



# Golden State Tidings

2009 – 2011

*Let Us Be God's Justice and Mercy,  
Hands and Feet of Christ*



## Mission Statement

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives 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.*

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## **STATE CHAPLAIN** *Rev. Stephen Porter*

Greetings, Catholic Daughters!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Convention at Ontario this year. Our guide for the last two years has been “Let Us Be God’s Justice and Mercy, Hands and Feet.” We will hear of our accomplishments at the State Convention. “Let the Heart of Christ Guide You” will be the theme for our 2011 State Convention.

**The Heart of Christ – the Sacred Heart – is a manifestation of the immense love of God for each of us,** and devotion to the Sacred Heart grew to prominence in our Catholic Church after the private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1673-1675). She encouraged Catholics to venerate the Sacred Heart on first Fridays by nine consecutive Holy Communions (during the time when weekly reception of Holy Communion was rare) and nine consecutive Confessions, offering the merits of these Sacraments in reparation for offenses against the love of God in the world. At the same time it became common for Catholic families to have the Sacred Heart enthroned in their homes and to burn a candle (but never leave it unattended!) in front of the statue or picture of the Sacred Heart on the same first Fridays. Of course, this was also in the days when fasting on Fridays was *de rigueur*. You can imagine the power of prayer that ascended to God’s throne where the ultimate Sacred Heart is enthroned on those days of yore.

But let’s look at ourselves, how is the heart of Christ guiding us today? My prayer is that Catholic Daughters commit to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and using that powerful grace to commit to loving those around us with a deeper intensity. That we can love altruistically at all is his gift to us; as we use that gift we bring hope to

those around us who are perhaps living with no hope at all.

**Two of the most powerful prayers are very simple: “please” and “thank you”.** Both are elaborated in our Catholic practice – “please” in the words of the Lord’s prayer, and “thank you” in the words of the Eucharistic prayers. Each day we pray “please” may we do God’s will, and may our doing of God’s will not cause unwarranted grief to others (sometimes when we do God’s will we do cause grief to others as when we, lovingly, correct faults and instruct with some of Christ’s “difficult” teachings) but for the most part we try not offend. “Please” is a strong prayer all in itself.

When we attend Mass and pray as the priest is praying the Eucharist prayer we are thanking God for the gift of his Son, and the gift that his Son left us – the Eucharist (a Greek word which means “thankfulness”). It is powerful in itself to thank God for everything, even the difficulties in our lives (or, perhaps better, challenges). It’s easy to thank God for the good stuff we have (although sometimes we forget even there), but to thank God, and to mean it, for the challenge is harder, but we must! *Totus rationi accidit* – everything happens for a reason. For whatever reasons there are in God’s mind this challenge is ours now (whatever it may be) and we can either accept God’s will, or we can rebel. We can thank him, or we can ignore him. Thanking God for stuff we don’t want, or don’t like, can help us come to terms with it, and to allow us to grow through it. The heart of Christ – his love for you and me – took him to an acceptance of the cross and death and guided him to resurrection, and so it can do for us.

The present Holy Father – Pope Benedict XVI – says in his latest book: “*Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*” that “(t)he triumph of love will be the last word of world history”, by which he means that it will be love – God’s love for the world and the world’s love for God – that

will bring about the last day. He is talking about the resurrection, and that faith in Christ's return is a "pillar of the Christian confession". As God took flesh once, and that flesh died on the cross, then by the power of love – Christ's heart – it was resurrected, so that God is forever "human" and we can be forever one with God because of that. Christ's heart led him to be one with us, and allows us to be one with him. This is the hope we have "that God will wipe away every tear, that nothing meaningless will remain, that every injustice will be remedied and justice restored". This is the triumph of love – where is the heart of Jesus leading you?

Blessings, *Fr. Steve Porter*



And Spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.

