the conclave.

### Unknown Facts about the Pope

The Pope has to be multilingual. The Pope goes to confession. The Pope is the head of his own country. The pope has his own hospital. The Pope is one of the five most powerful people in the world. The pope has a bank to worry about. The pope's death is declared in a very specific way.

Thank you,

*Michelle Eck*

## **OUTGOING STATE REGENT MARIA SANTOS-SILVA'S MESSAGE**



Looking back over my term as your State Regent, I was blessed by the unconditional support of my family and by an amazing CDA team. And when I say team, I mean all CDA's, from the newest member being initiated excited to start helping, to the seasoned veteran, who has seen it all before. And especially the CDA's who served on the board during my term as our State Regent.

We had an Amazing 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention. Thank you too all of you who helped and worked hard as part of the Amazing Team who pulled that week off. A big Thank you to Father Wade Menezes for participating in our CA CDA 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention and making this week a very special and spiritual event for our membership. I am still getting calls about how he moved our membership and had an impact on their convention experience.

We remember our Past State Regents who set the foundation for growth in CA CDA and encouraged our membership to stay involved and devoted to our sisterhood.

Thank you to Our National Supervising officer Yvette Griego for all your advice and help making the trip from New Mexico to California to join us.

Thank you to Father Erick for being our Spiritual Advisor this last term. California CDA's all really appreciated all your kind words and prayers during the last two terms. Our Chaplain CDA organization is blessed to have you as our National Chaplin as well.

And a large CDA hug and thank You for Jennifer Campbell, WOW what a Convention she helped plan. CA CDA's are beyond blessed that she agreed to join this team as the Convention Chairperson. She seamlessly handled every detail and working in the background kept our Convention running smoothly and beautifully.

I always say that your most important job in any organization is to train your replacement. The future leaders of CA CDA have been trained, by sharing information working together, communicating on the items that need to be accomplished for the good of our order.

I am so Proud of our New State Board and our newly elected CA CDA State Regent Lorine Bakowsky. Lorine is a very spiritual person and true leader, a very intelligent woman who's dealt with a lot of programs and activities in the past. Thank you, Lorine for your many years of service to CDA, you will forever be one of my dear friends. I promise to still call you early in the morning on occasion and loudly sing your favorite good Morning song. CA CDA Is BLESSED To have you as their next State Regent.

Thank you CA CDA's for this incredible journey and thank you for all your love, support, and grace when I needed it. I am leaving this role with the Confidence that the Next Leaders have been found, and CA CDA is on a Big Bright Beautiful Path to Greatness over the next decade and beyond.

I have a funny feeling that my journey with Catholic Daughters is not ending here, but I am going to take a little bit of a sabbatical and enjoy time with my growing family.

Thank you and God Bless

*María Santos-Silva*





## 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.

### EDUCATION ~ Maria Arechiga ~ mfarechiga@yahoo.com



Hello everyone!

I am an ordinary woman who joined The Catholic Daughters of the Americas eight years ago. I joined because I was personally invited by a woman who made me feel as if Christ Himself was calling me. Within a year I became the Financial Secretary for Our Court, Mary Queen of the World #2400, at St. Felicitas in San

Leandro. The Holy Spirit has always guided me to where I need to be.

I am married and have two children and two beautiful granddaughters under the age of three. Prior to becoming a Catholic Daughter I served my parish community in both English and Spanish. I was a Lector, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, a youth minister, a funeral acolyte and a Guadalupana. I also served as a jail minister in our Diocese for ten years.

I am thankful to God for giving me the courage to say yes to serve as the Education Chairman for the California Catholic Daughters of the Americas. There are many of you who have more experience and knowledge in this area than I do. Please feel free to reach out and share! Please pray for me and all of our new Board members and Circle of Love Chairman. I look forward to serving you in this new mission God has put me on.

Your sister in Christ,  
*Maria Arechiga*

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



Blessings CDA Sisters in Christ,

It is my honor and privilege to be given another opportunity to serve as your 2025-2027 CA State Leadership Chairman. I have learned so much in the past 2 years, and I look forward to the new term. I want to thank the outgoing State Board for teaching, mentoring, and leading me in being a better leader! I also look forward

to working with the new State Board and learning as much as I can from them so that I can share that wonderful knowledge and experience with others.

