

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity



Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

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

Unity
and
Charity



December 2015

Message from the Regent

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the Advent season let us always “Keep Christ in Christmas” for it is Christ that is the center our being and our world. Let us be prepared to open our hearts every day, especially during advent and prepare for the greatest gift of all...the coming of the Christ child.

As we look forward to doing God's work in the coming New Year, 2016, our focus will be on our primary fundraiser for the year so that we can fund our charities. Yolanda Delgado and the Style Show Committee is fully engaged preparing for our Fashion Fiesta 2016 & Brunch on April 2nd. She is asking members to chair a few more sub-committees. When God calls you to it, He will see you through it! I am asking every member for continued support of this event. More information will be provided after the Christmas Holidays.

Merry Christmas! May the Lord bless everyone during the joyful holiday season. Lord, let us find time to focus on you for the remaining of the Festive advent season, Amen.

In Unity & Charity,
Lina Ramirez



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The Immaculate Conception



It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word *kecharitomene*. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary.

The traditional translation, "full of grace," is better than the one found in many recent versions of the New Testament, which give something along the lines of "highly favored daughter." Mary was indeed a highly favored daughter of God, but the Greek implies more than that (and it never mentions the word for "daughter"). The grace given to Mary is at once permanent and of a unique kind. *Kecharitomene* is a perfect passive participle of *charitoō*, meaning "to fill or endow with grace." Since this term is in the perfect tense, it indicates that Mary was graced in the past but with continuing effects in the present. So, the grace Mary enjoyed was not a result of the angel's visit. In fact, Catholics hold, it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence.

Charities Committee

DCSSA

By Annette Etnyre,
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Allied Women's Center

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, a group of CDA members Gloria Cortez, Annette Etnyre, Barbara Nasis, and Lina Ramirez toured the center at 102 Marshall Street and met with the Founder and Executive Director, Tere Haring. Regent Lina Ramirez presented our donation of \$500 which will be used for items that the mothers and their babies need.

Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio

On Monday, October 26, 2015, a group of CDA members (Annette Etnyre, Jean Farace, Rita Newman, Vivian Paoletta, Lina Ramirez, and Joyce Ullrich) prepared the Food Bank Delivery for the elderly. At that time Regent Lina presented at \$500 donation to Sister Amanda for the Hope Project.



L-R Gloria Cortez, Tere Haring and granddaughter Evelyn, Lina Ramirez and Barbara Nasis at the presentation of the donation for the Allied Women's Center.

Hope for the Future

The theme for this year's essay for the scholarship application will be as follows:

At the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Pope Francis requested: "Let us look after the family, let us protect the family, because it's in the family that our future is at play." Student will be asked to address how they can apply Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God" as a response to this request.

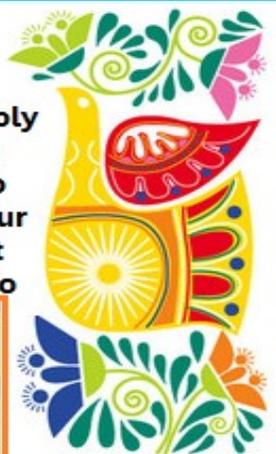


Sister Amanda, DC receives the donation for the Hope Project from Lina Ramirez with Vivian Paoletta, Annette Etnyre, Jean Farace, Joyce Ullrich and Rita Newman.



Save the Date

Our Fourth Annual Style Show will be held on April 2, 2016 at the Holy Trinity Banquet Hall. We are in the preliminary stages and invite anyone that would like to volunteer in planning this great event to sign up at our monthly meeting in the Faith Formation Building. Our planning meetings will be held on first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Delgado at 210.887.1701 or Elvia Gonzales at 210.316.8850.



