

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity



Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

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

Unity
and
Charity



June 2015



Message from the Regent

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I'm thrilled to welcome Rita McSorley, our new Vice-Regent. Rita is a charter member of our Court, is very active in our parish, and very involved in our charity committees. We look forward to her ideas and her contribution to our success as we take our next leap forward in our coming year. Please help us welcome her next time you see her.

Our May meeting marked the completion of our third year of charter. Our first business meeting of the coming year will be in August. As a court we have been very blessed in many ways. We continue to be a very highly motivated group of Catholic women who without hesitation take on new projects and new challenges.

We will continue to challenge ourselves as we prepare to have yet another successful year.

We have 20 court and charity committees, and this year, we added the Consolation/Bereavement Committee. There are also two new charities that will be added to our charity committee for the coming year. You will hear more about them soon. We also hope to increase our spiritual activities this coming year. This is a very worthy and realistic goal. But with your enthusiastic support, we will achieve success.



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Message from the Regent cont...

We welcome four new committee chairs, Newsletter... Lucy Pena-Miller, Consolation/Breavement...Gloria Cortez and Scrapbook/Historian...Patricia Rodriguez-Vasquez. And, thanks to the diligent efforts of our Past Regent Grace Lambert and her committee on Education, we had our first Texas State Court Scholarship Recipient, Nathan Patrick Atkinson.

This year we were able to take six delegates and three alternates to the State Convention and won 1st Place in our Category in the State Membership competition. We participated in the Read Across America Program and we participated jointly with the Knights of Columbus in the local Forty Days for Life during Lent. Also, we presented two scholarships to two 8th grade students pursuing a Catholic High School education. We are also participating in the Adopt-a-Seminarian Program for the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Our marquee event for the year and our primary fundraiser, our 2015 Champagne Brunch & Style Show was a complete success. Many blessings and heartfelt thanks to Yolanda Delgado and her amazingly dedicated committee for all the hard work. Yolanda will again head this fundraiser next year. Great news! The core of all our success is due to you the membership. It was through your ideas, your hard work, your involvement and your contribution that insured a successful third year. For the coming year beginning with the August business meeting, we will continue to solicit your input and active involvement in more than one committee.

Have a great and blessed summer, everyone!

Lina Ramirez

Did you know . . .

Our Lady of Grace

From: The Woman in Orbit

Among the many miraculous images of the Mother of God through which she deigns to grant her favors, there is one in the monastery church of the Carmelites in Vienna, entitled the Mother of Grace, or Our Lady of Grace, also known also as Our Lady of the Bowed Head.

In 1610 a Carmelite, Dominic of Jesus-Mary, found among the votaries of an old altar in the monastery church of Maria della Scala in Rome, and oil painting of the Mother of God, dust-covered and somewhat torn, which grieved him. Taking it into his hands, he shook the dust off it, and kneeling down venerated it with great devotion. He had the picture renovated and placed it on the shelf in his cell, where he made it the object of his love and supplications in favor of those who came to him in their necessities and afflictions. One night while he was praying fervently before the picture, he noticed that some dust had settled on it. Having nothing but his course woolen handkerchief he dusted it with that and apologized,

“O pure and holiest Virgin, nothing in the whole world is worthy of touching your holy face, but since I have nothing but this coarse handkerchief, deign to accept my good will.”

To his great surprise, the face of the Mother of God appeared to take on life, and smiling sweetly at him, she bowed her head, which thereafter remained inclined. Fearing he was under an illusion, Dominic became troubled, but Mary assured him that his requests would be heard: he could ask of her with full confidence any favor he might desire. He fell upon his knees and offered himself entirely to the service of Jesus and Mary, and asked for the deliverance of one of his benefactor's souls in purgatory. Mary told him to offer several Masses and other good works; a short time after when he was again praying before the image, Mary appeared to him bearing the soul of his benefactor to Heaven. Dominic begged that all who venerated Mary in this image of Our Lady of Grace might obtain all they requested.

In reply the Virgin gave him this assurance:

“All those who devoutly venerate me in this picture and take refuge to me will have their request granted and I will obtain for them many graces; but especially will I hear their prayers for the relief and deliverance of the souls in purgatory.”

Dominic soon after placed the image into the church of Maria Della Scala so that more devotees of Mary could venerate it. Many wonderful favors were obtained by those who honored and invoked Mary here.

Reproductions were made of Our Lady of Grace and sent to different parts of the world. After the death of Dominic the original painting was lent to Prince Maximilian of Bavaria. He gave it to the discaled Carmelites in Munich in 1631; they gave it to Emperor Ferdinand II of Austria and his wife Eleanore. After Ferdinand's death, Eleanore entered the Carmelite convent in Vienna and took the picture with her. During the succeeding years the image was transferred to various places. Today it is in the monastery church of Vienna Doabing. September 27, 1931, it was solemnly crowned by Pope Pius XI – its 300th anniversary of arrival in Vienna.



Charity Organizations

By Annette Etnyre,
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Laramie Arquart and her Mother

Our scholarship recipients Franco Querido and Laramie Arquart were featured in an article on page 9 of the May 15, 2015 issue of Today's Catholic newspaper. The article was reprinted in our Sunday bulletin on May 31.



