



# GOLDEN STATE TIDINGS

2007 – 2009

“Here I am Lord; I’ve come to do your will”



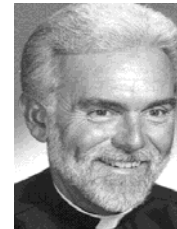
## Mission Statement

*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'S  
MESSAGE**  
*The Most Rt. Reverend  
Alexei Smith*



Praying “Thy Kingdom Come...”  
By Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

The following quotations appeared in a recent issue of *Christianity Today*, and are well worth our contemplation during Lent (or at any other time of the year!):

"Thy will be done" - but in fact we are thinking: "Our will be done," and thus this third petition of the Lord's prayer is first of all a kind of judgment on us, a judgment of our faith,

-Father Alexander Schmemmann, in *Our Father*

Lord, may your grace help me to want what you want, to prefer what you prefer.

- Dom Helder Camara, in *Through the Gospel with Dom Helder Camara*

When you pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven, envision conflict being resolved, marriages and families healed, truth told and people faithful to one another, initiatives that break through the vicious cycles of retaliation, and love that creates new community among people through forgiveness, reconciliation, and peacemaking.

-Glen Stassen, in *Living the Sermon on the Mount*

God grant that the kingdom of Jesus Christ may grow in his Church on earth, God hasten the end of the kingdoms of this world, and establish, his own kingdom in power and glory!

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *The Cost of Discipleship*



As Christians, we are not opposed to boundaries. The gap between the world and the kingdom of God ought to be made clear... While we are not opposed to boundaries, God's kingdom enables us to be opposed to the way the world sets up boundaries - on the basis of gender, class, race, economics, or accent.

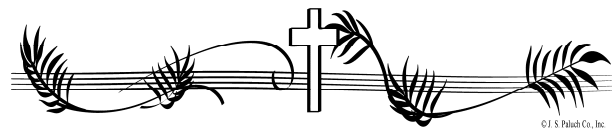
- William Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas, in *Lord Teach us*

The second main petition in the Lord's Prayer -- "Thy Kingdom Come" - rates out any idea that the Kingdom of God is a purely heavenly (that is, "otherworldly") reality ,... Think of the vision at the end of Revelation. It isn't about humans being snatched up from earth to heaven. The holy city, New Jerusalem, comes down from heaven to earth. God's space and ours are finally married, integrated at last.

- N. T. Wright, in *The Lord and His Prayer*

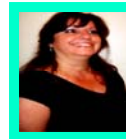
The question Christ poses to the world is whether it is invested in God's reign. The question he poses to his disciples is whether they have the patience to keep posing it.

-Telford Work, In *Ain't Too Proud to Beg*



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MESSAGE FROM OUR  
STATE REGENT  
EMILY GUILHERME



My Dear Catholic Daughters,

By the time you receive this edition of the Golden State Tidings

We will have already begun our Season of Lent, a time for rebirth and renewal. A time to embrace our cross, in joy and fulfillment, suffering unites with Jesus. My hope for all of us is that we experience his grace and mercy this Lent may we turn to him in prayer every day and give thanks even for our stumbling blocks as they helps to grow stronger in Christ's love for us.

St. Paul himself considered his devotion and attention to the cross to be the most important part of his faith "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to and I to the world" (**Galatians 6:14**)

Lent calls us to conversion. We prepare for Easter by turning away from sin and to do penance, to help us to draw closer to Christ.

As we celebrate Easter Sunday may we feel the love Jesus has for us as he looks inside our hearts and sees the love and also our weakness. May those we encounter this Lenten Season see the love and compassion in our eyes for those that are struggling among us.

May God Bless each of you and your families this Easter

The State Officers, Chairmen and I are working hard on our State Convention we look forward to meeting and greeting you in May.



MESSAGE FROM OUR  
NATIONAL SUPERVISOR

JOANNE TOMASSI  
FIRST VICE NATIONAL RE-  
GENT



Dear Catholic Daughters of the State of California

It is hard to believe that the State Convention is upon us already. It seems like only a few months ago you had the changing of the guard for the State of California. Again, five women who will assume the role of leadership of the Catholic Daughters of the State of California. They will be the new pioneers, willing to venture out into uncharted territories in their lives, both good and bad, with new ideas. Somewhat like the pioneers who ventured west under very difficult circumstances, seeking their fortune in gold, these women will also have trying times as well as great fortunes of the spiritual variety. They will dedicate many hours to the Catholic Daughters and will receive plenty of rewards but there will also be trials and tribulations requiring many prayers to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance. As members of the Catholic Daughters of California each of you should take a few minutes to send a note of gratitude to these women as well as the ones who served before them. Let them know how much you appreciate their willingness to serve.

