

# OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

## Court #2661 San Antonio, Texas



In Unity & Charity

"With God, all things are possible" – Matthew 19-26

Theme for the year, *Talents: Recognize, Share, Inspire*

Our Patroness:  
Blessed Mother Mary

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### Message from the Regent

**Talents: Recognize, Share, Inspire**

We began our tenure as your Board with these words to guide us on our journey together. Our first steps included a great deal of discovery learning. We are grateful to our Sisters who overlooked an occasional stumble and supported our vision. The bumps and bruises never lasted very long and of course we learned a great deal. There was never a challenge we didn't embrace and there was always a Sister ready to lend a hand.

I often use the term Renaissance to describe what unfolded before us. We experienced a revival of spirit, fellowship and service. As our numbers grew, so did the participation in our meetings and our visibility within the parish. The parish has overwhelmingly supported our endeavors. We first experienced the tremendous generosity of the Parish with the remarkable donations to the Baby Shower, followed by the enormous Halloween costume collection and most recently the awe-inspiring donations to the Bake Sale. We are indeed fortunate.

Our good fortune is most visible in the ranks of our membership. There is a spirit of generosity and service which is humbling. There are so many ways our Sisters "Circle Love" around those we serve and support. Whether it is the Bereavement Committee providing care and comfort during a difficult time; the volunteers at the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA) sorting food, teaching classes or sorting clothes; the kindness of those volunteering at the Threads of Love; the efforts of the Scholarship Committee; Sisters baking, bagging, selling at the Bake Sale and all those who worked on the Style Show -- it is awesome! There are also those who toil individually: crafting the Newsletter, sending birthday and get well wishes, writing the stories of our successes, and resurrecting our Facebook and Scrapbook, to name a few.

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#### Mission Statement:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principal of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human right and human dignity for all.

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## Message from the Regent Cont...

These are all our Sisters, who embodied our theme for the year, Talents: Recognize, Share, Inspire.

The recognition received from Catholic Charities and the upcoming 2019 St Vincent de Paul Servant Leadership Award from the DCSSA attests to magnitude and impact of our good works.

As we look back on the year, I can't help but to look to the future. We must never fall victim to the unfortunate influence of cliques or negative conversations, that have befallen other organizations. We must feel confident to share our ideas and insights. Open communication must always be a gift, we give freely. The sharing of ideas and the evolution of our Court will assure our viability into the future. We must embrace all members new and seasoned alike. After all, we walk in the shadow of the cross under the watchful gaze of our Blessed Mother.

As we take our next step as an organization, I heard the perfect words at the State CDA Convention for next year's theme, *Help with our Hands, Love with our Hearts*. Have a safe and happy June and July. See you on Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.

Your Sister In Christ,  
*Debbie*

### Seminarians Update:

Notes of encouragement were written to the seminarians as they completed their assignments and received their summer placements. Deacon Duncan Amek was ordained by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller at St. Ann's Parish on May 18, 2019. Our CDA sister Annette and Scott Etnrye were his sponsors while he was in training at Assumption Seminary and while he served as a deacon in the San Antonio Diocese. Annette, Scott, and their sons were in attendance and celebrated his ordination and his first Mass on May 19, 2019 also at St. Ann's, where he had served as a Deacon. Ann Kippax, Renee Jezek, Carol and Robert Short attended the ordination representing Holy Trinity Catholic Daughters. After saying his first Mass Fr. Duncan presented Annette with the cloth that the Archbishop had wrapped his hands in after anointing them, This is an honor given to the mother of the newly ordained priest. St. Ann's provided a wonderful reception after both occasions, and our newly ordained Fr. Duncan Amek gave a blessing to each of his guests. By Carol Short



## PRAY THE ROSARY



1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH  
9:15 AM BANQUET HALL ROOM A

For additional information contact Sheryl King or Edna Bubenik.





