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Letter from our Regent

My Sisters,

It is such a joy being the regent of such a caring and giving group of ladies. I thank you all for what you doing to allow our court to have such a successful year.

We had a great fall with our court involved in so many projects with so many helping hands and here we are midwinter and looking into Spring with again so many projects in front of us. As I said before, thank you soooo much!!

We have a couple of special events that I want to highlight. The first is our Stations of the Cross that we will hold on **March 19 in St. Ann's Hall.** The stations that will be presented to you will be traditional in that they will focus upon our Lord's passion, but they will be different as the reflections that will be shared are reflections on the passion as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene. We shared these last year, and we found them to be very moving. If at all possible, plan to attend, and inviting a friend would be great. We do plan to open the stations this year to the ladies of the parish. I hope we have great attendance.

The second is our planned pilgrimage to Panna Maria, the oldest Polish Catholic community in Texas, and home of the Polish Heritage Center. At this time it is planned to be the first Thursday in May, but more details will be given as the spring nears. Please consider participating. May God richly bless you and your family, and may you stay healthy!

Blessings,
Dorothy Matschek, Regent

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Meetings are held every third Tuesday at 7 pm
St. Mary's Hall of the Parish Center
Social Time 6:30-7 pm
(a great way to get to know your court sisters)
Masks are optional

Garden in Tuscany

We have many hands working on our Garden in Tuscany Style Show that will be held on Feb. 19 at St. Mary's Hall. Betty Paine Olivarez and Kathie Koegle are the chairs for this event. They shared the initial planning, but Betty is now putting final plans into place. Tickets have now gone on sale, and they have been well received by our parish. With all of our fashions coming from the Thrift Store, members and thrift store volunteers have had fun selecting the items and their accessories.

At the luncheon we will also have a personalized raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the door for 3 tickets for \$5. We

call it personalized because all purchasers will write their name on a ticket and place it in a box in front of the items that they would like to win. At the end of the event, a drawing will be held, and the lucky winners will be taking their items home! Mary Pat Coco is heading this up, and she has some wonderful items that will be presented to those in attendance.

The food for the luncheon is being provided at a very reasonable rate to the court by Olive Garden. It is sure to be delicious! We thank member Amanda Kelly, manager of Olive Garden and a member of our court, for her role in making this possible!



The entire court has a part in the success of this event! Many are offering their hands and ideas in completing various tasks to bring the show to reality, and many others are offering their prayers for the success of this show. With so many helping, it is sure to be an event that our parishioners will be talking about in the future.

The Good Shepherd Ornament

At our November sale we offered Feed My Sheep ornaments to our parish, and they were well received! All 150 that we offered for sale were purchased by parishioners and we have had requests for more. The artwork for this ornament is based upon the Feed my Sheep hanging that is between the Cry Room and the entrance to our church. It is an original piece made for our church so our ornament is just as original! Based upon our court decisions, we may offer them for sale again in the future. They are great sacramental remembrances, in addition to being Christmas ornaments. We thank Tim Sutherland, the original art work artist, for his help in securing a master pewter craftsman in Virginia who created the ornaments for us. Each is hand cast and they bear the appropriate markings. You can tell that they have not been mass manufactured. We were blessed to be able to bring these to our parish.



MISSION STATEMENT: *The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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.*

TEXAS MISSION STATEMENT: *The members of the Texas Court love Christ and His Church and are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.*

Want to go to Puerto Rico?

Our national convention is being held in Puerto Rico!

This is a great chance for you to attend and see a beautiful part of the world that you may not have visited before or that you may have visited and want to visit again!

The convention is from July 20-24, and there are pre-convention workshops and a concert on the 19th. You do not need a

passport to travel to Puerto Rico.

For more information, go to the National website and scroll down to the bottom of the page. There is information there on where to make your reservations.

Rooms are \$149 a night and there will be so much happening! Let me know if you have any questions about making a reservation. The

last date to book a room at the Catholic Daughter discounted rate is June 14, 2022.



Mary's Rosaries

In the Spring we will again be collecting rosaries from parishioners to distribute back to parishioners the first weekend of May. Carolyn Jendrzey, Antoinette LaBarbera and Mary San Miguel are involved with this wonderful project at this time, and another Catholic Daughter is dis-

cerning if she will also be able to assist.

This project is designed to put rosaries in the hands of those who may not have any, and to provide a way for those who have more than they are using to share their rosaries with others. To strengthen this distribution, Mary San Miguel

will be assisting with the creation of a rosary flyer that will be available on our Sunday of rosary distribution, the first weekend of May.

We pray that devotion to our Blessed Mother will grow through this activity.

Welcome New Members

At our November meeting our court was blessed to receive 6 new members to our court. They are Jennifer Rompel, Toni Miller, Audrey Schroeder, Sharon Arismendez, Amanda Kelly, and Mary Walter. We know that our court will benefit from the talents that they bring to us, and we all look forward to getting to know them and serve with them.

At our January meeting, Erica Brucks and Eileen Perez joined our court, and Monique Broussard has also expressed an interest in joining. How very blessed we are! We look forward to officially receiving them in the future.