I hope many of you will be at the State Convention. There is nothing like the experience of attending a State Convention and meeting women from so many different courts. One of the beauties of our organization is that every court has its own personality, its own flavor so to speak. Visiting with members from different courts will give you a more complete picture of who the Catholic Daughters are. Although we all operate under the same set of rules, the same bylaws, each court is a little different and each court chooses the areas of the Circle of Love program it is going to pursue. Come join us at convention and learn more about our great organization.

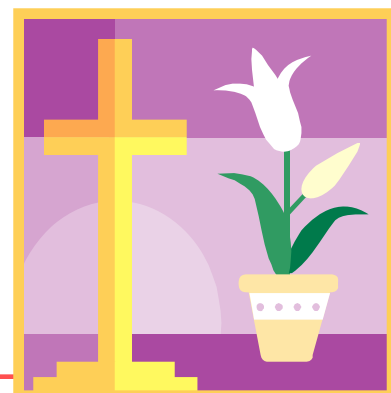
This year our membership drive is centered on an angel theme. Have you been an angel to members of your church community and invited them to join your court? There is nothing like a personal invitation to let a woman know she is really wanted and welcomed. Keep your courts strong by building your membership. Often with new members comes new ideas and new growth. Without new members a court will just grow old and die. Nobody wants to see that happen to their court so recruit, recruit, recruit.

On a personal note, I had the privilege to again attend the March for Life in Washington DC and join with the over 100,000 people who came to display their belief that life is sacred and must be protected in all stages of its existence. Thank you to the courts that pledged money towards my walk and thank you to those who joined us in prayer that day. It has been many years since the legalization of abortion and the current administration is going to set us back a great distance in our fight for the right to life. But we must stand strong in our faith and continue to let our government know how we feel. I look forward to the day when the right to life is protected for all living beings but until that time I hope I am able to continue to "March for Life."

Again this year I will have the privilege of joining you at your State Convention in May. Until then I wish you a prayerful Lenten season and a Happy Easter.

Love and Peace,

Joanne Tomassi  
National Regent Elect



Messages From  
Our  
State Officers



SUSAN KILLIAN  
FIRST VICE  
STATE REGEN



One of my responsibilities as First Vice State Regent is to sit on the Madonna Manor Board of Directors. In January the board met for our quarterly meeting. The directors meet in the Manor Board Room, they eat their meals in the same dining room as some of the residents, and the out-of-town directors also sleep at the Manor. Spending the weekend at the Manor allows the directors the opportunity to interact with the residents, eat the same food as they do, watch as Manor employees care for our residents, and to attend mass with the residents as well.

The weekend of the January board meeting the directors attended an employee appreciation dinner where two employees were recognized for their outstanding service at the Manor this past year. It was nice to see the staff enjoying themselves and taking pictures together as though they are part of a big family.

Also during the weekend, the directors threw a Valentine's Party for the residents. Forty-two residents attended the party. The ladies had a good time eating cookies, drinking punch, and a socializing. It was a joyful experience watching the ladies as each one was presented with a gift that was donated by one of the board members.

As I flew out of the San Jose airport on Sunday, I was reflecting on the weekend. There were a few times tears filled my eyes as I thought about the care, the concern, and the love shown to our residents. Catholic Daughters of California, I say thank you for all your contributions to our Manor. Because of you, the ladies have a comfortable, beautiful home to live in. Our Blessed Mother truly watches over THE MADONNA MANOR.

Susan

DOROTHY PARRILLO  
SECOND VICE  
STATE REGENT



The month of February is the one month that we think more about Love than any other. Poets and song writers tell us their versions. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians says it beautifully.

Love is always patient and kind. Love is never jealous; Love is not boastful or conceited, It is never rude and never seeks its own advantage It does not take offense or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrong doing, But finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, To trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love never comes to and end.

Can you just think about how great our life would be if we all had this kind of love for each other? We would all become patient, caring, considerate, and thoughtful. We would stop being unkind, jealous, conceited, mean spirited and down right rude.

