

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity



Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

“With God, all things are possible.” ~Matthew 19-26

Unity
and
Charity

Summer 2014



Message from the Regent

My Dearest Sisters in Faith,

It is my privilege and my honor to be your new Regent. I thank you for your confidence in our Court and in our Catholic Daughters organization. I am especially grateful to the new officers and committee chairs that said yes to the call and have stepped forward to keep our Court full of new ideas and talents. *Our commitment* to you the membership is this: We will strive to bring the women of our parish to fulfillment in their Spiritual lives and united in service to our Holy Trinity church and our parish community. *Our goal* is to continue to move our Court forward with fresh thoughts of how we can grow in faith and love. *Our promise* is that we will work with you and we will work for you!

As an organization we will walk together for *unity and charity*, while building on the great strides we have accomplished in the last two years. We took on a big commitment that required immeasurable courage, faith, and trust in God. And He rewarded us most generously. We are a group of dedicated and devoted women who share the common virtues of faith, generosity and love. And I know we will answer our Lord and the Blessed Mother's call through member involvement and participation. Now is the time to share. In the more immediate:

State Recognition: Our congratulations to Veronica Peña-Montalvo for bringing state recognition to our Court. She won two State awards, *First Place* for the website and *Third Place* for the newsletter. Our talents show!

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Message from the Regent cont.

Second Anniversary Mass and Installation of Officers will be August 10, 2014, during the 11:15 mass. A reception will follow at the Banquet Hall. Every member is encouraged to attend and wear white attire.

Celebration of Life Baby Shower: Save the date for August 9, 2014. Everyone is invited to our annual and exciting *Celebration of Life Baby Shower* headed again by Patty Miketinac. It will be fun for all!

The next **State Convention** is in Austin, TX April 9-12, 2015, at the Renaissance Hotel. With the advice of Fran, District Deputy and Chris, former Regent, I volunteered our Court to help with registration. I will be helping with meal reservation and banquet seating. **SAVE the DATE!** Our goal must be to send more members in addition to the minimum number of required delegates to this Convention.

I am thrilled and excited to begin the new year with you. I look forward to the spiritual activities, the meetings, the bake sales, the style show along with the officer and committee meetings, the socials and of course our faith support for one another. *Unity and Charity*

I wish you all a fun-filled, joyful and safe summer.

Blessings,

Lina Ramirez

Welcome New Members



At the May meeting, one lady was installed as the newest members of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661. Let's extend a warm welcome to Patricia Dinger. The Lord has led you to join this organization to share your talents, gifts, and above all, your enormous heart to serve Christ and all humankind. To join our amazing group of women devoted to prayer and service, contact **Laura Hansbrough** at jhansbrough@satx.rr.com or visit

www.holytrinitysat.org/cda.

Holy Trinity
Parishioners,
Thank You!
For your continued
support and prayers!

Memorial Mass Cards



Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 provides members and non-members an opportunity to have a Mass read for a loved one, living or deceased. The Mass is read by CDA State Chaplain Reverend Donald Ruppert of East Bernard, TX, on the first Friday of each month for one year. Prayer cards may be obtained from **Margarita Ochoa-Smith** for a minimum donation of \$2.50. For more information, contact Margarita at margaritaochoa-smith@msn.com.



Please bring new or gently used **CHILDREN'S BOOKS** to our next meeting. The books will be donated to the Child Development Centers and After School Programs staffed by Daughters of Charity Services. Books appropriate for babies and children up to age 12 are requested.

Membership Dues deadline Oct. 10



By Sonia Morton, Financial Secretary
CDA Membership Dues for the upcoming 2014-2015 year are now being accepted. Our CDA membership dues are now at **\$30.00** and run from August 10, 2014 to August 10, 2015.

Please prayerfully consider your continued participation as a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2661 Our Lady of the Holy Trinity. Please **make your check out to Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661** and mail to:

Sonia Morton, Financial Secretary
Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661
19934 Encino Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78259

Circle of Love Volunteer Hours



By Cindy Gonzalez, Chairperson
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Just a friendly reminder: Start tracking your hours beginning April 1st for next year!!