"The Sensitive Plant" Percy Bysshe Shelley



### STATE REGENT

*Susan Killian*



"Let Us Be God's Justice and Mercy, Hands and Feet of Christ," has been our California State theme for the last two years and the Catholic Daughters in California have done a fabulous job of carrying out our theme.

You have been involved in programs such as American Family Housing, Catholic Maritime Ministry, feeding the homeless, Get on the Bus, human trafficking awareness, prison ministry, Project Handclasp, Right to Life, and women's shelters, just to name a few. Countless lives have been touched because of you as *you* have been the Hands and Feet of Christ. Thank you for all the time and energy, financial help, and the love you have shared.

At the State Convention in May 2009, a vision and some goals were set for the California Catholic Daughters. Those items included: deepen our faith in God, increase membership by 500 new members in two years, and increase leadership so that our organization will continue to grow. I am thrilled to report we have accomplished these goals.

Under the leadership of State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, **Diane Dinise, the Diocesan Rosary Coordinators did an outstanding job of scheduling the monthly rosaries** and keeping track of the Madonna della Strada Icon in their diocese. Thank you to Diane, the coordinators, regents and court members that said yes to hosting the rosary. We had at least 100-250 people each month praying at the same time for the sanctity of life, increased membership, increased leadership in the Catholic Daughters and for our priests. That's awesome! In addition, Fr. Steve was our spiritual leader for the lenten retreat which was held in March 2010 at the California State Conference in Burlingame.

Our **goal** was to **increase membership by 500** new members in two years. Well ladies, **we did it!** As of March 2011, with still three months to go, we have obtained 514 new members. Thank you for your commitment to increase membership.

**Members** from several dioceses Church halls are filled with laughter and ladies sharing ideas. Courts have begun to join together for joint Installation of Officers, joint Receptions of New Members, and to attend other courts' fundraising activities. Ladies that have never chaired an activity or been an officer before have been given the support and encouragement to try a leadership role by following the example of other members. Strong local courts help to build a strong state membership.

As I reflect on the last two years as State Regent, it has been a wonderful adventure. We have prayed together, we have worked for the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity, we have overcome some challenges, we have laughed together, cried together, and we have shared God's love with each other. As your State Regent, it has been both a privilege and a joy to lead the California Catholic Daughters.

Thank you for your support and for allowing me to be a part of this most awesome opportunity.

*Susan*



**Armed Forces Day - May 21, 2011**



**NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
and  
NATIONAL SUPERVISOR  
Emily Guilherme**

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For those of you attending the State Convention, I hope that you will get energized and recommitted to the Catholic Daughters and your courts. **For those of you who will be attending for the first time, I hope that you find it inspiring and informative.**

To those State Officers who will be elected for the next two-year term, I congratulate and wish you a great two years of working together in Charity and Unity with new ideas and decisions for the good of the order. May the members support and pray for you, as I will, as you journey together in faith.

Remember to tell all you encounter to join this great organization so that the next two years will bring growth in membership. Also, recruiting members is not just for the Membership Chair but for all members to continue to reach out to women of all ages to share their wonderful gifts with other Catholic Daughters.

Thank You to everyone for your support to me these last eight months as your National Supervising Officer.

Blessings, *Emily*

Love truly,  
Laugh Uncontrollably and  
Let your Light shine brightly  
For the world to see!!!



**FIRST VICE STATE  
REGENT  
Dorothy Parrillo**

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As we come to the end of another Catholic Daughter year, let us remember not only to Thank God for all our members, but also to thank all those members who worked most diligently for our Courts. Every task, be it big or small, was done out of Love for God and our fellow man.

We all know that a sincere “Thank You “ would suffice and is often most appreciative, however, it might be much nicer to say to your members “Thanks you did a great job.”

I want to take this time to thank those of you who ordered clothing, badges, etc from me. Thanks, you all did a great job. I am thrilled to report we had little or no returns, and there were no complaints. It made running the State Store a pleasure. As per some of your requests, we will be introducing a few new items at Convention. So, stop by and check us out. I think you’ll like what you see.