Valentius was an early Christian who lived in the third Century A.D. In those days. To be a Christian was punishable by death. Valentius was dedicated to Christ and the threat of death did not deter him or stop the love he had for Jesus. While in prison, waiting to be put to death, the jailer asked Valentius if he would teach his blind daughter. Valentius agreed and would describe in complete detail the beauty of God's creations. He also taught her how to pray. Julia, the daughter became a firm believer and together they prayed for God to heal her blindness. A bright light shown into the jail and she was healed. On the eve of his death, Valentius wrote a note to Julia telling her to always stay close to God. He signed it "From your Valentine." So, on each February 14, the day of his death, we send messages of love and affection to those we love. Valentius expressed his love for Jesus by dying for Him.

With the Lenten Season fast approaching do we stop to think of God's Love for each one of us? He sent His only Son to suffer and die for our sins. How do we repay God for this wonderful gift of His Love? Do we stop to thank Him for our many Blessings? Do we attend daily Mass, perform acts of Charity and love our neighbor as we love ourselves? Do we forgive those who offend or do we hold grudges? This is the time for us to take a long look at ourselves and change some of our patterns. Let us start to love as St. Paul writes about in his first letter to the Corinthians.

Our acts of charity must be motivated by our love of God and by our love of our neighbor. If some Courts do not have the financial means to support a Charity, your members can volunteer to help out at a local shelter or become an aid or mentor at a nearby school.

This would help these places by saving them from paying someone an hourly wage. These are tough times for everyone and this is one way of helping out in our communities and perhaps gaining recognition as Catholic Daughters.

As we enter the Lenten Season, let us all pray and ask for God's mercy and for His grace. We could all practice acts of virtue; pray for the good of our Order, and participate in the sacramental life of the church. I also ask that we show our love for those women running for State Office in May, 2009. Please come join us at the State Convention, May 21-24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Marriot Ontario Airport Hotel and elect the women you want to run your State Court.

I wish to take this time to thank those of you who are praying for my daughter, Betsy. To me, my Dear Sisters in Christ, you are all a Gift of God's Love. I have learned from you that charity and love go hand in hand.

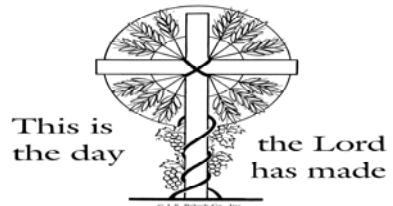
May God Continue to bless each and every one of you with His Love

Dottie Parrillo  
2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Regent



MARY  
SILVA

STATE  
SECRE-



Catholic Daughters,

The convention is just around the corner. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. The experience of attending the State Convention is so rewarding and fulfilling. Meeting all the different Courts and their members helps you to really see what we are about and all the great work you ladies do. I really look forward to meeting new Catholic Daughters and seeing all of those familiar faces I know. The Lenten season is upon us and I would like to wish you and your families a blessed and holy Easter.

#### An Easter Prayer

Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

In this Easter season, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:

He is not here in the tomb, He is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia!



DAPHNE  
BER-  
NESTINE  
STATE



Happy New Years

This is a New Year with new ideas for your Courts to come together in Unity and Faith. We all are looking forward in this year to bring togetherness in our Courts. Bringing in new members and keeping current members active will help our Courts to grow in Strength and Love for each other.

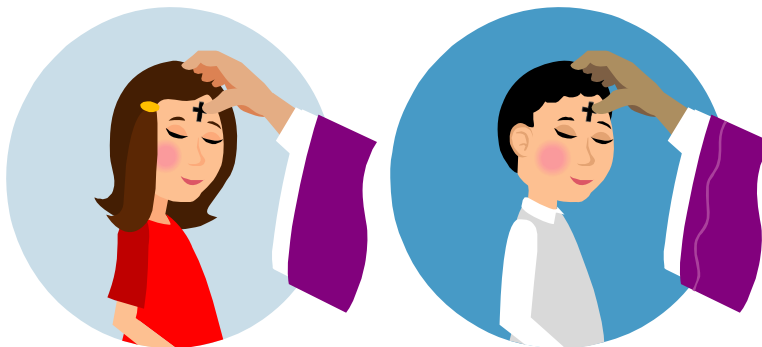
The 2009 State Convention is coming soon, Ladies it is very important that all dues are current in your Court, and State dues are paid on time. This is the time of the year that the Semi Annual Financial Review is due. It is very important that your Court send in reviews along with the payments on time to be eligible to attend the 2009 State Convention. We all are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the Convention.

