

# Our Lady of the Holy Trinity



Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

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

Unity  
and  
Charity

March 2014



## Message from the Regent

My Dearest Sisters in Faith,

A lot is going on with Court 2661. With all the activity and members we have, an outsider would not believe we are only 18 months old. It is amazing how much we have accomplished in such a short time...from taking care of our elderly and providing blankets, to giving a beautiful baby shower to our unwed mothers in the community. Not to mention providing a banquet for our Seminarians. I can only imagine what the future will bring. We have done this together as a group of women who share the common goal of wanting to share the gifts and talents that Our Lord has given us. I know our Patroness Blessed Mother Mary is smiling down on us.

Welcome to our new Catholic Daughters: Lourdes Correa, Cindy Mentor, Rose Ortiz and Mary Soderberg. That brings our court to 108 members.

The National CDA Convention will be held in July in Billings, Montana. Patti Mehrens will be attending as our delegate. Thank you Patti.

We have a lot to get accomplished at our next meeting. I encourage many of you to attend on March 27. A Nominating Committee will be selecting and recommending a new set of officers for our Court. I will also be appointing a Financial Review Committee of 3 members to review the books. This needs to be completed by April 15.

Blessings,  
*Grace Lambert*



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Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661



# Welcome New Members



At the February meeting, four ladies were installed as the newest members of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661. Let's extend a warm welcome to **Lourdes Correa, Cindy Mentor, Rose Ortiz and Mary Soderberg**. 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 mankind. To join our amazing group of women devoted to prayer and service, contact **Laura Hansbrough** at [jhansbrough@satx.rr.com](mailto:jhansbrough@satx.rr.com) or visit [www.holytrinitysat.org/cda](http://www.holytrinitysat.org/cda).



New members (L to R) Mary S., Rose O., Cindy M., and Lourdes C.

*"I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."*  
-John 13:15

## CDA Ribbons & Pins



**By Lina Ramirez,  
Financial Secretary**

I will be taking orders for ribbons and pins.

New members or members who did order one before can e-mail me at [justlinalramirez@gmail.com](mailto:justlinalramirez@gmail.com) or call me at 210-643-2805.

Pins & ribbons can be worn with the new shirts for meetings or any occasion or any event that involves our CDA.

The CDA Texas or Flag pin is \$6 and the ribbon is \$5 plus \$2 for shipping making the total \$13.



## 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 **Anne Kippax** for a minimum donation of \$2.50. For more information, contact Anne at [ath823@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ath823@sbcglobal.net).

## Circle of Love Volunteer Hours

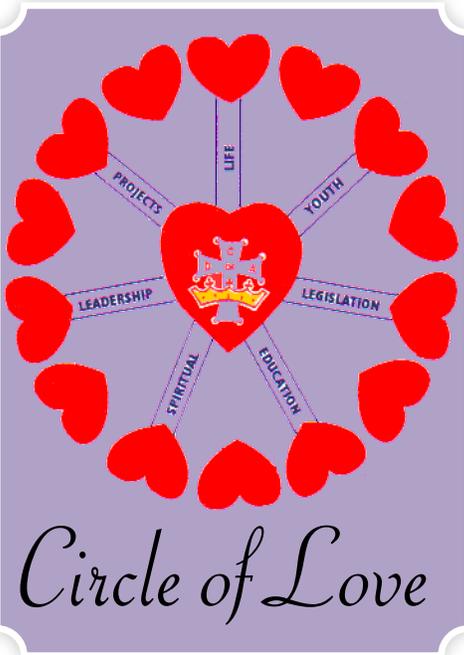


**By Cindy Gonzalez, Chairperson**  
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Catholic Sisters, Our Court is made of such hard working, dedicated and loving sisters who do so much for our Holy Trinity family and our community. Please turn in your Circle of Love Volunteer Forms (scan/email or mail to me) with hours performed between April 1, 2013 thru March 31, 2014 (you may anticipate hours to be done by end of March) **TURN IN BY MARCH 14, 2014!!** If you have any questions, please call me at (210) 415-2955. Log may be emailed or sent in the mail to 20505 Wind Springs, San Antonio, TX 78258.

*Dear Lord, Please continue to give us a servant's heart so that we may continue to do for others as you have done for us. Amen.*

LOOK BACK AND *thank* GOD.  
LOOK FORWARD AND *trust* GOD.  
LOOK AROUND AND *serve* GOD.  
LOOK WITHIN AND *invite* GOD.



