



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Pere Maltrait #1445 Agenda for May 13, 2026

1. Call to order by the regent.
2. Welcome to everyone.
3. The Opening Prayer led by _____ and Pledge of Allegiance by _____.
4. Verse for reflection and discussion: *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* (Luke 6:36)
5. If new members, the oath will be taken at this time.
6. Guest speaker: Melissa Guidry, chairperson, will introduce Beverly Soley, director of the Christians Who Care Center.
7. Silent roll call of officers by Recording Secretary, Pam Gaspard. (officers absent _____; # members present ____)
8. Minutes from the April meeting by Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary, were placed on the church website. Any corrections? Minutes are accepted with/without corrections.
9. Lacey Guidry, Treasurer, provided a copy of the treasurer's report at the entrance for the April meeting and will explain the report, if necessary. Questions? Treasurer's report is/is not accepted.

Old Business

1. The prayer vessel is returned by Sandra Hargrave and goes to _____ until our June meeting.
 2. Members donated \$155.00 for Martin de Tours Housing Facility at April meeting. Marion was able to purchase paper products. Thank you for your generosity.
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3. Report by chairpersons of JCDA on the progress of JCDA.
 - a. They will present information on the first meeting in April.
 - b. If bank account has been created, \$200.00 check can be made to JCDA.
 - c. Other issues?
4. National dues of \$610.00 were paid on April 15 after issue of notice of payment.
5. Our Mary statue is being repaired by Craig Meaux (if not at meeting). Over the years, the hands had broken off. He also will do a little touch up painting. Thank you card would be appropriate.
6. The raffle tickets will possibly be available for distribution at the meeting. Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets.
7. Our Devotion to Mary will be held from now on in the chapel. The code is _____.
8. Marlene and I picked up the Sacred Heart Statue on Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 in the parking lot of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Maurice. An exchange was made with prayers from the regent, Frances G. Patton, from St. Jules in Lafayette. There is an accompanying prayer booklet and statue must remain in the presence of an officer for the week. CDA members met on Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24, at the chapel to view the statue and pray the Sacred Heart prayers. The Statue was then turned over to Abbeville's Court Mary Magdalen on April 25.
9. I received a copy of the proposed bylaws for Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Changes are being proposed for all courts in almost every area and will be voted on at the national convention in Iowa this summer. Once finalized, our court will receive a copy in the mail.
10. At the April 8 meeting, the nominating committee consisting of Melissa Guidry, chairperson, with members Amy Broussard and Vickie Tate presented the slate of officers for 2026-2028. *(Script below is for Local elections.)*

Script for Local Court Elections

The Nominating Committee has reported the following slate of Officers:

Regent: Marlene Dronet
Vice-regent: Lacey Guidry
Financial Secretary: Ariana Pommier
Financial Secretary: Pam Gaspard
Treasurer: Amber Touchet

Nominations from the floor are now in order. I will ask twice if there are any other nominations. *(If a candidate is unopposed, she may be elected by voice ballot. If nominations are made from the floor for any office, the regent needs to receive their consent to serve. If a candidate on the slate is opposed, election is by secret ballot. All candidates from the floor need to be present.)*

Marlene Dronet has been nominated for the office of Regent.

Are there any further nominations for the office of Regent?

(If someone has been nominated) _____ has been nominated for the office of Regent. She has given her consent to serve are there further nominations for the office of Regent? We will hold an election by secret ballot for the office of Regent. List the nominees.

OR

(If there are no other nominations) **All in favor of Marlene Dronet for the office of Regent, please say "Aye". All opposed say "No". The Ayes have it; you have elected Marlene Dronet for the office of Regent.**

Lacey Guidry has been nominated for the office of Vice Regent.

Are there any further nominations for the office of Vice Regent?

If someone has been nominated) _____ has been nominated for the office of Vice Regent. She has given her consent to serve. Are there further nominations for the office of Vice Regent? We will hold an election by secret ballot for the office of Vice Regent. List nominees.