Ladies, we all have our duties to do in helping our Courts to grow. We all should be working together for the good of our organization, Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We all should lead a helping hand to each other to better our Courts. There is no time to make anyone feel that their idea or help is not wanted. We all are coming together to do the Lord's will. So Ladies, let's treat each other with Love and respect.

Lord our God; you have given all people one common origin,  
and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself.  
Fill our hearts with the fire of your love and the desire  
to ensure justice for all our brothers and sisters.  
By sharing the good things you have given us.  
May we secure justice and equality of every human being,  
end to all division, and a human society will be built on love and peace.

The peace of the Lord is with you all.

Daphne





## SPOTLIGHT



OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS COURT 1661  
CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA  
ROSE RADISH

ROSE RADISH IS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CAHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS SINCE MAY OF 1966. SHE HAS HELD AN OFFICE OF COURT 1661 FROM RECORDING SECRETARY, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, VICE REGENT AND FIVE TIMES AS REGENT.

SINCE CLOVIS RODEO PARADE AND FRESNO VETERANS PARADE STARTED, ROSE HAS AND STILL CHAIRED AND COORDINATES BOTH CLOVIS AND FRESNO CITY CALIFORNIA'S PARADE COORDINATOR FOR OUR COURT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE YEARLY. ROSE RADISH RECEIVED PLAQUE FOR HER YEARLY PARTICIPATION FOR REPRESENTING AND EXPOSING OUR COURT TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN ORGANIZING A VERY WILL PRESENTED CLOVIS, OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS COURT 1661 IN THE CITY OF CLOVIS AND FRESNO VALLEY PARADE.

ROSE RADISH HAS ATTENDED BISHOPS BURSE YEARLY AND OTHER FUNCTIONS IN OTHER SISTER COURTS AND ALWAYS ATTENDS OUR MEETING IF SHE IS NOT UNDER THE WEATHER, GIVES FLOWERS TO NEWLY RECIEVES MEMBERS AND PRESENTLY, ROSE RADISH IS CO-CHAIR WITH SUNSHINE COMMITTEE AND MADE SURE THAT ANY MEMBERS RECEIVES BIRTHDDAY CARDS, FLOWERS, IF A MEMBERS IS HOSPITALIZED, VISITS SICK MEMBERS AND MANY MORE.

WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE ROSE RADISH IN OUR COURT AND WELL DESERVED TO BE CALLED "MOTHER OF THE COURT" AT THE AGE OF 95 YEARS YOUNG.

BESIDES BEING A BUSY CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, ROSE RADISH WAS A PRESIDENT OF 4 – H CLUB, ANOTHER YEARS OF HOLDING PRESIDENT POSITION OF THE MOTHERS CLUB, OTHER YEARS OF BEING A PRESIDENT OF (ICF) ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF SACRED HEART CHURCH IN FRESNO CALIFORNIA AND CURRENTLY A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE SONS OF ITALY FOR OVER 50 YEARS. THIS IS WHY I RECOMMEND ROSE RADISH TO SPOTLIGHT IN GOLDING TIDINGS FOR MANY OF SERVICE IN THE COURT AND IN COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU ROSE FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE!

ANGEL LEUSCHEN



Catholic Daughters presented Fr. Russell Brown with a check for \$2,138. from their enchilada sale. Proceeds will go to refurbish The Adoration Room at the Old Mission, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Submitted By:  
Rose Amaral, San Luis Obispo

**Ct. Santa Barbara #293**



Purchased 2  
Sewing Machines  
For Operation  
Handclasp!!!

**SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT HAS TO BE MOTIVATED NOT JUST IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE AS A CATHOLIC DAUGHTER BUT IN OUR COURTS TOO. SO HERE IS "COURT SPIRITUALITY 101"**