It was such a pleasure to have met so many of my new CDA Sisters at the CA State Convention! And what a Convention, I think I am still reeling from the entire wonderful and spiritual experience from beginning to end.

I currently serve as Regent of Court St. John 2526 in Fresno, CA where I live with my husband, Michael, and our 3 furry babies (2 dogs/1 cat). I am a local girl at heart – I was born in Fowler, which is about 15 minutes south of Fresno, was raised in Selma, which is about 30 minutes south of Fresno, and have resided in Fresno since I attended Fresno State back in 1983.

The future does look bright, and I thank God for allowing me to be part of it! Two of my goals and prayers as your Leadership Chairman are the same as last term: 1) to visit as many Courts

within California as possible and 2) to receive more Leadership Circle of Love entries. I know how busy Courts are in serving their local Churches and communities all year long, so there should be no shortage of entries.

Please remember that being a leader requires us to lead and follow, sometimes at different times and sometimes at the same time. I pray that we are obedient to our Lord in heeding His call when He asks us to serve Him by serving each other.

Lastly, may we each continue to promote and live our mission and motto of unity and charity. Blessings to you and all of yours!

*Ismaela Muniz Heiden*

### LEGISLATION ~ Maureen Laubacher ~ [maurlaub22@aol.com](mailto:maurlaub22@aol.com)



Greetings from your State Legislation Chairman. My name is Maureen Laubacher, and I am returning to this Circle of Love role after a brief stint as Membership Chairman for Northern California. I live in San Ramon in the Tri-Valley region where I-680 and I-580 intersect. I am the Financial Secretary for Court St Raymond, #2057.

I have been married to my spouse, Bob Schoenborn, for almost seven years. Between us we have 5 children with 5 spouses who live in Oregon, Colorado, Virginia and South Carolina. Notice that there are none living locally. Our 13 grandchildren and 3 great grans added Minnesota, New York, Maryland and Massachusetts to this list. So, we travel a lot trying to see everyone at least once a year.

Bob and I are both very active in our church as homebound ministers. Bob is a Knight of Columbus and of course I am in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In addition, I teach a 35-week course on the St Ignatius Spiritual Exercises and lead a Legion of Mary Praesidium.

I am delighted to be serving as your Legislative chairman. As the chairman, I frequently access the California Catholic Conference website. You can find information about bills before our state legislature. Under the Take Action menu, it lists Action Alerts that provide many useful links for information about legislative actions, which we as Catholic women should concern ourselves. Check it out.

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*Maureen Laubacher*

### QUALITY OF LIFE ~ Mary Beasley ~ [marybeasleycda@yahoo.com](mailto:marybeasleycda@yahoo.com)



Hello to all my CDA Sisters, My name is Mary (JoJo) Beasley, I may have met you during my term on the state board. I have met so many wonderful women since joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, up and down the State of California and throughout the country. It was so good to see many of you at the State Convention. It was very spiritual and informative. At the convention, we were educated on how sex trafficking is a growing industry and how the victims are targeted, groomed and exploited into doing sexual favors. We met Sally Cook, one of the owners of a refuge home housing 152 beds for victims of sex trafficking. As your California Quality of Life

Chairman for the 2025-2027 CDA term, it is my commitment to you to keep you informed in this area so we can all help fight to keep more girls and young women from becoming victims. As a mother of seven daughters and the grandmother of 24, it brings me to tears to hear about such crimes. Most of us have been blessed to have lived a quality life, it is our duty to bring the same quality to those less fortunate. During this term I promise to provide information to help in this area and to give ideas that we can all do to help those in need. The first idea I can give you is something we can all do and is simple enough for us to do on our own. I am challenging you to do this every day:

Make it your goal to make a stranger smile. Sometimes all it takes is a smile yourself, but it may require a few kind words with it. Who will you make smile today?

*Mary Beasley*

### **SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT ~ CAPRIA Woodson-Tabor ~ [faithfulgalme@aol.com](mailto:faithfulgalme@aol.com)**



Greetings Sisters,

I am honored to serve as your Spiritual Chairman. I have been a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) since 2008. I am a dual-status member, holding membership in California and Alabama. I first joined Court St. Raymond #2057 in Dublin, while stationed at Camp Parks, in spring of 2008. In 2014 I chartered Court Tuscaloosa #2686 in Tuscaloosa, AL. I served as the regent for the first year, before accepting an instructor position at Ft. Knox.