Welcome

New Members

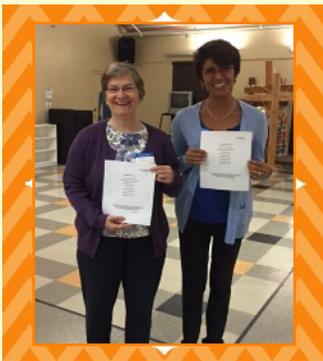
What better way to celebrate the third anniversary of our Court in August, than to welcome **Vivian Paoletta** and **Cynthia Cota** as new members!



We are off to a good start by welcoming new members each month. **Grace McCrossen, Jennifer Ly** and **Susan Cleary** joined at our August meeting.



Mary Mazer and **Martha Steczkowski** at our September meeting.



Debbie Caraway and **Rocio Yokoo** at our October meeting.

Thank you ladies with all your help in recruiting new members! As our fourth year progresses, we pray that many new sisters-in-Christ will join "women of service, women of humility, women of joy, women of peace and women of love in Jesus Christ our Lord." Please notify me if you know of someone who might be interested in joining so I can contact them. You can contact me at (210)479-7561, or e-mail: jhansbrough@satx.rr.com

Reflection Corner



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We are in the season of Thanksgiving as we approach Advent. I know it is a secular holiday but it has so many rich religious overtones for me it has become a mini holyday for me. Because the holiday is built around a table of plenty the name Thanksgiving for the feast reminds me of the Greek word for thanksgiving which is eucharistia. This is where we get our word Eucharist for the Lord's Supper. So our Thanksgiving holiday draws me to our liturgical celebration of Mass. Both original events were such a godsend for the recipients. The pilgrims were starving & at risk of dying. The apostles & disciples needed salvation. The native Indians took pity on the pilgrims, & brought them food & drink. Our redeemer Lord gave his body & blood for our salvation. Both events were not isolated help. The Indians introduced the pilgrims to native foods & showed them how to plant & harvest them, so the pilgrims could continue to feed themselves even during hard times. Mt 26:26—30, Mk 14:22—26, Lk 22:14—20 & 1Cor 11:23—25 tell how Jesus introduced the Eucharist at his Last Supper & told us to continue to partake of his body & blood in perpetuity so we would be sustained throughout our earthly life. When I am sitting at a Thanksgiving table, I recall with such gratitude Jesus' sitting for the last time, this side of heaven, at a dining table where he made eternal life possible for all of us. When we sit down to a Thanksgiving meal may we be like the disciples in the village of Emmaus when we pray the blessing, break our bread & sip our wine may we also see Jesus Christ in our midst. Then we will be following the command of psalm 69:30 which exhorts us to 'praise God's name...& glorify him with thanksgiving'.

Our reflection is through imaginative prayer meld our Thanksgiving celebration with the Lord's Supper.

Orange Cranberry Sauce

Yields 10 servings

Ingredients

- 12 oz. fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 1-2 tablespoons Grand Marnier (optional)
- 1 teaspoon orange zest

Directions

Combine orange juice, water and both sugars in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat.

Bring to a boil and stir until sugars are completely dissolved.

Reduce heat to a simmer and add cranberries and orange zest. Continue cooking until berries begin to pop. 10-15 minutes.

Remove from heat and, if using, stir in Grand Marnier. Place mixture in a bowl and let cool. Sauce will thicken as it sets.

Enjoy!



Why do we have a Monthly Spiritual Activity?

The answer to that question can be found on the national web site. *“The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is primarily a service organization; however, service for the sake of service can become burdensome and more of an obligation than a joy. That is why the Spiritual Enhancement component of the Circle of Love is so important. Through the spiritual program in each local and state court, we help our members to nourish and develop their relationships with God. Out of those developing relationships comes the realization of God’s love and everlasting mercy, and because of that realization, the desire to serve Him by serving His people grows. Our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God’s love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness.”*

Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 embraces this point of the Circle of Love by including it in our Standing Rules. We are so blessed to have Deacon David Seguin provide a quarterly Communion Service in the months of September, November, February and April prior to our business meeting.