OR

(If there are no other nominations) **All in favor of Lacey Guidry for the office of Vice Regent, please say "Aye". All opposed say "No". The Ayes have it; you have elected Lacey Guidry for the office of Vice Regent.**

Pam Gaspard has been nominated for the office of Recording Secretary.

(If someone has been nominated) _____ has been nominated for the office of Recording Secretary. She has given her consent to serve. Are there further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? We will hold an election by secret ballot for the office of Recording Secretary. List nominees.

OR

(If there are no other nominations) **All in favor of Pam Gaspard for the office of Recording Secretary, please say "Aye". All opposed say "No". The Ayes have it; you have elected Ariana Pommier for the office of Recording Secretary.**

Ariana Pommier has been nominated for the office of Financial Secretary.

Are there any further nominations for the office for the office of Financial Secretary?

(If someone has been nominated) _____ has been nominated for the office of Financial Secretary. She has given her consent to serve. Are there further nominations for the office of Financial Secretary? We will hold an election by secret ballot for the office of Financial Secretary. List nominees.

OR

(If there are no other nominations) **All in favor of Ariana Pommier for the office of Financial Secretary, please say "Aye". All opposed say "No". The Ayes have it; you have elected Ariana Pommier for the office of Financial Secretary.**

Amber Touchet has been nominated for the office of Treasurer.

(If someone has been nominated) _____ has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. She has given her consent to serve. Are there further nominations for the office of Treasurer. List nominees.

OR

(if there are no other nominations) **All in favor of Amber Touchet for the office of Treasurer, please say "Aye." All opposed "No". The Ayes have it; you have elected Amber Touchet for the office of Treasurer.**

I declare the nominations closed.

(If an office is opposed) **Will those running for office, please come to the front to be recognized. We will proceed with silent elections for these positions.**

We will now proceed with the installation of these newly elected officers.

Installation Ceremony

I call upon the elected officers of Court Pere Maltrait #1445 to come forward and pledge their allegiance to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, to our Church, and to our Country.

(The newly elected Regent stands in the middle of the semi-circle. The Vice Regent stands to her right, the Recording Secretary to her left, the Financial Secretary stands to the right of the Vice Regent, and the Treasurer stands to the left of the Recording Secretary.)

Newly elected officers: Are you ready to assume the office to which your Court has elected you and to pledge your fidelity and service at the highest level, to your Order, your Country, your Church, and to your God?

Officers: We are.

Officers, please face the members to receive their pledge of confidence. Members, please repeat after me.

**We, the members of Court Pere Maltrait #1445, one in unity and Love
Pledge our Allegiance to our Church, our Country, to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
and to our newly installed officers.**

We promise to do all we can for the good of the order by our support.

Let us proceed to the charge which will be administered to you as a group and to which you will respond as a group by repeating after me the following commitment.

**We, the elected officers of Court Pere Maltrait #1445
Freely assume the responsibilities entailed by holding office in this court
Further, we promise to act together in harmony and cooperation with one another
and with those in authority at the state and national levels of the order.
In this resolve, we humbly ask the Divine help of the Holy Spirit of God.
May He aid us to provide a Joint example to our fellow members
of unity and charity by our personal exercise of love for one another.**

Prayer (for all)

**Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work;
I give you my feet to go your way;
I give you my eyes to see as you do,
I give you my tongue to speak your words;
I give you my mind that you may think in me;
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me.
I give you my whole life that you may grow in me, so that it may be you
Lord Jesus who works and loves and prays in me. Amen.**

Passing of the Medallion Ceremony

We are a sisterhood working together to do God's will. In this sisterhood, it is important that we have strong officers who will protect the good of the order by guiding and gently leading others into service.