# Education Contest

By Veronica Montalvo, *Education Chairperson*,  
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The deadline for the 2014 Education Contest was January 31. This year's theme was "HOW DO I PROMOTE PEACE IN THE WORLD" and "JESUS LOVES US. HOW DO I SPREAD THAT LOVE?" The contest was open to students in grades 4-12 and to Adult CDA Members. The categories included Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. **CONGRATULATIONS to Mikayla Gonzalez and Cassandra Gonzalez!** These young ladies received a First place rank in their Division in the Category of Photography. We want to thank all the participants for sharing their time and talents with the CDA in this contest. Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation and winners receive a Certificate of Achievement. Their entry has been forwarded to the State Education Chairperson for additional judging. Good luck at the next level of competition.

# Charity Organizations

By Annette Etnyre,  
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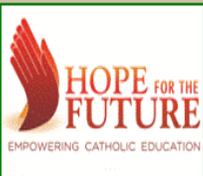


## Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA)

Volunteers and Debra Colorado, Director of Social Work Services, working to prepare the Food Bank delivery for the elderly households served by DCSSA.



(L to R) Phyllis Martinez, Mary Friesenhahn, Rita McSorley, Debra Colorado and Charlotte Burdine



## Hope for the Future

Submitted by Julie Seguin.



(l-r) Marcella Salazar, Principal of St. Luke; Immaculate Fombo, winner; Julie Seguin, Hope for the Future

Ms. Immaculate Fombo accepted the Catholic Daughters of Americas Court 2661-Hope for the Future \$2000 scholarship in the presence of her 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade classmates at St. Luke Catholic School. This was the first year Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Court 2661, Catholic Daughters of the America offered the scholarship. Immaculate competed with 28 other entries based on grades, service hours, recommendation letters and by submitting an essay on "How Attending Catholic High School will Enrich Your Faith Journey." In her essay, Immaculate says: "My biggest reason for wanting to continue my education in a Catholic high school stems from when I was very little. Even in my toddler years, I was surrounded by people who had such deep faith and intense love of God. Going to church every Sunday was an absolute must. During mass, everyone participated with beautiful and energetic vigor, and it was truly a meal together with family because everyone knew everyone personally. Being surrounded by all this had a big effect on my life. Whether or not there is a God wasn't the question; the question was who that God is exactly." St. Luke principal, Marcella Salazar, said "Immaculate is a remarkable young lady and wise beyond her years--any high school will be happy to have her as a student!" The 'lucky' high school Immaculate wants to attend is Incarnate Word.



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March 27 at 7 p.m.

Spiritual Activity at 6:30 p.m.

LOVE never fails 1 Corinthians 13:4

# Upcoming EVENTS!

### March 14

Prayer Service at Daughters of Charity Services of SA

### March 14

Volunteer Hours Due!

### March 22

"Springtime in Paris" Annual Champagne Brunch & Style Show



### March 27

6:30 p.m. Spiritual Activity

7:00 p.m. Court Meeting

Election of Nominating Committee

### April 17:

Agenda meeting 6 p.m. / Financial Review

### April 24:

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Court Meeting



## OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY COURT 2661 SHIRT ORDER FORM



Deadline to order is Thursday, April 24

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: Veronica Montalvo  
RE: CDA Shirts  
1403 Osprey Hts., San Antonio, TX 78260

# Annual Champagne Brunch & Style Show



By: Dolores Seabolt, *Style Show Chairperson*, [air2031@yahoo.com](mailto:air2031@yahoo.com)

It has been a great experience and joy working with everyone in organizing this fundraiser. It's about bettering the lives of others, being part of something bigger than you, and making a difference.

Silent and Live Auctions items, tickets, promotional materials, and decorations were all donated by wonderful sponsors and appreciated.

Words cannot express how thankful we are to volunteers that helped or will be helping with modeling, hair and makeup, serving, registering, monitoring auctions, decor, gift basket arrangements, ticket sales, and countless hours of planning from our co-chair committees.

So what can we look forward to? Guests will be greeted with a complimentary mimosa or a glass of wine. A basket of assorted breads ( mini croissants, bagels, and muffins) will be served with butter and jams. A delicious brunch of Quiche Lorraine will be accompanied with a tossed salad and seasonal fruit. To complete this delightful meal, dessert will consist of heavenly strawberry crepe, petit-fours and cream puffs. You will have a chance to vie for amazing gift baskets filled with themed items, gift cards and edibles. There will be a breathtaking dance performance from Wanda Deagen's Dance Studio and a special guest to moderate our Live Auction.