Franco Querido receives his scholarship from Regent Lina Ramirez as his parents look on



Sylvia Bolado assembling outfits from donated clothing.

Because of a delay in the Food Bank delivery, Sylvia Bolado, Rita McSorley, and Annette Etnyre sorted numerous bags of donated clothing for the clothing pantry that serves the needy in their community. Volunteers will continue their monthly service to DCSSA during the summer.



Rita McSorley displays cute dresses that a young girl will certainly enjoy.

NEW INITIATIVES

New member Liz Johnston suggested the Allied Women's Center of San Antonio as a possible organization to support. Volunteer opportunities will be explored during the summer. During the planning of the budget, funds will be designated for a donation in the fall. Annette Etnyre recommended that members pray for Father Kevin White, SJ who is beginning work in Kampala, Uganda for Jesuit Refugee Services. Father White was the spiritual director for Annette's recent pilgrimage to Ireland. A possible donation to JRS specifically for the work with refugees in Uganda will be discussed during budget planning this summer.

Bake Sale

Our last Bake Sale was a great Success, thank you all who helped and made it possible. Particularly Patti Miketinac for Organizing it.



**KEEP
THE FAITH
AND
JOIN
THE CDA**

"Quality of Life-Volunteer Hours Committee"

We are currently looking for a chairperson to lend their organizational skills to this very important position. If you would like to be a part of it please email

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CDA MEMBERSHIP DUES

CDA Membership Dues for Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 for 2015-2016 will become due on August 12, 2015. Please prayerfully consider continuing your CDA Membership for 2015-2016 and submit your dues of \$30.00.

Send your \$30.00 check payable to Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 to:

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Sonia Morton

We look forward to your continued participation in
Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661.



SAVE

THE DATE!

*Celebration of Life
Baby Shower*

Saturday, July 18, 2015

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

Benefiting the women of
Seton Home and Guadalupe Home

More information to follow!

Hosted by CDA Court
Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661



Quick Facts



- Largest and oldest organization for Catholic women
- 1,400 courts across 45 states and seven countries, with 95,000 members
- Founded by the Knights of Columbus to be a charitable and patriotic organization for Catholic women
- Patron is the Blessed Mother Mary
- Motto is "Unity and Charity"
- Any female practicing Catholic, 18 years or older is eligible for membership; Junior CDA open to ages 12-17.
- Seven courts in the Diocese of Alexandria
- Originally named National Order of Daughters of Isabella, the CDA has undergone two name changes and is now Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Reflection Corner



By Cynthia Gdula,
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I would like to invite you to reflect with me on the Gospel reading where Jesus is healing blind Bartimaeus, the version from Mk 10:46-52. The reading says, 'They came to Jericho...a blind beggar named Bartimaeus...was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus! Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many of the people scolded him & told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped & said, 'Call him.' So they called the blind man, 'Have courage' they said 'Get up, he is calling you'. So he threw off his cloak jumped up, & came to Jesus. 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. 'Teacher,' the blind man answered, 'I want to see again'. 'Go' Jesus told him, 'your faith has made you well'. At once he was able to see & followed Jesus on the road'. Four things struck me from this reading. 1st, Bartimaeus is told to 'have courage' which to me means be brave, be ready for what will happen. 2nd, Bartimaeus 'threw off his cloak', which could mean he is throwing off his old way of life & is ready to be transformed. 3rd, Bartimaeus, asks 'to see again' which means once he had sight. Luke's version also uses the adverb 'again'. Thus Bartimaeus has lost something precious, & he desperately wants & needs it back. And 4th once he could see again he 'followed Jesus'. He had an impediment, which kept him from following the Lord. Instead of physically blindness, there can also be spiritual & emotional blindness that hinder our seeing & doing what we should.

Our Personal Reflection Question:

What blindness do we each need to be healed of, in order, to follow Jesus Christ more closely?

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 49th Biennial Texas State Convention