Charity Organizations

By Annette Etnyre,
Charity Chairperson,
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Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA)



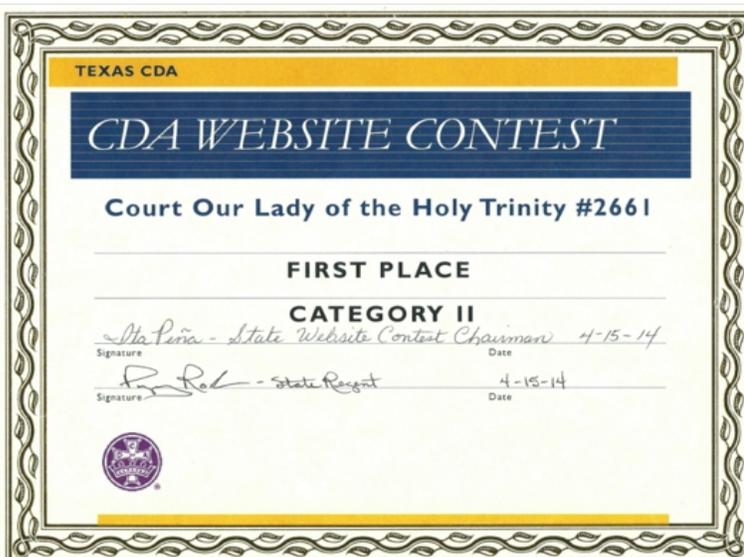
Thank you to our May volunteers:
(Left to right) Edie McAlanis, Sylvia Garcia, Phyllis Martinez, Rita McSorley and Charlotte Burdine (not pictured)



Volunteering with the DCSSA is truly a remarkable experience. The pictures above show the tireless effort in preparing food boxes for Senior citizens in need. We begin with an empty room as the Food Bank of SA delivers boxes of food. Once the food is unloaded from the truck, the pallets are placed against the wall. We strategically unpack and stack the food on tables where we then regroup and distribute the food into emptied boxes. The food is now ready to be picked up and enjoyed by about 140 elderly men and women. We encourage you to join us for one of our monthly visits and experience charity among sisters.

Volunteers for June 23: Sylvia Bolado, Maria Moreno, Sonia Morton, Rita Newman and Annette Etnyre
Volunteers for July 28: Lourdes Correa, Anne Kippax, Barbara Nasis, Laura Hansbrough, and Annette Etnyre

CONGRATULATIONS on receiving **1st Place** State recognition on the CDA Website. This resource is valuable as an Internet tool to inform members and recruit new members. The State CDA will forward the entry to be judged at the National level. Special thanks to the Holy Trinity webmaster, Eric Mejia, for all his help.



CONGRATULATIONS on receiving **3rd Place** State recognition on the CDA Newsletter. This resource is valuable as it aims to inform, motivate and inspire members and recruit new members. Special thanks to Gloria Barretto for printing and displaying our newsletters.

Member Spotlight



My name is Annette Elizabeth Dalpiaz Etnyre. As you can see it wasn't any easier to spell my maiden name! Scott and I will celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary June 24. We are blessed with two sons and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 6-19.

I retired from the Army Nurse Corps in 1997 and started teaching at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Nursing. After nine years I switched to a part time position at the Health Ministry, a partnership between the School of Nursing and St. Philip of Jesus Parish.

Now that I am retired I enjoy many of the opportunities to participate in activities at church and in the community. I enjoy the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Eucharistic Ministry at Stone Oak Care Center, Endow classes and, of course, CDA. I also volunteer once a week at the CAM satellite working in the women and children's clothing pantry.

Scott and I enjoy traveling and we are looking forward to a train trip through the Canadian Rockies and a visit to Vancouver and Victoria in August. Also, I will be taking my 17 year old granddaughter, Jean Elizabeth, to Quebec City in July so she can practice French.

I am thankful for all of God's blessings, including the friendship, prayers and support of my CDA sisters.

*The Catholic Daughters of the Americas
proudly announce the*

*2nd Year Anniversary of
Court Our Lady of the
Holy Trinity #2661
Sunday, August 10, 2014
11:15 a.m. Mass
Installation of New Officers & Members
followed by a Reception for members and
guests in the Banquet Hall*

*Members should dress in white and will meet in the
Angel Room for procession.*

For more information, contact Regent Lina Ramirez at
(210) 481-3294 or Email justlinalramirez@gmail.com

Join us for the
4th Annual Holy Trinity Eucharistic
Procession on SUNDAY, JUNE 22 f
ollowing 5:30 p.m. Mass. We are
Celebrating The Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ.
A benediction service with Deacon David will
conclude the event.
FORMAL WHITE ATTIRE!
RSVP to Lina Ramirez at
justlinalramirez@gmail.com

CORPUS CHRISTI
This is the bread that came down from heaven.

stephencoyes.com

*Bake
Sale*

By: Patty Miketinac,
Ways & Means Chair,
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On May 18, we held a CDA Baked Goods sale
with the Knights of Columbus and I am happy to
announce we received \$606.18 in donations.
Thanks to our bakers and vendors, and our
wonderful parishioners for their support.