When I joined CDA during my year at Camp Parks, I thought it would be an “activity” to participate in for that year. I was wrong. What my time at Ct. St. Raymond showed me was that there were other Catholic women in the world who desired to serve God and the church, as enthusiastically as I wanted to. Our “unity” was demonstrated in the way the sisters worked together to welcome me into the fold. From Tihanai Bernardo, the first Catholic Daughter I met, sharing all of the reasons that I should join during our first conversation. To Nita Volker, Barbara Bowers, and Jean Boutte’ welcoming me at every meeting and standing by me as I took the membership oath. Our “charity” was displayed not only at meetings but by the numerous times a sister invited me into her home, introduced me to her family, and shared a meal. Every year, my home is filled with cards. Cards for every event (birthday, Easter, Veterans Day, Christmas, and just because). These cards, and the many ways they are filled, demonstrate to me that I am a Catholic Daughter whether near or far. “...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.” Matt. 25:35

I hope to join you for celebrations and be an aid in your sorrows. I hope that we exchange ideas of how and when to share God’s word. Many of us say the “St. Michael Prayer,” is it a part of your court meetings? Does your court have a Spiritual or Sunshine chairman? Does your priest or deacon attend your meetings? How does your court use spirituality in your membership drives? What is it that you are looking for in a Spiritual Chairman? All of these questions can be new ideas to engage your members and demonstrate to the women in your parish how Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a local organization as well as a global sisterhood.

Enjoy your summer, returning in the fall with fresh ideas and a refreshed enthusiasm for the service.

In Unity and Charity,

*Capria Woodson-Tabor*

## MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION



### *CENTRAL ~ Kathi Morris*

My Dear Sisters in Christ, it is an honor to serve a second term as the Membership Chair for Central California. I want to thank our Worthy State Regent, Lorine, for entrusting me with this great privilege.

I moved from Monterey to East Clovis in 2017. New to the area, I attended Mass at Divine Mercy and searched the bulletin for a ministry and to network with others. I joined Our Lady of Good Success, #1661 and quickly discovered there were no members from Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy is a church in the doctrinal sense. It has parishioners, but no building. Mass has been held in a high school multipurpose room for over ten years. So, I decided to charter a court to help build the church. I am proud to say that nine months later, in June 2019, Court Daughters of Divine Mercy, #2753, was installed. And prouder to say that the court recently held their first huge fundraiser, garnering \$32,000.00 for the building fund!

I am also a dual member with Court St. Joachims #2553 in Madera. Madera holds special meaning because my family was living there in 1968 when my parents were killed by a drunk driver. The current Regent, Rosie Valdez and I were friends in the same class at Madera High. It was wonderful to be warmly included in their court.

I have been a Catholic Daughter for eight years now.

I was married for 22 years and divorced in 1999. I am a mother to two children, grandmother to five, and great-grandmother to three. I retired from the IRS in 2009 at the age of 58, after a 35-year career primarily as Chief of Audit with 300 employees and a three-quarter billion budget. After retirement, I worked at Pebble Beach, and in 2021 my book, "We Were the Morris Orphans, 4 Brothers, 5 Sisters & Me," was published. In addition to my roles with CDA as District Deputy and Membership Chair, I am active in CASA, Cultural Arts Rotary Club, Author, Talks and currently collaborating with a screenwriter on the film adaptation of my book.

It is my prayer that I facilitate the installation of a new Court in the Central Valley and continue to be a useful resource to my CDA Sisters.

*Kathi Morris*

*NORTH ~ OPEN*

*SOUTH ~ OPEN*



## DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPERVISORS



### *SOUTH ~ Debra Burley*

Hello, I am Debra Burley, the District Deputy Supervisor for Southern California. It has been my pleasure to be a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for 18 years as a Charter Member of Court #2599, Our Lady of the Angels in Encino California. I also serve as our Court's Recording Secretary. I really enjoy my role and having an opportunity to meet and work with so many of the Courts in the Southern California area has been extremely rewarding. I look forward to the next 2 years working with this amazing State Board. Attending more meetings with more Courts is a top priority this year. Although my responsibilities include trouble shooting, I want to ensure that Courts are calling to share good news as well. I would love to see Courts that are close in proximity form a sister Court bond and spend time working on common goals. I would love to see a totally united CDA as we are during conventions.