The medallion ceremony today represents the changing of the guard. The passing down of a medallion represents mentorship, shared responsibility, and the willingness to embrace change. It also represents continued support, enduring friendship, and the passing of the torch. The medallions of the Local Officers are bronze with white background and blue lettering with a blue ribbon honoring the Blessed Mother Mary. It symbolizes our court's commitment to faith and service.

The treasurer's medallion has crossed keys that are symbolic of her duty to safeguard the funds of the court. Treasurer Lacey Guidry will now pass her medallion and her promise of support to newly elected Treasurer Amber Touchet.

The Financial Secretary has a medallion with a crossed key and quill which are symbolic of her duties of keeping membership and financial records of the court. Financial Secretary Marlene Broussard will now pass her medallion and her promise of support to newly elected Financial Secretary Ariana Pommier.

The Recording Secretary has a medallion with crossed quills which are symbolic of her duties for letter and document writing as well as keeping the history of the court through the minutes. Recording Secretary Pam Gaspard will retain her medallion.

The Vice-Regent and Regent have a medallion with the official emblem of The Order, the Cross and the Crown. Marlene Dronet will now pass her medallion and her promise of support to newly elected Vice Regent Lacey Guidry. Cynthia Vincent will now pass her medallion and her promise of support to newly elected Regent Marlene Dronet.

Now I invite the membership to offer their thanks and show their appreciation to those who have given so much and who will continue to give of themselves to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Pere Maltrait #1445.

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the new officers. We, the court, offer you our best wishes for a successful term.

The gavel will be turned over to the new regent to conduct the rest of the meeting.

11. Mother's Day gifts for nursing home residents will be our flowers remaining from last year. We have enough flowers in storage and will need 55 for Nunez and 42 for Kaplan. There are some remaining flowers but not enough for two for each resident. Flowers were delivered to the nursing homes by Marlene and Cindy this past Wednesday, May 6.

12. Signing of Ordination card for Deacon Bryan and for Father Mikel and Father Bienvenu

13. Upcoming events

a. June

a. Father's Day gift for the nursing home: Nunez 52; Kaplan 40. We had decided last year to provide a gift of koozies with a protein bar inside to be delivered by members attending the rosary or JCDA prior to Father's Day on June 14. We have only 52 koozies; members donated the remaining needed.

2) School supply drive by CDA and JCDA to consist of following items: girls' underwear sizes 4T-8, boys' underwear sizes 4T-8, kids-size socks for both boys and girls, Kleenex, multi-colored folders with tabs, dry erasers, dry erase markers, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, 24-count crayons, pencil top erasers.

3) Adoption of new yearly charity. The board suggested St. Marguerite Housing or the Kaplan Housing Authority. Other suggestions?

4) Shelley's presentation on The Apostolate of the Seven Sisters.

5) Ordination of Father Paul (6/13) and Father Mikel (6/18)

b. July

1) Drawing for raffle prizes will be held after 10:00 mass at Cabrini Hall on (date) _____

New Business

1. Discussion on "Woman of the Year" or "Woman of the Month". What to do?

2. Marion has a proposal for CDA providing a meal for a member of our community.

3. Officers please see me after the meeting to complete the newly elected officer form and to pick up the dates for the local court officer installation and training workshop. We must make a decision after the meeting to notify the state as soon as possible.

4. Anyone with new business to be brought before the board?

Announcements

1. Volunteers are always needed to serve our churches as lector and Eucharistic Ministers (especially for our CDA masses) and the cleaning/ironing of the church linens at Holy Rosary.

2. Contact Lacey Guidry at 337-277-9495 for flock notes as she is the new flock note coordinator. Shelley Istre is her back up at 337-368-5510.

3. The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the entire month of May to the honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way. This tradition gradually developed between the 17th and 19th centuries eventually establishing May as the Marian month. Devotions include praying the Rosary, honoring Mary's role in salvation history, and imitating her virtues of humility, purity, and obedience.