Please let us commit to going forward as Catholic Daughters and think about joining our Sister Courts for a Formal Reception of New Members, one year and a Bishop’s Burse the next year (some areas may have them every year). About two years ago, I spoke to several Past State Regents regarding this idea. We decided to check the Diocese/Archdiocese I supervise for their opinions and their approval. The Regents and Court members were told of my plans. Thank God everyone was in favor of a joint venture.

Under the supervision of Gloria Maria Mayol, the Courts of the **San Fernando Pastoral Region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese raised about \$3,000.00 for the Bishop’s Burse.** You, my Dear Sisters, made my cup runneth over. I am so proud of you. “Thanks, you all did a great job.”

I am also proud and happy to report that under the direction of Bea Abshear and Esther Gow, the Regents and members in the San Pedro Region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese have set in motion plans for a Formal Reception of New Members. “Thanks, you all did a great job.” I feel that a joint venture of a Formal Reception one year and a Bishop’s Burse the next year is an excellent path for us to take. It allows for us to become more visible and our members to become more enthused about our order. Regents, this is a great way of actively involving your members. You can delegate a member to speak on the History of the Catholic Daughters, another member to speak on the History of your Court and some one else to do a presentation on the Circle of Love Program. We just might increase an awareness of our Courts and inspire our new members. May I suggest that you also call upon your older and more experienced members for help and advice. These women have walked down our road and know all the bumps and detours in it. They can be a big help to all of us. Yes, I feel that **it is possible to work together in peace and harmony for the greater love of our Lord.**

I have a favor to ask of you all and it is for everyone to pray for the success of our Convention. May the Holy

Spirit guide you in choosing the right people for the California State Board, The Nominating Committee, The Madonna Manor Board, etc. May you bring back to your Courts many happy and wonderful moments and also share with your members some fabulous ideas. We should all pray that we become examples of our faith in public. It is the Spirit of God that attracts us to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Spirit of God who is active and vibrant in all the work we do, in the life we share, and in our joy.

My heartfelt thanks to you my dear Sisters for your love, kindness and support of me as I moved up the steps of the California State Court. You are indeed God's Spirit. Your love helped me to see the difference in the work God has sent me to do. I pray for your continued support and your love.

May God continue to Bless you and your wonderful families. May He grant you a Happy and Peaceful Summer.

Loving Jesus, be our Light and Promise of Hope. May we love as You love.

*Dorothy*

**June 21**  
**First Day of Summer**



***SECOND VICE STATE  
REGENT  
Daphne Bernestine***

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Hello Ladies,

Well we have come to the end of our journey in this term of 2009-2011. I would like to take this moment to congratulate all the courts that in my experience as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent were the best ever. I truly enjoyed the friendship that I received over these past 2 years and will always cherish the laughter, and the good friends I made over these years. May God always bless all of you, and may your Courts be blessed with new members to keep them growing strong.

Even though we have come to the end of this term, the Courts need to continue doing a membership drive monthly. We have to continue to strive hard to get young women in our organization. You all helped in making our Angel grow to into a beautiful Gold color -

but, it doesn't stop there. We have to continue to ask the Lord for help in making our Courts strong.

Over these past 2 years I have seen so many changes in our Courts. Some were good and some were not so good. We have to work together to keep our Courts strong. If we don't work together then Courts will disband. We had this happen more times this term than we want to talk about. I hope and pray that we will be able to start new courts and regain our membership back from the Courts that we lost. Ladies be active in your Courts and keep them alive and get new members.

I would like to thank all the Courts that sent in their dues to State on time. Everyone is now used to receiving invoices. At first there were a few problems, but everything is working smoothly now. I've notice that Courts are paying more attention to their membership. I think receiving invoices has helped Courts pay more attention to their membership count.