*Debra Burley*

### *CENTRAL ~ Lilian Draxler*



Greetings,

I am Lil Draxler, honored to serve as the District Deputy Supervisor for the Central Valley during the 2025–26 term. With over 34 years of dedicated membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, I have had the privilege of serving as chairman for three State Regents and as District Deputy Supervisor

in the previous term. Additionally, I have supported local court officers in their roles and District Deputy for many years. I am a dual member of Court St. Francis of Assisi #1652 and Court Blessed Jacinta #2527.

My family is a source of great joy—blessed with six children, eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren ranging from 45 years to just 3 months old.

Outside of my commitments, I enjoy sewing, baking, scrapbooking, and various crafts. If you require assistance with financial reviews, please feel free to reach out. I would also be delighted to attend and support your court events.

*Lilian Draxler*

### *NORTH ~ Sylvia Solíz*

*Bio Article will come in the Fall*

BECOME A DISTRICT DEPUTY  
HELP CA CDA GROW AND FLOW

## HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Email State Regent Lorine Bakowsky at [bakowsky@aol.com](mailto:bakowsky@aol.com) if you are interested in Training, Interning and Becoming a District Deputy.

Trainings will be held in each Diocese throughout September.

? Call 510-461-7317



**PARLIAMENTARIAN ~ Laura Vacca ~ [Lauraspencer.vacca@gmail.com](mailto:Lauraspencer.vacca@gmail.com)**

Greetings CDA Sisters,

What a great CA State Convention in Visalia! Thank you to all the wonderful State Board members, Chairpersons, and our clergy for the very spirit-filled, informative, and productive convention. The business meetings went smoothly because everyone came prepared to work, to move issues along respectfully and fairly, and to vote. Your home courts should be very proud of their delegates, and I hope to see even more members attend in two years. Flat Pat was my roommate during the convention, and we had a blast! My own local court, Regent Lorine Bakowsky, was elected the new CA State Regent! Best wishes to Lorine and much gratitude for the leadership and friendship of our past State Regent, Maria Santos Silva, and her board.

There was one discussion item brought to this Parliamentarian's attention during a break in the "action." The question was, "Why do we not have Proxy voting when there are members who want to vote but cannot attend?" Doing due diligence, your Parliamentarian consulted our National Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order for the proper response. The National Bylaws do not address the use of Proxy votes and default to Robert's Rules. A proxy vote is one given to another member to vote in their stead. Per RONR 12<sup>th</sup> edition, pages 45:70-71 is states clearly: "proxies are not permitted unless authorized in the constitution or bylaws or required by state law." In addition, our National Supervising Officer was in attendance, who noted that this is the reason we provide the number of delegates and alternates to attend a convention. A delegate speaks for your court vote. Encourage your Court to send an Alternate to speak on behalf of the Court should anything prevent the Delegate from attending the meeting. I am grateful to have had her support a few times just to ensure the process went smoothly.

Thank you to those who approached with a desire to learn more about the use of the Rules at your local meetings. Please feel free to contact me with a question, a situation, or to provide a Zoom training for your court at [lauraspencer.vacca@gmail.com](mailto:lauraspencer.vacca@gmail.com)

Congratulations to all the new State Board members. I wish you much success as you lead our State CDA on the next leg of our journey forward.

*Laura Vacca, Parliamentarian*



**WEBMASTER ~ Yvette Manard ~ [proactivepatient@erizon.net](mailto:proactivepatient@erizon.net)**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CA CDA SISTERS FOR A  
SPIRITUAL, ENLIGHTENED & SUCCESSFUL  
50th BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION, APRIL 24 -27, 2025, VISALIA, CA  
CA CDA Shining in the Light of the Divine Mercy**



To all of my CDA Sisters, I offer my congratulations on a beautiful, joyful and spiritual convention. We had a record number of attendees who contributed to the success and fun at our convention. I invite you to view some of the pictures and news from the convention on our website, <https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/about-us/state-of-california/conventions/>

**Congratulations to our 2025-2027 CA State Board, Chairpersons  
and Special Assignment Coordinators!**

We welcome our CA State Officers and offer our prayers and support for divine strength and guidance as they carry on our tradition of unity and charity. View your new officers:

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

I am happy to continue to serve as your State webmaster and look forward to hearing about your courts and posting events and pictures on our website. Visit and share on our Featured Courts page:

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

But, most importantly, I want to help you share the good news of our CDA Sisterhood to grow and strengthen your courts as you support your parishes and communities.