# Highlights...

## Seventh Annual Fashion Show



**Court Chaplin**  
Deacon David Seguin



**Master of Ceremonies**  
Chuck Miketinac



**Debbie Caraway,**  
Court Regent



**Chairman-Geri McCormack**  
Co-Chairman-Rita Newman



*The 7th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon was held this year at the Omni Hotel, Colonnade location. This event is the major fund raiser for our CDA Court. Our event this year was choreographed by Cindy Gonzalez and Julie Seguin. It was a fast pace exciting fashion show with fun musical rhythms enjoyed by all the guests. Fashions were from Gift Solutions located in Austin at the Barton Creek Mall. Our models were our own Court members or relatives. The models were perfect with their moves drawing in our guests to cheers. A shout out to Chuck Miketinac, our parish office and all parishioners that supported us and to those that have helped from the very beginning. Our Court members were fantastic helping with all the details of this event: selling tickets to the show, hawking raffle tickets, gathering silent auction items, arranging decoration, publicity details, soliciting vendors, live auction and live music detail, hospitality duties, and audio-visual duty. Our Court members hosted 340 plus guests. Great job ladies. Rita Newman and I had a beautiful experience working with our CDA Court sisters. Thank you for your confidence in us. By Geri McCormack.*





## Fashion Show Highlights continued...





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## Seton Home Project

On April 20, Rita and Michael Farmer, Renie Bober-Moken and Debbie and Pat Caraway were joined by Caitlin Goode, of Zachry Corporation and assorted friends to complete a service project at Seton Home. Lowes at the Rim donated over \$385 worth of (60) plants and dirt to the project. Rainbow Gardens on Thousand Oaks donated a \$25 gift certificate that was used to purchase an Angel statue. The team partnered to refresh planted areas and refinish picnic tables on the grounds. This was the inaugural CDA family friendly service project. By Debbie





**Patty Miketinac & Patti Mehrens  
Committee Chairs**

## Bake Sale

May 19, 2019



Thank you for your donations & participation.  
Another Fabulous Success!

## New Members



**Sandy Rawls**



**Carmen Abinsay**



"Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." Luke 8:48

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES RECOGNITION AWARD

On April 2nd the San Antonio Catholic Charities held a luncheon at Oblate Theological Seminary. The festivities were hosted by KENS 5 Bill Taylor. In attendance were multiple Dignitaries to include the Most Reverend Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller. The many contributions of the volunteers were celebrated. In attendance from our Court were Regent Debbie Caraway, Geri McCormack, Rita Newman and Margie Mallory. The group was totally surprised when the Court's contributions were recognized as they accepted a beautiful acrylic plaque for the 2019 Parish Partner Volunteer Recognition Award.



The plaque was presented to Father Mike English, for the Parish, at our April 25<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

By Debbie Caraway, Regent



## Sister of the Year, 2019



**Annette Etnyre**





Two KC's from Holy Trinity attended the procession SK JD Ramirez & SK John Gonzales



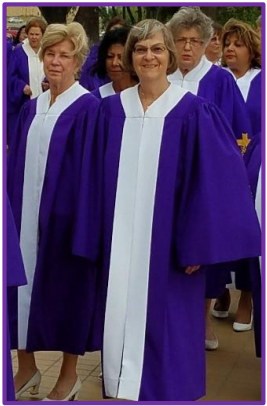
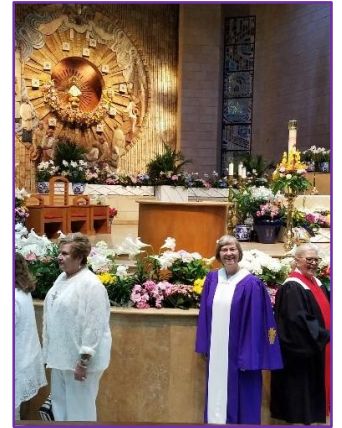
## Texas State CDA Convention

May 2-5, 2019

McAllen, Texas

*Delegates and members from a multitude of Texas Courts converged to conduct business, celebrate Circle of Love*