Remember your court is paying for members who are not active and not paying dues. However, before you delete any member from your roster, find out what the problem is, and try to help regain their interest in the Catholic Daughters. We don't want to lose good members. Again, I want to thank all the courts for sending their dues in on time.

As I close, remember God only puts on us what he knows we can handle in life. If we can handle to strive to have better Courts then you will always have God on your side in Unity and Charity. Increase your membership, keep your members active, and keep your members involved.

Peace of the Lord is with you all.

Love and Peace

*Daphne*



**Memorial Day  
May 30, 2011**

**Let us  
Remember**

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**STATE SECRETARY**  
**Melody Ciaravino**

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As I write this article I am preparing for the State Convention in May. The grand finale of my job as State Secretary is taking minutes at the Convention. While this might seem a bit overwhelming, I'm going to remember that the convention is the Biennial Meeting of the State Court and the minutes are no different from those I've prepared at every board meeting we have had.

I can hardly believe that it has been almost 2 years since the last Convention. Since then, I've had what I can only describe as a most wonderful adventure. There was the work part of my job as State Secretary, including publishing 7 issues of the Golden State Tidings, preparing and distributing 2 sets of Rosters and preparing and distributing 48 State Releases.

When I took office the state had a small color copier and it was getting tired. Through the good will of some very kind donors we were able to purchase a new color laser printer/copier to assist in this work. (It is a far cry from the old mimeograph machines that I've heard the State Secretaries of the past had for this purpose!) The new machine is making my work so much easier and will help the State Board communicate with the Catholic Daughters of the State of California for the foreseeable future.

As part of the State Board, I assisted with training sessions around the State. In the summer of 2009 I assisted at two District Deputy training workshops and in the summer of 2010 I assisted at four New Officers training workshops. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet many of our members around the state and put faces with the names I was getting to know while producing the rosters.

But, being on the State Board is not all work by any means. Over the past almost 2 years I've received many invitations to Monthly Rosaries, Court Anniversaries, Officer Installations and Court Institutions. I attended many of these festive occasions, sometimes multiple events in one day. It is always a joy to gather with Courts to celebrate these milestones.

I must confess that my favorite part of these past two years has been the opportunity to meet so many Catholic Daughter members around the state. Either by phone or in person, I've gotten to get to know so many more of our members and make dozens of new friends.

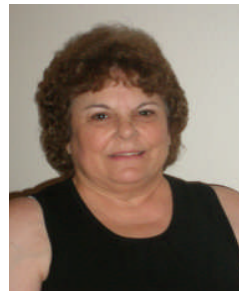
Additionally, it seems that as a member of the State Board, I'm now on many, many more court mailing lists. A week doesn't go by that I don't get a few court newsletters. I am constantly amazed at all the wonderful good works that our members are participating in all around the state.

So, I am looking forward to the Convention, minutes and all. This has been a wonderful two years of new experiences and meeting many more of the CDA members in our state. I hope that I'll be able to meet many more of you at the convention, as well as catch up with old friends.

See you in Ontario! *Melody*



**God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen**



**STATE TREASURER**  
**Rosemarie Thomson**

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Thirty plus years ago I was a wife, a young mother with two small children, was teaching full-time, was on various committees, volunteered in the CCD program and thought I had a complete life. However, when I "stopped to smell the roses," I felt something was missing. There was a strong desire to enhance my spiritual life. I was keeping my eyes and ears open, when lo and behold, a good friend asked me if I wanted to join Catholic Daughters - the rest is history. Becoming a State Officer, namely the State Treasurer, has been an honor and a privilege.

As the State Treasurer, one of my responsibilities was receiving transmittals and recording and depositing checks. The checks for our state charities always brought a good feeling knowing that our members could be so generous. A detailed report will be presented at the State Convention. It certainly will be a pleasure to share the information with you indicating the awesome amounts donated.



What a wonderful opportunity we have to make a real change for the better in our families, State and Country! Keep pen and paper ready for more challenging fights!