Our CDA CA website\* is a tremendous tool for you to highlight your court and promote the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!

It is important that you visit and refer others to review and learn more about our State CDA. Make sure to have the **URL handy and bookmark our website** on your cell phone and other devices!

This way you can easily share the information with your Court members, families, friends and others. 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/>

Local Courts

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

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

*Yvette Manard*



## 2 UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

### 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](http://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: 19

Single Supplement: \$750

Land only price: \$3,900

12 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE The Jubilee of Rome 2025 CDA NY ([lpjp.org](http://lpjp.org))

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CIRCLE OF LOVE and EDUCATION and SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

For the complete list of the winners,  
click on the link below:

<https://www.californiacatholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love/2023-2024-circle-of-love-winners/c>

**COURTS**, if you have not turned in your New Officer form after your court elections in May, please turn them in now. It is important that the State and National have the current information. You may download the form from National at the link below:

[\*Microsoft Word - NEW Officer Form.doc\*](#)

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
6/13/1920	519	Whittier	Whittier	105
6/23/1946	1410	St. Joseph	Corona	79
6/22/1991	2360	St. Malachy	Tehachapi	34
6/18/2005	2553	St. Joachim	Madera	20
6/9/2019	2753	Daughters of Divine Mercy	Clovis	6

### JULY

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
7/12/1953	1644	St. Patrick	Atwater	72
7/14/2012	2658	St. John Chrysostom	Inglewood	13
7/28/2018	2745	Sister Emmanuel Cardinale	Livermore	7

### AUGUST

DATE	COURT #	COURT NAME	CITY	YEARS
8/6/1916	281	San Jose	San Jose	109
8/16/1951	1580	St. Teresa of Avila	Lemon Grove	74
8/19/2012	2657	Little Flower of the Desert	Palm Springs	13
8/30/2015	2696	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Los Angeles	10

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**  
**JUNE 18, 1903 - JUNE 18, 2025**  
**122 YEARS**

What an amazing tribute to one of the oldest and large organizations of Catholic Women in the Americas. We are a national organization, with 55,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

### **MONTHLY PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month  
 Where: 3737 W. McKinley, Fresno, CA 93722  
 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
 Info: Monica Herrera at 559-269-1538  
 Or via Zoom: Meeting Id: 917 628 7316  
 Passcode: 2526

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

**This is open to everyone, we have calls from CA, MN, LA, FL)**

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

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH A MASS**

When: Saturday, June 21, 2025  
 Where: St. Joachim Catholic Church - Holy Spouses Hall  
 Mass Time: 11:00 a.m. and Lunch Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$30.00 each or \$240.00 for a table  
 Contact: Toni @ 559-360-5527 or Victoria 559-514-9811  
 No tickets will be sold at door

### **PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER – COURT LITTLE FLOWER #1003**

When: Saturday, June 21, 2025  
 Where: St. Mary's Hall  
 506 N. Garden St., Visalia, CA  
 Cost: \$35.00 per person  
 Contact: Theresa @ 559-799-8026  
 Join Court Little Flower #1003 in celebrating our ministries 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **RECEPTION HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE REGENT LORINE BAKOWSKY**

When: Saturday, August 30, 2025  
 Where: St. Felicitas Church  
 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579  
 Time: After 4:00 PM Mass in the Gym  
 RSVP: Pat at 510-895-5042 or email at [2cupscoffey@comcast.net](mailto:2cupscoffey@comcast.net) by 8/15/2025

Accommodation is at a group rate:

The Marina Inn on The San Francisco Bay  
 68 Monarch Bay Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577  
 510-895-1311

Group Room Rate only available until 7/29/2025

[www.slmarinainn.com](http://www.slmarinainn.com)

Single Queen/Doubles - \$119.00      Deluxe Queen - \$129.00

Complimentary Breakfast Included

Hotel Shuttle to/from Oakland Airport (3 miles away)

Hotel Shuttle to church and within 3 miles to shopping & restaurants

## *COURT ACTIVITIES*

### **CT. OUR LADY OF PEACE #1306, SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Hygiene Kits Donation**

On April 29, 2025 members of Court Our Lady of Peace #1306 in San Bernardino, California, gathered to deliver Hygiene Kits for the homeless to Mary's Table & Catholic Charities. We also delivered feminine products to Catholic Charities on May 16, 2025

The hygiene kits, in individual plastic bags, included a selection of: Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrush, Soap, Hand sanitizer, Toothpaste, Razor, Deodorant, & Lotion.