In the alternate months of August, October, January, March and May we look to our membership to provide a spiritual activity. At our next meeting, Annette Etnyre will introduce us to the Jesuit Refugee Services “Way of the Cross.” In anticipation of an early Lent, which begins February 10th, we will pray the stations with reflections from a refugee’s perspective. If your schedule permits, do plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. You will still have plenty of time for delicious treats and fellowship before the business meeting.

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Our Mission:

We the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 are striving 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

Our Motto: “Unity and Charity”

Currently we are 102 members and I pray that we continue to encourage other women to embrace our Mission and Motto in becoming members of our CDA Court #2661.

Blessings to all as we celebrate the Christmas Season,
Sonia Morton, Financial Secretary



Sonia Morton

SHARE



Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Circle of Love:
Leaders Putting Faith into Action

National Regent's Message



Shirley Seyfried,
National Regent

DEAR SISTERS IN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS,

Where has the summer gone? By the time you get this issue of SHARE, it will be October and school will have been in session for over a month. I hope your Catholic Daughters' year has begun well, and you are inviting every woman in your parish to join our great organization.

The theme of this issue of Share is: Circle of Love: Leaders Putting Faith into Action. How are the two related? Matthew 20:26-28 says, "...Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest, and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. Such is the case with the Son of Man who has come not to be served by others, but to serve, to give his own life as a ransom for the many." As Catholic Daughters we are all called to follow Jesus. Jesus was a Servant Leader while here on earth. To lead is to be a servant; therefore, every member, not just an officer, can lead by serving one another and living our Unity and Charity motto. As Catholic Daughters, we must strive to do as Jesus did and continue to serve as His hands and feet: here on earth. Through our Circle of Love Program, we find many ways we can become servant leaders. The articles in this issue, which are written by our National Circle of Love Chairmen, give many examples of charitable projects through which we can serve others. Let us all plan to get involved in one new charitable project in CDA this year.

The following poem is an anonymous expansion on William Arthur Ward's "Do More" poem. It speaks quite clearly about what each of us can do to follow our theme these two years, "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me." Matthew 25:40.

The Power of "I"

I WILL DO MORE

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

And what I can do, I ought to do.

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.

I will do more than belong...I will participate.

I will do more than care...I will help.

I will do more than believe...I will practice.

I will do more than be fair...I will be kind.

I will do more than dream...I will work.

I will do more than teach...I will inspire.

I will do more than earn...I will enrich.

I will do more than give...I will serve.

I will do more than live...I will grow.

I will do more than talk...I will act.

I will be more than good...I will be good for something.

Thank you for all you do in Catholic Daughters. May you have a spiritual Advent, a very blessed Christmas, and a joyful New Year.

Peace and God bless,
Shirley Seyfried
National Regent

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Prayer Box



For Prayer Intentions please email

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Marge Kiolbassa



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!

December

- 1 - Deacon David Seguin
- 6 - Patty Miketinac
- 18 - Alicia Mallory
- 18 - Jennifer Ly
- 19 - Joette Rios
- 20 - Cynthia Gdula

January

- 4 - Lina Ramirez
- 6 - Jeanne Dodd
- 12 - Barbara Nasis
- 19 - Mary Soderberg
- 28 - Kim Redding
- 30 - Dora Copeland

February

- 4 - Vicki Pfullmann
- 5 - Veronica Pena-Montalvo
- 12 - Maria Ventura
- 13 - Rita McSorley
- 18 - Adelina Hernandez Wells
- 19 - Phyllis Martinez



*Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661
2015-2016
Calendar*

June 7	Eucharistic Procession The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
June 3	Officer's Planning Meeting Calendar, Budget, Standing Rules
July 18	"Celebration of Life" Baby Shower
July 28	Officer Meeting Finalize Calendar/Budget/Standing Rules Report
August 4	Meeting for 3 rd Anniversary Mass, Reception of New Members, Etc.
August 16	3rd Anniversary Mass for all Members, Reception of New Members & CDA Membership Drive
August 18	Officer's Planning Meeting (Agenda, Budget & Standing Rules)
August 27	6:30 Spiritual Activity 7:30 pm Court Meeting
September TBA	Newsletter
September 15	Officer's Planning Meeting
September 24	6:30 Communion Service 7:30 pm Court Meeting
September 27	St Matthew's Style Show
September 30	Membership Dues (Final)
October 4	Bake Sale
October 18	National CDA Day Mass and Religious Appreciation
October TBA	Financial Review
October 20	Officer's Planning Meeting
October 29	6:30 Spiritual Activity 7:30 pm Court Meeting
November 10	Officer's Planning Meeting
November 19	6:30 Communion Service 7:30 pm Court Meeting
December 4	3rd Annual Christmas Party
December 7	Newsletter
December 12	Celebrate Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January TBA	Work on Circle of Love Reports
January TBA	Donations to State and National Projects
January 19	Officer's Planning Meeting
January 28	6:30 Spiritual Activity 7:30 pm Court Meeting
January 31	State Memorial Scholarship Applications deadline
February 6	Habitat for Humanity
February 7	Bake Sale
February 16	Officer's Planning Meeting
February 25	6:30 Communion Service 7:30 pm Court Meeting
February TBA	Volunteer Hours Due
March TBA	Newsletter
March 1	Quality of Life Circle of Love Reports Due
March 22	Officer's Planning Meeting
March 31	6:30 Spiritual Activity 7:30 pm Court Meeting
April 2	4 th Annual Fashion Fiesta 2016
April TBA	Financial Review
April 19	Officer's Planning Meeting (Nominating Committee)
April 28	6:30 Communion Service 7:30 pm Court Meeting
May TBA	Newsletter
May 1	Bake Sale
May 17	Officer's Planning Meeting (Prepare for Elections)
May 26	6:30 Spiritual Activity 7:30 pm Court Meeting Election of Officers
June/July TBA	Officer's Planning Meetings for 2015-2016



A Message From The State Chaplain

Glory To God!



Seeking joy is like running after a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Like a thirsty person in the desert chasing after a mirage only to be left more thirsty, people who run after joy often times find themselves to be with less joy than before. Joy is the outcome of love and a life in the service of others. Ultimate Joy is the Love of GOD and love of God is a life

poured out in service to others.

Often times Christians say their goal in life is "to get to heaven," but seeking our salvation is not or should not be our top priority. Our main purpose as Christians is to bring glory to God by our love. If we bring glory to God through loving service, then our salvation will follow. Salvation, like joy, are both gifts derived from glorifying God through loving service.

In glorifying God, wouldn't life in Christ be more enriched if every morning we would jump out of bed and pray: Firstly, "Thanks for another day God." Secondly, "Jesus what can You and I do today to glorify Our Father?" Thirdly, "I am Yours and You are mine, do with me what You will!"

It is not enough to just serve God by serving others. As Christ's followers and intimate friends with Jesus, our service must be permeated with thanksgiving and a docility to the Holy Spirit lest our service be only a good humanitarian practice. May our service be shaped by the words of the Great Doxology: Through

Jesus, and with Jesus, and in Jesus, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever. Amen.

To be specifically Christian service, our actions must be imbued with the spirit of Christ. In prayer we must examine our interior motives as to why we serve and pray that our motives for service are not performed for our own glory and recognition. We should ask the Holy Spirit to sanctify our interior motives so that our service will be directed solely to the glory and edification of God.

The scripture passage, "When giving alms do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing" can also be applied to our giving of ourselves in service. In other words, let us faithfully serve God for His glory and likewise pray and beg God that our motives for serving are indeed a humble reflection of our gratitude to God and that our service, through His grace, will not be performed out of a hidden desire for self-importance.

Dear Lord, grant us zeal and strength to serve you faithfully and humbly. Purify our motives and intentions and help us more and more to live a life of loving service solely for the sake of giving glory to You here on earth knowing that salvation and joy come from bringing You glory. May we truly live the words proclaimed at the end of Mass: "Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life." Amen.