God Bless America and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!

## Barbara Bonadiman

**Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his mouth protects his life; to open wide one's lips brings downfall."* Proverbs 13:3



## Marcie Wilson State Chairman Membership/Extension

My two year commitment as your State Membership Extension Chairman is ending. I cannot believe that two years has gone by so fast. I will cherish this time I have shared with you.

The journey has led me from the south in San Diego, and to the north in San Francisco and points in-between of the State.

The newsletters that you have shared with me, have told stories of the wonderful happenings within your courts.

I have been to your membership drives, teas, rosaries, fashion shows, and shared the joy of your courts anniversaries, and in some cases shared your concerns.

You have truly **"SOARED LIKE ANGELS AND RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE"** in getting new members!

I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, and will keep you in my prayers for your continued success in the future. I encourage all courts to continue to have yearly membership drives and to keep up the good work you are doing.

*HAVE FAITH AND LOVE IN THE LORD AND HE WILL GUIDE YOU. -- GOD BLESS YOU ALL*

Marcie

**Look Up!!** To the Lord. *"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."*  
Phillippians 4:13



## Barbara Bowers State Chairman Quality of Life

It seems as if it were only a few months ago when I first wrote my "Introduction for GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS" and now this will be my last...after serving a two year term. Where has the time gone? It seems so cliché to say...but what has happened in these two years?

I have enjoyed reading dozens of newsletters...each one enlightening. Some very clever in your 'good works' and your faith and prayer go hand in hand. "Faith without works is useless" (James 2:18).

For the past two years I have read your words and **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** has a proven track record! You ought to take pride in sharing your gifts and talents by your involvement in helping hundreds to lead a better 'quality of life'.

I am sure you have heard the saying 'many hands make light work'. It is the joining of these hands with God's grace to accomplish the many programs you've shared ministering to the needs of all peoples....the newborn, the unwanted, the homeless, new mothers, the visit to the sick, the visit to the lonely. You've made donations of food, collected warm socks, painted rooms, worked in soup kitchens....being the hands and feet of Christ.

I want to thank our State Regent, Susan Killian, for the privilege of serving. It has been a wonderful pleasure to serve. May our dear Lord shower His blessings on the new State Court Officers and Chairmen.

Blessings, *Barbara Bowers*

**Stand Up!!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. *"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, .....* Galatians 6:9



***Diane Dinise***  
***State Chairman***  
***Spiritual Enhancement***

Is it May already? These last two years have been like a whirlwind. It seems like yesterday that Susan had asked me to be the Spiritual Enhancement Chairman. Now I am at the end of my term. It has been such a pleasure spending this time with you.

This was a wonderful growth period for me. When Susan asked me, I didn't understand what she saw in me. Why me? When there are so many spiritual ladies in our organization. Maybe it was a call from God for me to grow in my faith. My spirituality was very personal and sharing that part of me was not easy. It challenged me to grow and to learn to do things that I had never done. I had never written a prayer service or planned a Liturgy, but with help from others and the grace of God I was able to accomplish these things. I would like to thank Susan for giving me this opportunity and for having the faith and confidence in me that I could do the job.

I would also like to thank Susan for instituting the Monthly Rosary devotion. I feel that this devotion has been a blessing to the courts in our state in many ways. Through prayer we were united for the petitions of: Sanctity of Life, Increase in Membership, Increase of Leadership and for all of our priests and their vocations. I believe that our prayers have been answered. We have been blessed with many new members, our courts are finding new leaders in their midst, we have made great strides in the Pro-Life battle, our priests are a blessing to us and many young men are entering the seminaries. We have truly been blessed. One of the biggest blessings that we have received is the friendships and networking that have developed between members in neighboring courts.