- C** CHARITY BEGINS WITH IN AND THEN SHARED
- O** OPEN ARMS POLICY FOR YOUR COURTS MEMBERS
- U** UNITY IN RAISING OUR NUMBERS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR COURT. ALL MEMBERS HAVE TO BE INVOLVED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. JESUS DIDN'T DO IT ALONE HE WENT OUT AND FOUND HIMSELF 12 MORE AND THEY FOUND 12 AND THEY FOUND 12. LORD LET US GROW LIKE THE 12 BEFORE US.
- R** ROPE IN MEMBERS BY SHOWING UNITY OF SERVERS FROM YOUR COURTS ACTIONS.
- T** TREAT EACH MEETING AS IF IT WAS YOUR FIRST ONE AND YOU WANT TO LEARN AND VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DON'T BE SHY. SHOW OFF YOUR GOD GIVEN TALENTS.
- S** SPEND TIME WITH YOUR MEMBERS TO LET THEM AIR THEIR VIEWS FOR GROWTH OR CHARITY FUNDRAISING—NEW IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.
- P** PRAY ALWAYS FOR GROWTH IN YOUR COURTS. WITHOUT MANY HANDS LITTLE WORK GETS DONE
- I** INDIVIDUAL RENEW WHEN DOING GOD'S WORKS FOR OTHERS
- R** REMEMBER IT IS NOT ABOUT OUR COURTS IT IS ABOUT BEING GOOD STEWARDS FOR CHRIST.
- I** INTERACT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO HELP OUT. ASSIGN 2-3 CDA PERSON TEAM TO WORK ON THIS TOGETHER. INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERS
- T** TURN ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL LIGHT TO SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOW MAN AND WOMEN. BE THAT BEACON THAT IS A PORT FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT.
- U** UNIFY WITHIN YOUR COURTS TO BE A FORCE OF VISUAL COMPASSION FOR THOSE AROUND US NEEDING HELP. SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST. GET THAT ARMOR ON LADIES-WE ARE WOMEN HEAR US ROAR
- A** ALWAYS RESPECT THE COURT OFFICERS OF YOUR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL COURTS. PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRITS GUIDANCE IN ALL ENDEAVORS.
- L** LOVE AND RESPECT ONE ANOTHER
- I** INVITE LADIES TO COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND BE A SPONSOR OF THEM FOR AT LEAST 2 MONTHS SO THEY GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE 3-P'S-"PEOPLE, POLICIES AND PRAYER"
- T** TEACH US O LORD AS CDA MEMBERS OF A COURT THAT BY SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENTS WE ARE DOING YOUR WILL. TEACH EACH MEMBER THAT THEY WERE LEAD TO CDA BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO THE WORLD.
- Y** YES THEY WILL KNOW THAT WE ARE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BY OUR ACTIONS
- SPIRITUALITY MUST GROW IN OUR COURTS FOR US TO CONTINUE OUR CATHOLIC DAUGHTER MISSION. ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MUST LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES AND LET THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SHINE FOR ALL TO SEE. WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD THROUGH UNITY AND CHARITY FOR ALL. LADIES, LET THAT SPIRITUAL LIGHT SHINE IN YOUR COURTS IN 2009



**MELODY CIARAVINO**

**STATE CHAIRMAN  
MEMBERSHIP/**



I don't know about you, but this seems to be the busiest time of the year for me. Now that winter is drawing to a close and the weather is getting better there are so many things to do. It seems like there are a never ending list of events to participate in everywhere! There are PTA fundraisers, Graduation parties to plan, St. Joseph's tables to prepare for, and various CDA events, not to mention spring cleaning that we are responsible for!

But, as we've been saying all along, **MEMBERSHIP** is everyone's job and we should do it **all the time**. So, take this opportunity to include Membership in all of those events you have on your overcrowded calendar.

Keep membership brochures in your purse or briefcase and give them to ladies that might be interested at non CDA events.

Wear CDA logo wear to Parish events. It might spark interest in some of your coworkers.

Have a membership information table at *EVERY* CDA event along with a cheerful member to answer questions.

After you clean out those closets have a Rummage sale and set aside an area to display CDA memorabilia, photos and membership information. You might reach a whole new group of ladies who will find just what they've been searching for in CDA.

**And finally, a bit of wisdom from our National Newsletter;**

**MEMORARE FOR MEMBERSHIP Evelyn Saxton, National Chairman Spiritual Enhancement**  
**Believing that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness, we may obtain assistance in those things for which we ask, let us pray faithfully for the increase in membership of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas that we need to keep our organization vitally alive and growing. For this intention we pray:**

**Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my mother.  
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,  
but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.**

I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention in May. I hope that you will come ready to soak up new ideas while making friends with CDA members from all over the State of California.