*accomplishment, elect State Board and committee members, share fellowship and celebrate our faith. Attending as delegates from our Court were: Regent Debbie Caraway, Sheryl King, Barbara Nasis and Amanda Gonzales. Also attending as District Deputies were Marilyn Hoster and Lina Ramirez. The opening mass was celebrated at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle in San Juan, Texas by the Most Reverend Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville. Mass was celebrated each day of the conference. Deceased CDA members were remembered during Friday's mass to include our own Maria Ventura. A good time was had by all at a Mexican Fun Night and formalities were observed at a banquet marking the successful tenure of Regent Rosie Stockwell. Also, in attendance was the National Regent Olga Samaniego. The conference concluded with an Installation Mass for the State Board. Newly installed State Regent Melodie Brunt set the stage for her tenure with inspirational words and the happy spirit of the Energizer Bunny! By Debbie Caraway*





## Prayer Box



Barbara Nasis  
bnasis@aol.com

If you or someone you love is in need of a special prayer, send your request to: [cda2661prayerbox@gmail.com](mailto:cda2661prayerbox@gmail.com) in care of Barbara Nasis.

Your special intentions will be shared with our members unless you wish not to and wish to remain anonymous.

## Coming Soon! Celebration of Life Baby Shower

Saturday, July 27, 2019

11 am – 1 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Faith Formation Building  
Gathering Area



## Reflection Corner

By Cynthia Gdula  
Spiritual Advisor  
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As we are going on our summer break, I would like to return to our theme of Talents: Recognize, Share, Inspire, in light of Mary's examples of how we can actualize our talents. Mary, you were gifted with unique talents & attributes, & we each were born with our own special talents & attributes. At the Annunciation, you showed us how to answer God's call with courage & trust when putting our talents to work. At the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary when you visited, in Judah, your cousin St Elizabeth the mother of St John the Baptist, you showed us how to step out in ministry & service. At the Nativity, you showed us how to bring Jesus Christ to those God sends us to evangelize. At the Wedding at Cana, Mary you showed us how to be attentive to those in need. Mary, you showed us that the Temple can be a metaphor for our Church where we can find spiritual nourishment & support for the utilization for our talents, & a respite for renewal of our efforts & a recommitment of our talents for the greater good. Mary thank you for your examples, & your care & involvement in our daily lives which enables us to be a shadow of you in the ministries we are called to serve with our talents. You give us the confidence & strength we need to carry on. We close with grateful & loving hearts AMEN.

Reflection: How can we hone our talents over the summer to put us into a better position to be able to help our CDA Court in the Fall?

## Sister of the Month, April



**RITA  
NEWMAN**

## Sister of the Month, May



**CAROL  
SHORT**



## Spotlight Member



Patti Ann Mehrens

**I was born and raised in Great Falls, MT. It was there that I began my career with the United States Air Force as a Child and Youth Specialist. I am currently the Chief of Child and Youth Programs Division for the USAF. I provide operational support for 109,000 children and youth attending programs dealt and over 700,000 students in PreK-12.**

**I joined Holy Trinity in 2005 when I moved to San Antonio. I am a charter member of CDA. I strive to help and serve those in need.**

### Coming Soon! Summer Projects

#### Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio

The summer dates are:

Food Bank Project: Jul 22 & Aug 26

Clothing and RAYS Room Project: Jul 19 & Aug 16

Summer Camp Art Project: The date has not been determined. Stay tuned for details.