I am also forever grateful to the hardworking Diocesan Rosary Coordinators who were my liaison to the local courts; the Regents and the members of those courts who hostess the Rosaries each month. This program would never have gotten off the ground without your support. Ladies you are awesome! It is unknown if the incoming Board will continue with this devotion. My hope is that it will. If not, I hope that the courts will continue to gather together to pray on their own.

It has truly been a pleasure working with you, God's blessings of Peace and Love to you all.

Here it is the month of May when we devote ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I would like to leave you with a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Diane*

*O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! Holy Mother of God! Glorious Queen of heaven and earth! Powerful protectress of those who love thee, and unfailing advocate of all who invoke thee! Look down, I beseech thee, from thy throne of glory on thy devoted child; accept the solemn offering I present thee of this month, specially dedicated to thee, and receive my ardent, humble desire, that by my love and fervor I could worthily honor thee, who, next to God, art deserving of all honor. Receive me, O Mother of Mercy, among thy best beloved children; extend to me thy maternal tenderness and solicitude; obtain for me a place in the Heart of Jesus, and a special share in the gifts of His grace. O deign, I beseech thee, to recognize my claims on thy protection, to watch over my spiritual and temporal interests, as well as those of all who are dear to me; to infuse into my soul the spirit of Christ, and to teach me thyself to become meek, humble, charitable, patient, and submissive to the will of God.*

*May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honor and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.*

***Lift Up!! Your prayers ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."***  
 Phillipians 4:6

***MARY SILVA***  
***STATE CHAIRMAN***  
***YOUTH***



By the time you read this our State Convention will have come and gone. I hope all of you who attended left there with a renewed energy, especially in the area of working with youth. I

hope you made some new friends and go to see some of your old friends.

My term as Youth Chairman is now over and I want to thank all of the courts for your support and your hard work. It has been an honor and a blessing for me to have been able to experience this.

May we all continue with our love and hard work for the great Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Court of California! Make God bless all of you great ladies.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mary Silva*

We continue to pray for the healing of Jeff Walbeck and I thank you for all of your prayers and your good wishes.

I look forward to seeing you all at Convention.

In Unity & Charity

*Yvonne Connolly*

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAMS**

- Q. What does "benign" mean?  
A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.
- Q. What is the fibula?  
A. A small lie.



*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." ...*



*President  
Madonna Manor Board  
Yvonne Connolly*



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**SPOTLIGHT**  
**Oakland Diocese**  
by Rosemarie Thomson  
State Treasurer

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My dear Sisters in Catholic Daughters,

I am happy to tell you that the new roof was completed in January. Sister Roberta telephoned me during one of the periods of heavy rain literally singing "Rain drops are falling but NOT on our heads". I had to laugh, she very often makes my day with things like that. We all just love her and she works so hard for Madonna Manor. Be sure to say hello to her at the convention.

The number of residents at the Manor goes up and down, but we are proud, and you should be too, of the wonderful care that the staff gives to all of our "Ladies". In turn the ladies are so very appreciative of everything that Catholic Daughter's do for them. They love the parties we have during the weekends of the Board meetings. They love to sing, and dance if they can, and we love to sing and dance along with them.

The **Madonna Manor Fundraiser** will take place on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** and will once again be held at the Madonna del Sasso Parish Hall. It is a beautiful facility and because the date is so close to CDA DAY we will be celebrating Catholic Daughters of the Americas, so save the date and join us for some really fun activities. We will be offering tours of the Manor and the beautiful Madonna Manor bus will be available to take you back & forth.

I'd like to introduce you to **Patricia (Pat) Fegan**, Regent of **Court St. John Baptist de LaSalle** in the Oakland Diocese. Pat was born in Providence, RI, as a member of a great Irish Catholic family. She is the youngest daughter of eight siblings.

After high school, she met and dated her future husband for two years before they married. They were married 47 years. They have two sons and two daughters and moved to California because of his job transfer. They were both very active in their children's lives as well their parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Both volunteered in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and consequently, she became a Catholic Daughter. Three of their adult children are married and the other daughter is single.