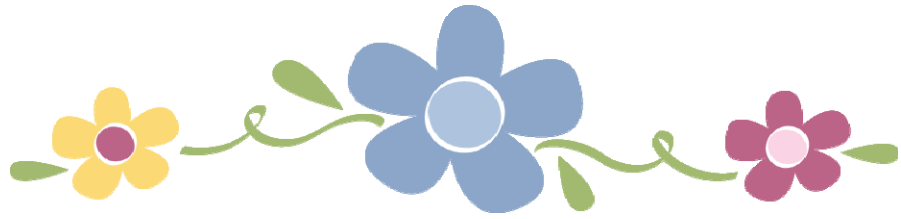
Until then, wishing you all a Blessed Lent and Easter Season;

Melody Ciaravino  
State Chairman for Membership/Extension



Lil Draxler

State Chairman  
Leadership



I have just finished reading a book "A Journal for Jordon" written by Dana Canedy. What a powerful book of a family whose father made a career in the military and was serving in Iraq. He wasn't home for his son's birth, but came home on leave when his son was a few months old for two weeks. After returning to active duty, one afternoon in October she received the dreadful call. God had called him home. His son was only five months old at the time.

What powerful leadership we have in our men and women serving our country and protecting all of us and risking their lives on a daily basis. What are we doing to help and support our military men and women? How can we help our military and their families under the Circle of Love program?

Spiritual Enhancement: Say the rosary or stop during the day and say a few prayers for their safe return and for the war will end soon. Have a mass said for all of the men, women and their families that are serving our country.

Education: If you have a military base near you, go to their school and offer to volunteer in their classroom, tutor a child that may need extra help in a subject, donate books to the library.

Youth: Visit the single parent with children, see if you can help with supplies needed for school or clothing. You may even be able to take them to a movie, the park, baby sit for the parents, anything that may help the family.

Quality of Life: Visit a Veteran's Hospitals. You can take snacks, reading materials, toiletry items, or just sit and read or pray with them. If you are an EM you can offer to bring them communion. If a fallen soldier in your area is called to home by God, take the family a meal, attend the services, have masses said for soldier and the family.

Legislation: Write you're Congressman and Senators impressing to them the fact that we need to bring our men and women that are serving in other parts of the world, home safely to their families as soon as possible. Also let them know that we need to bring Peace to the World! Display the American flag proudly.

Membership: Invite women to a meeting for a social outing. Have a babysitter available at the meeting if they have small children.

Leadership: We have covered Leadership in every phase of the Circle of Love program above. Another way you can help is to send care packages to a unit serving our Country, get together a group of either women, children, youth group, etc to make cards for the soldiers for any of the Holidays (Valentines, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veteran's Day etc.), send letters in the same format as above, have a Patriotic mass honoring our military. Show your support to returning troops of deployment by attending any ceremonies.

God Bless America and our Troops!!!



ANGELA PARISI

STATE CHAIRMAN  
EDUCATION



Hi Ladies, It's that time of year again, time for the National Education Contest, and the State Scholarship Contest. The entries for the 2009 National Education contest are due to me no later than March 15, 2009. The entries for the State Scholarship Contest are due to me no later than April 15, 2009. No exceptions will be made on entries received after these dates so please get your entries to me by the deadline. Many entries last year were disqualified for not following the directions, please make sure the contestants read the directions very carefully and to follow them completely. Make sure to double check that they have followed the directions. We had so many wonderful entries last year and I am looking forward to seeing all of the spirituality and creativity of this year's entries. If you have any questions concerning these contests please feel free to contact me either by phone (909) 261-0129, or by e-mail [No1BstDncr1@aol.com](mailto:No1BstDncr1@aol.com). Thank you, God Bless, and I can't wait to see all of the great entries!

Angela Parisi

DORIS LA RUSSO  
STATE CHAIRMAN  
LEGISLATION

**F.O.C.A.**



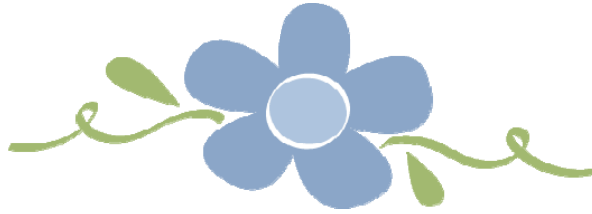
The "Freedom of Choice Act": Most Radical Abortion Legislation in U.S. History. So says the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. On January 17 & 18, 2009 (some Parishes are participating on January 24 & 25), every Parish in the United States is urged to call their U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressman/woman asking them not to support FOCA as it is referred to. We, as a "People of Life and a People for Life", have a moral obligation to see that our families, councils, and friends are aware of this Act and that proper action is taken ultimately lead to the defeat of this pro-death legislation.