Women connect with each other differently and provide support systems that help each other to deal with stress and difficult experiences. So every time you hang out with a gal pal, just pat yourself on the back and congratulate yourself for doing something good for your health. Soooo.....let's toast to our friendship with our girlfriends. Ladies start looking for that special spring dress and don't forget your Fascinator!!

**Our amazing team of talented women are as follows:**

Talent & Modeling: **Jean Troncale**, [jetroncale@gmail.com](mailto:jetroncale@gmail.com)

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Banquet: **Margie Mallory**, [amallory4@yahoo.com](mailto:amallory4@yahoo.com)



Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD, not for men."

## Refreshments Committee



By Margie Mallory, [amallory4@yahoo.com](mailto:amallory4@yahoo.com)

Spring is in the Air!!! CDA sisters will celebrate after our March 27 meeting. Refreshments for the evening will be: Sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays. A delicious strawberry punch and dessert will also be served. Plus, two more door prizes for two lucky ladies!!

## Sunshine Committee

By Olga Muller Gonzales, [olga.gonzales@rocketmail.com](mailto:olga.gonzales@rocketmail.com)



I will be bringing a Birthday Cake every two 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 jot down their birthday. Remember, it is your special day...so enjoy it.



It is with a sad heart that I thank everyone for all prayers for **Socorro**, my daughter's mother in-law, who passed away in Austin. She is no longer in pain and rejoicing in the banquet of heaven with our Lord. Her family wishes to thank everyone for the prayers from this community.

~ **Lina Ramirez**

My sister **Malvina Baer** has severe dementia and will be relocating to a nursing home in Monticello, Florida. She will be closer to her daughter. ~ **Adelina Wells**

We are grateful for our successful move to Florida. I do ask for prayers for selling my house. Still hasn't sold. Miss you all! ~ **Chris McClean**

By Cynthia Gdula, Spiritual Advisor  
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# Reflection Corner



I would like to offer some observations about our liturgical season of Lent and Jesus. After Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by St John the Baptist, he was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days. We are embarking on our annual 40 day Lenten period of purification and transformation. The three major self-disciplines underscored during Lent are fasting, prayer and works of charity. Only the Gospels of Mark and Luke specify what Jesus' temptations were but they present the last two in reverse order.

Jesus' first temptation was satisfying his physical need of hunger but instead he emphasized our deeper spiritual needs. And fasting does give clarity of mind for discernment and making the right choices through life.

Another temptation of Jesus' was proving who he was by testing God. Prayer is our gateway to who we are. Perhaps God is calling us to a different type of prayer this Lent in order to deepen our friendship with Him. Instead of just vocal prayer maybe he wants to reach us through meditative or contemplative prayer also.

Another one of Jesus' temptation was the accumulation and possession of worldly wealth and recognition. Instead, he tells us we are called to share our blessings, and administer to and protect those in need through almsgiving and other works of charity.

So I invite you to join me by asking God what is keeping me from loving and trusting him as I should. Let us pray to see the habitual sin or weakness or fear that we should surrender this Lent for the sake of our loving friendship with the Lord.

Remember when we hear the voice of the Lord, let us not close our hearts.



Lina Ramirez and Barbara Nasis led the CDA members in the Chaplet of Saint Anthony as part of our monthly spiritual activity 30 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled business meeting.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe statue donated by former Regent Chris McClean to our Court.*



# 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.

*Sylvia Garcia*

*March 8*

*Diane Jenkins*

*March 20*

*Patti Ann Mehrens*

*March 21*

*Linda Whitener*

*March 24*

Brought to you by the Sunshine Committee

## GRACE'S

### GARDENING TIPS

By Grace Lambert,  
Regent



One of my most unusual plant that I recently got from my husband was "Queen of the Night." This is such a bizarre plant. The leaves are wide and flat and just

hang over the planter. The soil I used is potting soil with perlite, humus and crushed rock. It likes a lot of sunlight, so put it by a window if grown inside. I hang mine from a tree. So, how did it get the name Queen of the Night? Well, it blooms for only one night. Oh...but it is so beautiful and fragrant, it is worth the wait. It is so easy to share, just break off a leaf and put it in soil. If you want a starter stem, let me know.