Pat volunteers at Kaiser one day a week, volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul, serves lunch for seniors and takes a 91 year old shopping once a week plus all of her Catholic Daughter activities. She serves her parish as a Eucharistic minister and Sacristan and is responsible for the Monday night Holy Hour originally started by her husband.

As for Catholic Daughters, Pat thinks the ladies in her Court #1934 are a “great group” of ladies. She is their Regent for the second time and truly enjoys being with them and working with them.

Thanks Pat for giving so much of yourself to Catholic Daughters and for all your volunteering.

#### HOW DID GOD MAKE MOTHERS?

(from elementary school age children)

- He used dirt, just like the rest of us.
- Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.

#### WHAT INGREDIENTS ARE MOTHERS MADE OF?

- God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.



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### SPOTLIGHT

## San Bernardino Diocese

by Melody Ciaravino  
State Secretary

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If you attend Holy Innocents Church in Victorville, California you are likely to know **June Brown**. She is one of those ladies who are active in many projects. Currently, she is the Regent of **Court Holy Innocents** but her mission seems to be to put CDA on the map in California.

June is the mother of two lovely young women, who are both Catholic Daughters. She holds down a full time job as a supervisor for six distribution centers and she works part time as a bookkeeper. This appears to be a full plate for anyone, but not June. She never uses her busy schedule as an excuse to say no. June has been an active Catholic Daughter for 13 years and has been a Financial Secretary as well Regent of her Court.

June has been instrumental in several large events in her Victorville community. They collect massive amounts of used greeting cards for St. Jude’s Ranch for Children, in Nevada and she transports them by the truckload. Each year Court Holy Innocents participates in Make a Difference Day by doing a clothing drive that benefits a local organization. This event is not just parish wide, it is community wide. Their efforts have led to Catholic Daughters being recognized on the Diocese of San Bernardino webpage.

Most recently, they held an electronic waste recycling event that raised funds for their Court charities. When a snowstorm held up the truck that would pick up the donations, June just opened her garage and stored them all till the truck could get thru. This event led to June being featured in the Victor Valley Daily Press article, “A Passion for Volunteering”. When asked about her new found fame she said, “It’s not about me; it’s about getting the word out about CDA”.

With wonderful members like June Brown, it won’t be very long before CDA will no longer be the best kept secret in the Catholic Church.



Ct. Santa Barbara #293 – held annual Tea in February – gave First Communion classes a one decade rosary – helped with the Holy Thursday Dinner in their parish

Ct. Whittier #519 – hosted dinner at St. Mathias Church’s cold weather shelter for the homeless – sponsored a fund raiser at IHOP for the benefit of St. Mary’s Youth Group to attend Religious Education Congress’ Youth Day – one member led rosary at Convalescent Home – held an Enchilada Luncheon for fund raiser

Ct. Compton #942 – celebrated 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Mass – had their Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday – wears purple and a CDA sash to Mass before their meetings – held a Fund Raiser trip to Stateline, Nevada

Ct. St. Theresa #1158 – held a Epiphany Potluck Party – held a joint breakfast with the Knights of Columbus for a fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of Victory #1344 – held a Lenten Retreat, “Women of the Bible” and invited members from parish along with other CDA courts - lead the Stations of the Cross for one Friday

Ct. St. Catherine #1378 – holds monthly potluck luncheons followed by Bunco – held a Lenten Food Drive for Nativity Parish

Ct. Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1402 – attended Mass, held their meeting and a luncheon followed by a speaker at the Sisters of the Holy Cross Convent.

Ct. St. Joseph #1410 had a speaker at their social and the topic was “Leap of Faith” – held a social/fund raiser “Cash for Gold” – held a Dine-Out at Eduardo’s Mexican restaurant for a fund raiser

Ct. San Ysidro #1507 – held a baby shower for the Pregnancy Counseling Center and also presented a check for cash received.