To find out more contact:

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### Member Dues are Due in August



Payable to: Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661  
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# Court Awarded Scholarships



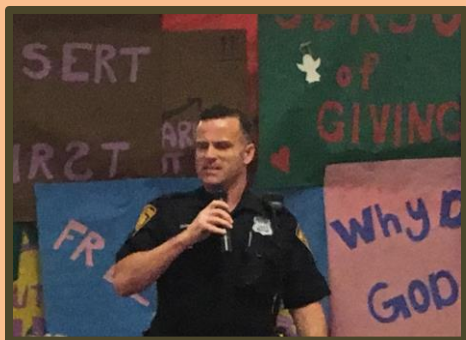
Thirty Catholic school eighth graders applied for scholarships by writing an essay reflecting on 1Timothy 4:12. The essays were scored using a rubric looking for engaging ideas, well-chosen examples and demonstrating how their faith and Catholic education prepares them to be an example to others.

The following students were selected to each receive \$2000 toward their 2019-2020 tuition.

1. Hannah K. Jones
2. Antonio Lopez
3. Anna Mayorga
4. Kaitlyn Nadeau

Congratulations on a job well done!!! By Alma Ysaguirre, Committee Chair

## Presentation to Court Members on Thefts & Scams



Officer Dennis Quinn from the San Antonio Police Dept. SAFTE Unit presented court members with a detailed presentation concerning scams by e-mail, phone and door to door solicitors. Officer Quinn mentioned that most scams are thefts by deception. He told the group to be aware at all times by all these types of scams.





## From the Sunshine Committee

Grace V Faubion-Schaar  
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On behalf of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Catholic Daughters, we wish the following sisters a "Happy Birthday." Your Birthday is your very own Special Blessed Day! *If you wish to have your name included in this section of the newsletter, please contact Grace V Faubion-Schaar at 210-861-7885 .*

### March

Elvia Gonzales	4
Olly Rojas	6
Patti Mehrens	21
Martha Steczkowski	21
Linda Whitener	24

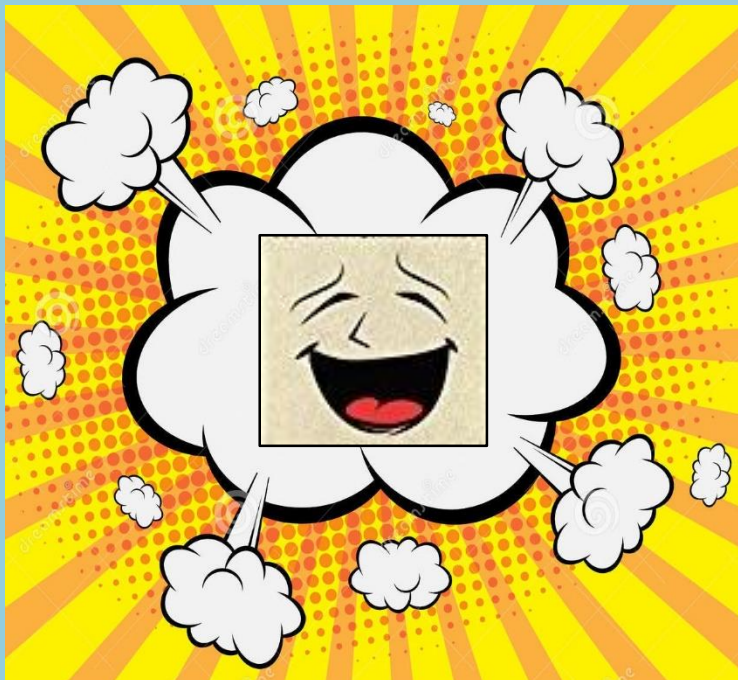
### April

Ramona Garcia-Disrud	22
Annette Etnyre	26
Christina McClean	27

### May

Frey Disrud	2
Laura Hansbrough	2
Jean Farace	5
Maria N. Childs	17

## Holy Humor



**Have a safe & restful summer**

## From the Editor



*It is a pleasure and an honor to be your quarterly newsletter Editor of our Court. Events, activities and future projects are relayed in an informative newsletter. Please continue to send articles and pictures with captions by email to me as soon as the activity or event occurs. Court newsletters are an excellent method to share special projects, fundraisers, birthdays, court accomplishments, and other interesting information of the court. A spotlight member is selected for every newsletter as well.*