Until next month...*Happy Gardening.*

### Cake

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 2 tsp coconut extract
- 3 cups flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup coconut

## Coconut Bundt Cake

By Barbara Nasis, Treasurer

### Glaze

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water
- 1 tsp coconut extract

**Makes** 16 servings

### Directions For Cake

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt pan. Beat the eggs, sugar, oil and coconut extract together in a large bowl. Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and baking powder and add to egg mixture. Mix well and add the buttermilk, nuts and coconut. Bake until cake is done (insert a toothpick in the center of the cake; it should come out clean), about 1 hour. When the cake is done, prepare Glaze. Pour some of the Glaze over the warm cake while still in the pan, then remove the cake and pour the rest of the Glaze over it. (I sometime omit the glaze and frost with a powder sugar or buttercream frosting and top with coconut)

### Directions For Glaze

Combine sugar, butter, water and coconut extract in a small saucepan and bring to a boil.

Cooking

With

Barbara



# Member Spotlight



Linda Whitener



I was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. I went to parochial school at St. Joseph's (South San) and high school at St. Francis Academy (since closed). I worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (now AT&T) in various positions and retired after 30 years in 1998. I have been married for 41 years to my husband, Steve. I have 3 sons, 2 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 1 on the way. I also have several "granddogs" and "grandcats."

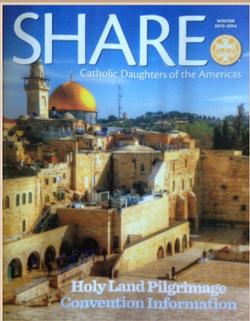
My husband and I started a commercial floor covering business in 1996. My initial plans were to take early retirement from Bell, however, God had different plans. I was diagnosed with breast cancer that year and had to have a radical mastectomy as well as chemotherapy and reconstruction. After 10 months, I returned to work and stayed until I completed my 30 years and retired with full benefits. I am in the process of "transitioning out" and hopefully before the end of the year will retire from my second career.

I have been involved in volunteerism most of my life. I was a "candy striper" at Santa Rosa Hospital while in high school. During my time with AT&T, I joined Altrusa International which is a professional business club involved primarily with education. I am still on the Board of Directors for this group. When we started our business, I was involved with the San Antonio North Chamber of Commerce and was a Founding member of the Hispanic Contractors Association.

My religion became very important to me during my treatments. My kids were still in elementary and high school and I wasn't ready to "check out." I was blessed with a strong support system. I lost my best friend and sister-in-law to breast cancer 6 years ago and was wondering why I was spared and she was not. I went to the planning meeting for CDA and realized that my "church" community was there for me. I just had not reached out to them. The sisterhood of the Catholic Daughters has been such a blessing in my life.



## State & National News



### *Texas Habitat for Humanity 2014*

Texas will be starting their 6th house in Sealy, TX. The ground blessing will be on **March 22, 2014**. The house will be built on DePriest St., Sealy, TX. The opening ceremonies are tentatively set for 10:00 am. A mail-out will be sent with exact time. Donations can be sent to Carolyn Rapsilver, P. O. Box 1360, Sealy, TX 77474. T-shirts are available for \$10. Local hotel accommodation information will also be included. Forms are available on website.

### *Local Court Officer Elections*

This **May**, all Local Courts will be electing New Officers for the 2014-2016 term.

### *One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies*

CDA has participated in this event sponsored by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization since the beginning in 2008. The three day event will take place **May 2-4, 2014**. Please contact your Court members and parish to pass along this event so that the One Million Rosaries goal will be met. See [www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org](http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org) for additional information and to register for the event.

*55th Biennial National CDA Convention* held in Billings, Montana, on **July 16-20, 2014**

### *CDA State Convention 2015*

The 49th Biennial Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will be held **April 9-12, 2015** at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Stay tuned!



*From Anne Nelson, National Regent:* We all have Catholic Daughters **DNA** inside us. We are individual, but we are inseparable. We are the same, yet very different. The **DNA** for a Catholic Daughter is most unique. It can be shared but is slightly different in each member. The **D** is for our dedication to our faith, our family and our Organization. The **N** means we nurture each other in faith and in action. The **A** is for our ability to see the good and the potential in all situations and people. It is time to step up to for the good of your court, your state and this organization as a whole.