*Left to right – Dorothy Brunke, Past Regent; Diana Dottore, Regent; and Nancy Corbett, Director Of Center*

Ct. Guardian Angel #1520 – member who is blind made 50 caps for the seafarers (what an amazing lady!) – donated ditty bags to the seafarers

Ct. St. Bernardine #1557 – helps at the Knights of Columbus Bingo every week

Ct. St. Francis of Assisi #1652 – Hosted a Lenten soup meal and lead the Stations of the Cross on one Friday- held a luncheon and Chinese Auction for a fund raiser

Ct. Marian #1669 – sells See’s candy for a fund raiser – participated in Parish Ministry Fair – joined Knights of Columbus for a fish fry for 4 Fridays during Lent for a fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1707 – held their 11<sup>th</sup> annual High Tea along with a Silent Auction for a fund raiser – distributed Valentine cards to residents of Novato convalescent homes – held a Scholarship Luncheon as a fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of the Redwoods #1742- held their annual Day of Recollection – collected items for Project Handclasp

Ct. St. Raymond #2057 – hosting a May Crowning - held a Bake sale for a fund raiser – served at the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick’s Dinner – lead the Stations of the Cross one Friday and prepared soup for that evening

Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2312 – Held a cookie tin sale for a fund raiser – serves a monthly breakfast at the 8:30 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month – held a Valentine Bake Sale for a fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2312 - Serves breakfast on the third Sunday of each month as a fund raiser - held a Spring Fling Sale for a fund raiser

Ct. Queen of the Americas #2418 – delivered 59-1/2 lbs. of pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House – collects food for the Soup Kitchen – cooked and helped for the Homeless Shelter Dinner

Ct. Holy Innocents #2446 – hosted a “Get Together Social” with the Knights of Columbus – sold See’s candy as a fund raiser – had a guest speaker at meeting who spoke about the

need for memorial service preparation – had a guest speaker at meeting who spoke about healthcare for pregnant women – held a E-Waste recycling event – held a Bakeless Bake Sale – member, June Brown, was honored for her many charitable works – attended retreat at Desert Retreat Center – had guest speaker at meeting from the American Red Cross – had a speaker at meeting from Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Ct. Our Lady of LaSalette #2499 – collects items for a program called Nest

Courts throughout the state continue to save pull tabs and pennies for Ronald House, support Adopt-a-Child, support seminarians, holding membership drives, having joint Receptions of New Members and were very supportive of praying the rosary together every month.

Courts in the San Fernando Pastoral Region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese recently held a Drawing which was their first function for the benefit of their local Bishop. The profit was approximately \$3,000. (*Congratulations ladies!*)



*Left to right –(back row) Msgr. Amy, Pastor of St. Didacus in Sylmar; Heather Marcum Ct.#2599; Gloria Maria Mayol Ct. #1507 (Past State Regent);and Diana Dottore Ct #1507 (Regent) (front row) Left to right – Mary Lou Charlton, Ct. #2346; and Valerie O’Reilly Ct. #2418 (Regent)*



*Left to right – Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, San Fernando Pastoral Region Auxiliary Bishop; Gloria Maria Mayol, presenting check to the Bishop; Genet Jones and Valerie O’Reilly*



## Monthly Rosary



*Diocese of San Bernardino held a monthly rosary in Victorville, hosted by Ct. Holy Innocents #2446*

## National Maritime Day

May 22, 2011



May 22 is National Maritime Day in the United States each year. This day reflects the gratitude that Americans have for the maritime industry and the benefits it brings to the country. It also recognizes ships and seafarers who have held a special place in the nation's history. Some symbols that have been used to depict National Maritime Day include: an image or drawing of an anchor, strapped with a rope around the middle, to symbolize the maritime life.



*San Pedro Pastoral Region of L.A. Archdiocese held a monthly rosary in Torrance, hosted by Ct. St. Catherine #1378*

Have a Happy  
And  
Safe Summer