Father Bob
CDA State Chaplain



*Whatever you Do
Do for the
Glory of God*

1 Corinthians 10:31



OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY COURT 2661 SHIRT ORDER FORM



ALL ORDERS & PAYMENTS DUE: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

SHIRT STYLE: Short Sleeve ¾ Sleeve Long Sleeve

SHIRT COLOR: PURPLE WHITE

SHIRT SIZE: (circle one) SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XLG XXLG XXXLG

COST: \$25

Method of Payment: CASH Amt _____ CHECK# _____ Amt _____

Make CHECKS payable to: OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Mail your orders to: Amanda Gonzales
RE: CDA Shirts
23719 Morning Fog, San Antonio, TX 78258

Texas State Court Memorial Mass Enrollment Scholarship Fund



Margarita Ochoa-Smith

The Memorial Scholarship Fund is a State Project that has a two-fold program to aid in higher education of members and family members of Texas Catholic Daughters.

For a minimum of \$2.50, an individual or court may enroll an individual or a group; living or deceased. A Mass Enrollment provides their being remembered for the period of one year in the Holy Mass offered the first Friday of each month by the current State Chaplain. This equates to only 21 cents per Mass.

The money generated from this project are dispersed in scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The only requirement for your court to submit an application to this program is that your court must make contributions to the fund, a minimum of \$50 per year.

Just as a reminder I sell cards during the refreshments time of our monthly meetings and due to time constraints regarding church curfew, I can't sell the memorial cards after the meeting.



Refreshments Committee

These past few months we have had fantastic and delicious refreshments to enjoy during our monthly meetings. A Refreshments sign-up sheet will be available at every meeting. Many thanks to the following who provided refreshments these past few months:

August:

The officers-Lina Ramirez, Olga Gonzales, Sonia Morton, Barbara Nasis, Rita McSorley

September:

Dora Copeland, Colette Loer, Margarita Ochoa-Smith, Jane O'Neill, Elvia Gonzales

October:

Alma Yzaguire, Amanda Gonzales, Vicki Pfullmann, Margie Mallory, Adelina H.-Wells, Gloria Cortez, Maria Ventura

November:

Laura Hansbrough, Sheryl King, Barbara Nasis, Anne Kippax, Theresa Arredondo



**Rita Newman. Refreshments Chair
And
Lucy Escobar. Co-chair**

You may also sign-up via phone or email:
Rita's Cell #361-548-3981 Email: enewman54@att.net



Full Dinner for the Seminarians

On November 11, Court 2661 hosted a Fall specular dinner for the seminarians at St. John's Hall at Assumption Seminary. 22 CDA sisters hosted their adopted seminarian. The ladies prepared an excellent and delicious buffet.

Seminarians ate with their adoptive mother and truly enjoyed getting acquainted. Laughter and love was in the air. A birthday celebration was in order for Laura Hansbrough's seminarian. A Birthday song and best wishes were joyously extended.

Sister Jane and Ana Borquez of the Vocation office were present and our special guest was Father Jonathan, director of the seminarians. Father graciously welcomed CDA ladies and thanked us for all the interest and concern for our future priest. That our concern and interest is an extension of their formation.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Invites our Parish Community to Celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Events in the Church Sanctuary, with reception following in the Faith Formation Center

- 8:30AM Choir sing to Our Lady (Mañanitas)
- 9:00AM Bilingual Rosary
- 9:45AM Matachines Dance
- 10:00AM Bilingual Mass
- 11:30AM Reception in the Tyler Peltier Gathering Area, Faith Formation Building

For more information, please call Ivonne at (210)606-0649.



*“Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?
Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of
my arms? Is there anything else you need?”*



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Important Dates

- December 4
7:00 pm CDA Christmas Party
- December 12
10:00 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- December 13
12:00 pm Jubilee Mass
- January 28
6:30 pm Court Meeting
- February 6
Habitat for Humanity
- February 7
Bake Sale
- February 25
6:30 pm Court Meeting



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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!



I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