Prayer Box

By Marge Kiolbassa, *Stephen Minister*
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**“When your mind starts to worry and you are feeling the stress,
Put your delicate prayers before Him and Jesus will take care of the rest.”**

This month we have seen a number of our CDA Sisters, friends and family members in need of God's healing touch. We petition our Lord and Savior, The Great Physician, that He lay His grace on them and bring them comfort and strength to carry their cross.

- For Renee Jezek's sister Michele – who is undergoing difficult cancer treatments;
- For Diane Jenkins – who is recovering from spine surgery;
- For Judy Staats (neighbor of Grace Lambert) – who is recovering from pneumonia;
- For Linda Whitener's Newborn Grandbaby Isabel - who was born with breathing problems;
- For Veronica Montalvo's Dad – Ricardo Pena – that the doctors may find the right treatment for his cancer reoccurrence and for strength for his loving wife who is his caregiver.



We lift you up in prayer.

**Stephen Ministry is a Christ-Centered, One-on-One Christian Care Giving ministry available to all Holy Trinity parishioners. If you find yourself in need of a spiritual companion that can journey with you during one of life's difficult events, I will be happy to put you in touch with a Stephen Ministry Coordinator.*

Reflection Corner

By Cynthia Gdula, *Spiritual Advisor*
joansaint@earthlink.net



Blessings from the beautiful mountains in southeast France on the 29th May. We are in the lovely village of La Louvesc, and Charles and I are celebrating our 38th wedding anniversary today at the Cenacle Retreat House here.

When we arrived five days ago, I presented the opening prayer service beside the enshrined uncorrupted body of St. Thérèse Couderc. As I anointed each fellow pilgrim with blessed oil, I thought of each one of you in a special way.

All of our Eucharistic Celebrations have been in the stunning Basilica in the village where I have been able to light votive candles for your prayer intentions before the ossuary of Jesuit St. Jean François Régis and in St. Thérèse's Cenacle chapel.

Sunday afternoon we travelled to Notre Dame d'Ay tucked away in the woods. In the lovely chapel there St. Thérèse dedicated herself and the Cenacle Congregation to St. Mary. I feel very blessed to have our Mother Mary as a special patroness through my religious order and through our CDA court.

We took a day trip Tuesday to visit the hamlet where St. Thérèse grew up and the church where she and her family worshipped, and attended the preached mission that called her to religious life. I had you dear sisters with me in spirit.

Tomorrow we depart for Lyons to go to the beautiful Cenacle and Basilica there. I will have private time in St. Thérèse room which still holds the bed from which she entered into eternal life on 26th September 1885. I will place your written prayer intentions on her bed while I pray for all of us.

I would like to now share with you a quote from St. Thérèse *'when one belongs to the good God it is not fitting to belong to him by halves'*. Let me close with her Act of Offering for our CDA court:

Let us live for Love,
Let us die for Love,
Let our last heartbeat,
Be an act of perfect Love. AMEN

Blessings on your Special Day!

On behalf of the Holy Trinity CDA sisters, we wish the following sisters a very Happy, Happy Birthday!

Your birthday is your very own Special Blessed Day.

Olga Muller Gonzales June 17

Mary Friesenhahn June 26

Jean Troncale July 5

Sherrie Green July 5

Carmen Otero July 7

Sonia Morton July 14

Hilda Lopez July 24

Camila Anthony July 27

Jane Kiernan August 9

Anne T. Kippax August 23

Sylvia Bolado August 24

Theresa Arredondo August 29

Brought to you by the Sunshine Committee



GOMPHRENA, STRAWBERRY FIELDS

Extraordinary colored strawberry red Globe Amaranth.
Everlasting, clover-like, strawy flowers of strawberry red. Long-stemmed, lanky plants bloom continuously midsummer through frost. Ideal for fresh and dried bouquets. GARDEN HINTS: To dry blooms, cut flowers before fully developed, remove foliage, bunch loosely. Hang upside down in a cool airy place.

LifeCycle: Annual but mine reseeded in the garden this year

Uses: Beds, Borders, Container, Cut Flowers

Sun: Full Sun

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8-10 inches

Sowing Method: reseeds got original plant from Garden show. Put seeds in fertile soil in pots or spread in flower bed

Bloom Duration: 12 weeks

Have a beautiful summer!!

White Chip Island Cookies

A scrumptious recipe provided by our Treasurer, Barbara Nasis.

- 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 2 cups (12-oz) Nestle Toll House Premier White morsels
- 1 cup flaked coconut (if desired)
- 3/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in a large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels, coconut and nuts. Drop by well rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake for 8 to 11 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.