At Mary's Table we were warmly welcomed by Fr. Michael Berry, Founder & Director, and his assistant Joe Chacon who shared information about their various services with our group. We presented the kits and shared a nice visit together. We then went to Catholic Charities & were welcomed by Yelena Ruiz, Program Development Manager & staff. They spoke of their need for other donations and on May 16 Yelena Ruiz spoke with Regent Olivia Guerrero who offered to work on a plan for additional donations and to include other CDA Courts for assistance. We were so well received by both charities that we left feeling rewarded that we could help their great efforts to help those in need. We thank Fr. Berry & Yelena for their kindness and hospitality and plan to work with them again in the future.



Court Our Lady of Peace #1306 Members

### **COURT CATHERINE #1378**



Celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### **COURT COMPTON #942**



Court Compton 942 welcomed 3 new members in May 2025  
Welcome (left to right) : Cathy Perez, Diana Campos, Veronica Pimental-Lazaro

### **CT. OUR LADY OF THE DESERT #1629**

What an amazing retreat!!! Thank you to EVERYONE who prayed for us, and to all who helped, AND to everyone who attended! We are calling this our first ANNUAL CDA Women's Retreat!





# 50<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CA STATE CONVENTION

Some of the highlights from the convention



CDA members gathered after a beautiful opening mass.



Joe Silva preparing the meal for the picnic



CDA members at the picnic



CDA members and guests who went on the Kaweah Oaks Preserve tour



2027 Nominating Committee being sworn in by National Director Yvette Griego

**GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS ~ Karen Jones ~ kdj4237308@gmail.com**

I am honored to be your Golden State Tidings for the next 2 years. I joined Court Compton #942 19 years ago in 2006 and I am so happy to have joined a wonderful organization. When I think about when I was first asked to join my court, I was a young lady and when I saw the women who were Court Compton #942 I only saw older retired ladies and I was in my prime.

In the past months, I was on the committee to help plan our court's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it was so much fun speaking with the ladies of the other California courts who were going to help celebrate this milestone with us. A couple of events our court is having, May 24<sup>th</sup> we will do the 2,000 Hail Mary's, our annual Casino bus trip to support our Essay contest winners for girls from Our Lady of Victory and St. Albert the Great schools going to a Catholic high school. Then in June, we will have our annual Salad Tea.

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).**

**THEMES FOR THE ISSUES**

<b>SUMMER</b>	Introduction and State Convention
<b>FALL</b>	Welcome, virtues of Respect or Hospitality, Recruitment, Service or Gratitude
<b>WINTER</b>	Advent/Christmas
<b>SPRING</b>	Lent/Easter

Please save these due dates for upcoming issues:

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>SUBMIT BY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Summer	May 1-31, 2025	June 2025
Fall	August 1-31, 2025	September 2025
Winter	November 1-30, 2025	December 2025
Spring	February 1-28, 2026	March 2026

*Karen Jones*

**UNITY**

Holy Father...protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we... that they will all be one, just as you and I are one.... May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17:11, 21-23 NLT

## OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In 1061, Saxon, noble woman, lady, Richeldis de Faverches, had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary, who showed her the house in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel made his revelation of the forthcoming birth of Jesus. Our Lady asked Richeldis to build a replica of the holy house in Walsingham, England.

Through the intercession of angels, who helped build the shrine when workmen could not, the Holy House was built and became a place of pilgrimage – called the Nazareth of England. A spring of water rose at the spot the angels built the house. In 1538, Henry VIII's dissolution of Catholic Pories and Shrines caused the shrine to be burned and torn asunder.

Our Mother said, "Do all this unto my special praise and honor. And all who are in any way distressed or in need, let them seek me here in that little house you have made. To all that seek me there shall be given succor."



**Theme: "Commit your Work to the Lord,  
and Your Plans Will Be Established.  
Proverbs 16:3**