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) will be signed into law if Congress passes it on January 22-22, 2009. The (FOCA) is the next sick chapter in the book of abortion. If signed into law, all limitations on abortion will be lifted in the following:

1. All hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, will be required to perform abortions upon request. If this happens, Bishops vow to close down all Catholic hospitals—more than 30% of all hospitals in the U.S.
2. Partial birth abortions will be legal and have no limitations.
3. All U.S. taxpayers will be funding abortions.
4. Parental notification of abortions on minors will no longer be required (regardless of age).
5. The estimated number of increase in abortions is 100,000 annually.

Just as important the government will now have control in the issue of abortion. This could result in a future amendment that would force women by law to have abortions in certain situations (rape, Down Syndrome babies, etc.) and could even regulate how many children women are allowed to have.

Needless to say this information is disturbing, but sadly true. As Catholics, as Christians, as anyone who is against the needless killing of innocent children, we must stand as one. We must stop this horrific act before it becomes a law.



LaVerne Gomes  
State Chairman  
Quality of Life

Those who believe in Pro-Life issues have fought a long battle against the killing of unborn babies. But we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Our new President Barack Obama, has a big job ahead of him with the problems in our country today. While he favors reducing abortions, within days of becoming President, he signed an Executive Order reversing the Mexico City Policy. This policy prevented U.S. funding of organizations that perform and promote abortion as a family planning method in developing nations. U.S. funds can now be diverted to groups that promote abortion.

If the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) or some legislation dealing with conscience protection is ever passed, it is possible that our Catholic hospitals may, in the future, be required to perform these abortions or close their doors, even though we, as Catholics, oppose these issues on moral and ethical grounds.

We, as Catholic Daughters, need to pray. We can pray the rosary, as Our Blessed Mother asks and say Novenas. We also need to keep our voices heard by calling and writing our Congressmen and Legislators, even our President. We cannot give up. Our "Quality of Life" and the "Quality of Life" of unborn babies diminishes with every minute we do not act and every opportunity we let go by.

The "Walk For Life in San Francisco was attended by young and old alike. But, we cannot stop there. In America being "Christian" and/or being Religious" should not mean we have no rights.

May God be with all of you,  
LaVerne Gomes

### News from Madonna Manor



Greetings from Madonna Manor! What a great Staff dinner we enjoyed on January 23<sup>rd</sup>...special people, special food, special camaraderie, and special night!! The next night the Board hosted a residents' Valentine party. The ladies had a great time playing games and enjoying cookies and punch and prizes! It was beautiful to see so many women all dressed up and really participating, laughing and having fun. The Manor was decorated with red hearts, etc. very festive and beautiful!

We had a good board meeting and the directors left feeling that everything was in order and that Madonna Manor was a happy and safe abode for the ladies. Kudos to the administration and the staff!

**Madonna  
Manor**

*Agnes  
Leonardich  
President*



# STATE NEWS

**State Convention-Marriott  
Ontario, CA  
May 21-24, 2009**

**Please save the date and make plans to attend the California State Convention in Ontario.**

**We hope all courts plan to attend, we look Forward to welcoming you to this great time and to meet and greet all of you.**

**Check your  
Call to Convention for all the details**

## Circle of Love Program

March 1, 2008-  
February 28, 2009

Must be mailed to the State Chairman by March 15, 2009.

I encourage all courts to please make the time to fill out the forms. Courts are not required or expected to participate in all categories. The State Chairmen look forward to receiving your Courts forms. Innovative and new ideas are always encouraged.

## State Scholarship 2009

Applicants may be male or female, related to a Catholic Daughter and sponsored by a Ca. Local Court.

Applications are to be mailed to Angela Killian, State Chairman of Education.

All applications must be received no later than April 15, 2009.