Please invite your friends to join us. You know what a good organization we are and the good that we do. Some people only need an invitation, and it could change their life.



Warmed by HIS Hands

Thanks to the generosity of Sts. Peter and Paul parishioners and, in particular, Mamie Henk, who donated 35 handmade throws, Catholic Daughters collected 143 blankets and throws between Thanksgiving and Dec. 19, 2021. These “Warmed by His Hands” articles were blessed by Fr. Steven Gamez and then distributed to three nursing homes in New Braunfels for their residents. Colonial Manor Care Center, Eden Hill Communities, and Kirkwood Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center representatives were all very grateful and expressed thanks on behalf of their residents to Maria Horecka and Mary Pat Co-co (pictured above) who coordinated the collecting and distribution of the blankets.

CDA Essay Contest

“Where is God when I am struggling” and “With God all things are possible” are the two topics that students in grades 4-8 at Sts. Peter and Paul were asked to write about to enter our essay contest. Ninety-two students reflected upon and wrote their thoughts on this topic.

In the fourth and fifth grade category, all entrants were fifth grade students. The students who were selected by the judges are

Sloane Kubenka (1st place), Grade Bordon (2nd place) and Elliana Cofer (3rd Place). In the sixth through eighth grade category the winners selected by the judges were Dellia Ford for 1st place (6th grade student), Bruce Anderson (also a 6th grade student) for 2nd place and our 3rd place winner is Patricia Gonzales (a 7th grade student).

We are so proud of these students and grateful for all the entries. It makes me

proud that the Catholic Daughters provided the opportunity for students to reflect on this important topic.

In each category our court will present cash awards of \$25 for our 1st place winners, \$15 for our 2nd place winners, and \$10 for our 3rd place winners. Both of our 1st place winners will also advance to state level competition.

A big thank you to Barbara Houde for chairing this event.

Resurrection Eggs

At our Spring Sale, we will be offering 25 sets of Resurrection Eggs for sale. We are undertaking making them as an activity of our Circle of Love Family Spoke. The price has not been finalized, but we do plan to make them very reasonable since there will be little cost to the court. Rather than a project to raise funds, our purpose is to provide a simple way for parents to celebrate a Jesus-focused Easter with their children.

Marie Craig is leading the activity and several others are assisting her in creating 25 dozen eggs. Each dozen will be similar but not necessarily identical. The eggs are numbered so as to present the passion of Christ in a sequential manner. In each egg is an item that is designed to lead a parent in discussing the passion of Christ with their child. From twine symbolizing the arrest of Christ by the soldiers to a small



chalice to remind us of the Last Supper and ending with an empty egg symbolizing the resurrection, each egg has a faith-based meaning. Included with the set of eggs is a written description of the meaning of each egg's content.

We hope that the families that purchase these items will find them a way of making Easter have more spiritual meaning to their children.

Sunshine Report

OCTOBER, 2021

Get well card to Michelle Bateman – foot accident
 Get well card to Toni Miller – appendectomy
 Get well card to Charles & Betty Olivarez – COVID
 Get well card to Alberta Harper – hip surgery
 Get well card to Betty Paine Olivarez- surgery
 Get well card to Dorothy Matschek – sinus surgery

NOVEMBER, 2021

Sympathy card/Memorial Mass card to Jo Heidemann and family on the death of her brother, James Kruse
 Get well card to Jo Ann Fikac - fall

DECEMBER, 2021

Get well card/Memorial Mass card to Pat Deltz – broken shoulder
 Thank you/ Memorial Mass card to Scott Vaughan for donating food for Wurstfest food project for KC's
 Thank you/ Memorial Mass card to Veronica Subia for decorating the advent wreaths
 Thank you/ Memorial Mass card to Mamie Henk for making five boxes of throws for our Christmas warm Hands project
 Thinking of you card to Dick and Kathie Koegle – Dick put on hospice care
 Christmas card and ornament to Father Steven

JANUARY, 2022

Sympathy card/Memorial Mass card to Kathie Koegle and family on the death of her husband Dick



Our First Responders Project

Jennifer Rompel is chair of our First Responders project this year. She is working with the art teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School to have students create a piece of artwork that illustrates how much we appreciate our firemen and policemen. Each artwork will have “We love you and we are praying for you” on it.

From the artwork submitted by the school, the top 10 pieces will be on display at our court meeting in February, and the court will select the one piece of artwork to be duplicated on a card. Enough cards will be made to distribute to each fire station and to each police department during the month of February. The winning piece of art will also appear on our parish website. We look forward to seeing their creations!



Dates to Remember

February 15	Monthly Meeting
February 19	Style Show
March 15	Monthly Meeting
March 19	Stations of the Cross
April 19	Monthly Meeting
May 17	Monthly Meeting
May 22	Graduates' Reception

Welcome Father Albert!

We are delighted that Father Albert is the new parochial vicar for our parish, and that he will be our chaplain during his time here. We look forward to working with him, and we know that he will be a blessing to our court. Father Albert has a rich history and we also look forward to learning more about him.