State & National News



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

This year we received **\$39, 250.00 in contributions** and were able to award **forty-six (46) scholarships**. One hundred forty-five (145) applications were received; three judges read the essays and scored them. I extend a sincere **thank you** to all the courts who sponsored applicants.

MAY DUES & ASSESSMENTS

The assessments are only billed once a year by the State. SO – this billing will have the ten cents for JC-DA, twenty-five cents for Campus Court and one dollar for Theological Fund along with half of the State Dues (one dollar and fifty cents) per member. That totals \$2.85 per member. It is due before June 30.

STATE PROJECTS & CHARITIES

As the National Board has Projects and Charities, so does the State Board. The State Projects include Juarez Mission School, Texas Habitat for Humanity, Texas Disaster Relief Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, Coalition for Life (Blue Bus), and the MOM Projects: Annunciation Maternity Home, Cameron Colonias, Casa Juan Diego, and Missionaries of Charity. The Juarez Mission School helps children in the poorest of areas and a small donation from your court, combined with all the courts in Texas, will go a long way in providing help.

CALL TO PRAYER FOR LIFE MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Bishops of the United States are inviting Catholics to join a movement of prayer, penance, and sacrifice for the sake of renewing a culture of life, marriage, and religious liberty in this country. Inform your court, parish, diocese, family and friends. Join the movement in 3 ways,

1. Pledge to fast on Fridays at www.usccb.org/fast.
2. Sign up to receive the Friday Fast, a weekly email or text message-(text FAST to 99000 to subscribe via text message).
3. Like the Facebook page “Call to Prayer for Life Marriage & Religious Liberty.”

*“Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace,
to teach peace, to live peace. . .
Peace will be the last word of history.”
— St. John Paul II*

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The 2014 Nominating Committee presents the following **Slate for the 2014-2016 National Board**:
National Regent-Elect Helene Shepard, New York
1st Vice National Regent Olga Samaniego, Texas
2nd Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles, Iowa
National Secretary-Treasurer Mary Kizer, Arkansas

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Carolyn Bachman, Texas
Trinidad Cantu, Illinois
Letty Calvetti, Pennsylvania
Joyce Ann Fleming, Massachusetts
Ruth Guidry, Louisiana
Susan Moné, Arizona
Sheila Storey, North Carolina
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This report has been submitted by Lois Nelson, Chairman of the 2014 National Nominating Committee with the approval of the Nominating Committee.

VACATION, NOT STAGNATION

Congratulations, Regents! We are living in exciting times as you start your new 2-year term leading your local Court. God has provided us with the four seasons to keep us inspired as life changes. During the summer months, plan for your board to Retreat, Relax, and Renew. Try these Summer CDA Ideas for your Court or State. Remember, these are great opportunities to include prospective members.

- **For spirituality:** head to a Convent or Abbey for a tour; if time allows, plan a retreat.
- **Think Fun in the Sun:** have a swim party with members and children; visit the beach for sand, sun, and seashells.
- **Try Educational/Fellowship Tours:** car pool or take a bus to the President’s Library, a museum, or a dinner theater. If you’re out in the country, visit an antique store and then do lunch.
- **Include husbands and kids** at Crawfish Boils, Fish Fries, or Barbecues.

OPERATION MORNING STAR REPORT

To keep the Vatican as a moral voice in the world and to support the work of the Holy See, C-FAM and other pro-life groups are asking Catholics and non-Catholics alike to sign the Declaration of Support of the Holy See at www.defendtheholyysee.org. The declaration supports the Vatican’s right to be heard on the world stage of the United Nations.



www.holytrinitysat.org/cda



August 28
at 7 p.m.

Spiritual
Activity at
6:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Faith Formation Building Gathering Room
20523 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78258

LOVE never fails

1 Corinthians 13:4

Upcoming EVENTS!

June 22

Eucharistic Procession
Following 5:30 p.m. Mass
White Attire

August 2

JCDA Workshop & Officer Training
CDA Mother House in Seguin

August 9

Celebration of Life Baby Shower
Wear CDA Shirt



August 10

2nd Anniversary Mass
Installation of Officers and New Member
Induction - 11:15 a.m. Reception to follow
Formal White Attire

August 28

Communion Service 6:30 p.m.
Monthly CDA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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SAVE
THE DATE!

Celebration of Life
Baby Shower

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014

1-3 p.m. in the Faith Formation Building

Benefiting the women of
Seton Home and Guadalupe Home

More information to follow!

Sponsored by CDA Court
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