April 9 – 12, 2015

'I Can Do All Things Through CHRIST Who Strengthens Me' Philippians 4:13

By Terrie Vacek, State Public Relations Chair, 2015-2017

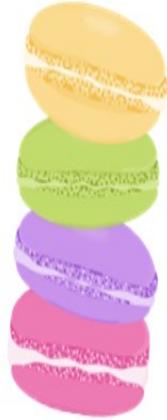


With one rap of the gavel, State Regent Peggy Rosales, Austin, called to order the 49th Biennial Texas State Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The Convention was held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin. State Chaplain Reverend Donald Ruppert, East Bernard, provided the opening prayer and blessed the convention shrine. The Opening Mass in the Renaissance Grand Ballroom the presider was Most Reverend Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin in his homily, he said, "Peace be with you. Peace is promised the night before Christ's death. I applaud your choice of theme for this convention for it exemplifies your focus on the person of Jesus Christ; He wants to be united with you." National Director Carolyn Bachmann, shared greetings from the National Board. State Regent Rosales acknowledged the Past State Regents of Texas saying, "They have laid the foundation of CDA in Texas and dedicated themselves to the call of service for God and the members of our order. This convention is being dedicated to four Past State Regents who have passed away in this term; Margaret Cutbirth, Eleanor Treanor, Dolly Pena, and Cecina Koeijmans." The Keynote Address was delivered by Reverend James Sichko, Lexington, Kentucky. Fr. Jim said, "If we are to fill the CDA convention ballrooms with enthusiastic women who live the theme of this convention and expand CDA, we must follow three steps; Be Kind, Honor the Absent, and Always give others the benefit of the doubt. Father continued, "We can't just wear CDA memorabilia, you have to live, breathe, evangelize, and invite others to 'BE' one of us. 'Be' CDA daughters. 'Be' who you are called to be. Now I ask you, are you Jesus as you begin this great convention? Are you a living witness of the Risen Christ? Think of those holy women who paved the way for you. Go and live the message 'I CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' You are who He called. God always provides; not when we want it, but when we need it. Be the Church, Be Christ, Be Faith, and Be the invitation."

MACAROONIES *by: Annette Etryre*

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 2 cups flaked coconut
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon almond extract



Beat eggs and salt until foamy.

Gradually add sugar; continue beating until thick and ivory colored, 5-7 minutes.

Fold in flour and butter.

Stir in coconut and chocolate chips and almond extract.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoon full on cookie sheets covered with parchment paper or use lightly greased and floured cookie sheets.

Bake at 350 for 12-16 minutes until lightly browned around the edges.

Cool 1 minute and remove from cookie sheets.

Makes about 2 dozen cookies



On behalf of the Holy Trinity CDA sisters, we wish the following sisters a very Happy Birthday!
Your Birthday is your very own Special Blessed Day!

Gloria Cortez - June 4
Olga M Gonzales - June 17
Rosa Becnel - June 23
Mary Friesenhan - June 26

Sherrie Green - Jul 5
Jean Troncale - Jul 5
Carmen Otero - Jul 7
Sonia Morton - Jul 14
Rita Newman - Jul 15
Hilda Lopez - Jul 24
Alma Yzaguirre - Jul 27
Adrienne Becnel - Jul 28

Julie Seguin - Aug 5
Cindy Gonzalez - Aug 21
Anne T. Kippax - Aug 23
Sylvia Bolado - 24 Aug
Theresa Arredondo - 29 Aug



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

56th Biennial
National Convention
July 20-24, 2015
Pittsburgh, PA

The 2016 National Convention is just over a year away. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for the next convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 18th-24th.



*Whatever you do for the least
of my brethren, you do for me.*
—Matthew 25:40

Simple Summer Shrimp Salad (Makes over 3 lbs of shrimp)

- (2) 1.5 lb containers of COSTCO Lime chile shrimp from the fresh food area.
- (1) 15oz Large container of HEB Picodigallo HOT
- (1) 15oz Large container of HEB Picodigallo MEDIUM
- (1) Fresh bunch of Cilantro
- (4) Big Limes
- Bohners Fancy Chili Powder



Chop the already cooked and flavored shrimps

Add Pico

Chop and add Cilantro

Squeeze the juice out of those limes

Mix up

and

Add Chili Powder per taste.

Chill

Serve with Captain's Crackers or Scoop onto your lovely fresh greens as a starter salad.

The Seven C's for Effective Teamwork

Helene Shepard, National Regent-Elect
National Leadership Chairman

Congratulations: Congratulate each other now that you are a part of a wonderful team on the state level. As a member of the State Board you are the leaders in our organization. You have the responsibility to lead the members of your state in the right direction. You are the people who will motivate and inspire everyone you meet and with whom you work.

Clarity: The Mission of the Catholic Daughters is very clear. However, as a state officer you have to make sure that you fully understand our mission so that you can impart it to other women. The team is reinforced when the organization has clear expectations for the team's work, goals, accountability and outcomes. Everyone should know what their job is and when it will be expected.

Commitment: Holding office in your state is a sign of your deep commitment. Members will follow because of your great example and true dedication to CDA and to our Church. Most of all they will follow because you are women of faith and deep spirituality.

Create and Try New Ideas: Utilize all the talents that have been given to you and then share them with the other members of your team. Create an environment in which people are comfortable taking reasonable risks.

Calmness in Crisis: Resolve conflicts within the team. Differences of opinions should not come in the way of the team's performance.

Confidence: Self-confidence is a more important asset than skill, knowledge, or even experience. Without confidence, you will find it difficult to make tough decisions, lead meetings with authority, get people to communicate with you candidly, and be open to feedback, particularly when it is of the constructive type.

Come to Belleville: In Belleville you will have the opportunity to bond with the state officers you will be working with for the next two years. You will find the successful blend of the seven C's for Teamwork.



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Important Dates

Baby Shower
July 18

Next Meeting
August 27



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Sunshine Committee

I will be bringing a Birthday cake every 2 months to celebrate together. Also, in an effort to get a complete list of Birthdays, I will sit at the registration table and will be asking everyone to write down their birthdays. Remember, it is your special day...so enjoy it!



Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14