Prayer to Mary, Queen of Heaven by Pope Pius XII: From the depths of this vale of tears where sorrowing humanity makes weary progress, through the surges of this sea of ours, endlessly buffeted by the winds of passion, we raise our eyes to you, O most beloved Mother Mary, to be comforted by the contemplation of your glory and to hail you as Queen of heaven and earth, Queen of mankind. In the heights of heaven you exercise your primacy over the choirs of angels who acclaim you as their sovereign, and over the legions of saints who delight in beholding your dazzling beauty. So, too, reign over the entire human race, above all by opening the path of faith to those who do not yet know your Divine Son. Reign over the Church, which acknowledges and extols your gentle dominion and has recourse to you as a safe refuge amid the calamities of our day. Reign over men's minds, that they may

seek only what is true. Reign over individuals and over families, as well as over societies and nations. Reign in the streets and in the squares, in the cities and the villages, in the valleys and in the mountains, in the air, on land and on the sea; and hear the pious prayers of all those who recognize that yours is a reign of mercy, in which every petition is heard, every sorrow comforted, every misfortune relieved, every infirmity healed, and in which at a gesture from your gentle hands, from death itself there arises smiling life. Obtain for us that all who now in every corner of the world acclaim and hail you Queen and Lady may one day in heaven enjoy the fullness of your kingdom in the vision of your Divine Son, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

5. Pope Leo XIV's prayer of intention for May: that everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

6. Communication from

- a. Sheila Moore, state regent: Continue prayers for ill and deceased Catholic Daughters and family members. Please continue to bring our prayer intentions to our Blessed Mother who can then present our needs to her Son.
- b. Please consider calling the national office at 212-877-3041 to opt out of receiving the Share magazine in the mail. This could avoid an increase in national dues. You can still view the magazine on our website for the digital copy.

7. The schedule for January-March is below. Please call the regent if unable to make the mass ASAP.

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
April 4 @ 8:00	Shelley Istre	Brenda Couvillon, Suzanne Richard (if needed)	
May 3, @ 8:00	Vickie Tate for April Hargrave	Ariana Pommier for Jeanette Simon, Suzanne Richard for Vickie Tate, Annie Vidalier	
June 7 @ 10:00	Pam Gaspard	Cynthia Vincent, Lorna Bourque	

Conclusion

1. Drawing for door prizes by Ms. Annie were awarded to _____, _____, and _____.
2. Closing prayer was led by _____.
3. The motion to adjourn was made by _____, seconded by _____. Motion _____.

Dates to Remember

May 3
May 7

CDA mass at 8:00 at Cabrini Church
Devotion to Mary at the chapel

May 12	Rosary in Nunez with birthdays at 9:30
May 13	Rosary in Kaplan with birthdays at 9:30
May 15	Cleaning of Holy Rosary at 9:00
May 26	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
May 27	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
	Board meeting at 6:00
June 4	Devotion to Mary at chapel
June 7	CDA mass at 10:00
June 9	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30 with birthdays
June 10	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30 with birthdays
	CDA meeting at 6:00 at Cabrini Hall
June 19	Cleaning of Holy Rosary at 9:00
June 23	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
June 24	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
	Board meeting at 6:00

Members are asked to pray the rosary every day for their assigned week.

May

Week 1 (May 3-11) Sandra Hargrave, Mona Harrington, Gay Herpin

Week 2 (May 10-16) Shelley Istre, Marion Landry, Sonya LeMaire

Week 3 (May 17-23) Tessia LeBouef, Olite Ledoux, Brenda Couvillon

Week 4 (May 24-May 30) Jaynell Manceaux, Helen Marceaux, Richelle Marceaux

Birthdays

May

Geralyn Abshire, Amy Broussard, Gabrielle Dubois, Joyce Gaspard, Mona Harrington,
Olite Ledoux, Bonnie Trahan

Birthdays for clergy

None

Ordination for May

Deacon Bryan Istre

Ordination for June

Father Mikel and Father Paul