Scholarship will be awarded at the State Convention in May, 2009

## 2009 Education Contest

**Themes:** "God's Gifts in my Life"

"The Gifts I Give to Others"

**Categories:** Art, Essay, Poetry, Poster, Computer Art, Music, Photography

**Deadline:** March 15, 2009

**Mail Apps To:**

Angela Killian,  
State Chairman

## CDA State Membership Contest

June 1, 2008-  
April 15, 2009  
Most New Members or Renewals  
Local Court Prize and Individual Member Prize  
Awards to be given at California State Convention 2009



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## CONGRATULATIONS

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Angela Killian  
And  
Nic Parisi  
November 15, 2008



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## California Court Happenings

### EVENTS

#### Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1707

High Tea 3/1

#### Ct. Immaculate Conception #1454

BINGO 2/20

Baby Shower Catholic Charities 2/28

BINGO 3/6

Corporate Communion-St. Joseph 3/22

Palm Sunday Bake Sale 4/5

#### Ct. Father Francisco De Lasuen #1508

New Member Reception 2/28

CDA Diocesan Day of Renewal 3/17

Patriotic Mass 6/28

#### Ct. St. Francis of Assisi #1652

Coffee & Sweet Bread Sunday 2/28 & 3/1

4th Annual Luncheon & Drawing 3/7

#### Ct. St. Joseph #1410

Dr. Phil Show & Price is Right Game 2/10

Harrah's Casino Bus Trip 3/5

#### Ct. Holy Innocents #2446

Baby Shower Catholic Charities 2/28

#### Ct. Santa Barbara #293

K of C & CDA Clergy Appreciation

Dinner 1/29

Elegant Valentine Tea Party 2/13 **Raised Over \$5000. !!!!!!!**

Baby Shower For Villa Majella a local maternity home for unwed mothers 3/18

### EVENTS

#### Ct. Of St. Catherine #1378

Bunco Luncheon 2/19

#### Ct. Sacramento #172

Shirley King Musical Concert 2/8

#### Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1707

High Tea 3/1

#### Ct. Our Lady of Victory #1344

Coffee & Donuts 2/22

Annual Lenten Retreat 3/21

#### Ct. Queen of the Americas #2418

Soup Kitchen 3/19

Membership Drive 3/22

Mothers Day Baskets 4/18 & 19

#### Ct. St. Mary Margaret #1450

New Member Pot Luck 2/12

#### Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2313

Monastery Vina Tour 4/25

#### Ct. St. Angela #1532

St. Patrick's Day Party 3/13



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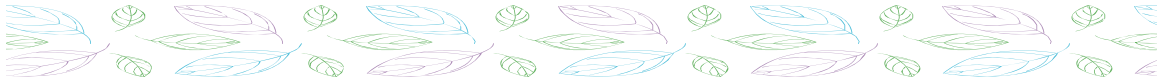
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#### Ct. Holy Innocents #2446

At our January meeting, we took the time to get to know one another a little more. Ice Breaker Questions were printed on slips of paper and each attending member was asked to take one. After the business portion of the meeting, everyone had an opportunity to read their question and answer it. There were a variety of questions; from would you do with a million dollars, to what was your best Christmas memory. One of the questions asked "if you could go back in time, who would you like to meet?" We had a wonderful time getting to know everyone. Some ladies had very informative comments, and some were very short. But all in all, we learned something about each other. We should each take the time to get to know, not only the newest members, but all the members as well.



# California Court Happenings



## Welcome New Members!

### Ct. Compton #942/2 New Members

Maria Paula Flores Mary M. Fido

### Ct. John Paul II #2563/5 New Members

Delia Ybarra Sandra Freeman  
Anne Brown Julie Garcia  
Clare Johnson

### Ct. Teresa of Avila #1580/3 New Members

Cecelia Sao Marcos JoJo Blanchard  
Andrea Joerden

### Ct. St. Malachy #236/1 New Member

Carolyn Holmes

### Ct. Immaculate Conception #1454/3 New Members

Maria Teresa Garcia Amalia Lopez  
Jasmine Sanchez

### Ct. Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1402

#### **2 New Members**

Julia Foster Rica Mary Stiemman

### Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2312/1 New Member

Louise Rafalovich

### Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1707/2 New Members

Bonnie Craig Lisa Steiner

### Ct. Santa Barbara #293/7 New Members

Louise Borgatello Terry Fountain  
Nora Duncan Margaret Naretto  
Olga Altomare Angela Ryan  
Irene Casper

#### **To The Editors of Court Newsletters**

If you would like any Court news included in the Golden State Tidings Newsletter please send them to me by e-mail or U.S. mail and I will be more than happy to include them.

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## Anniversaries

### **Court Our Lady of the Redwoods #1742**

52nd January 18, 2009

### **Court Mt. Carmel #**

75th February 14, 2009

### **Court Father Francisco De Lasuen #1508**

60th April 24, 2009

### **Court St. Francis of Assisi #1652**

55th February 22, 2009

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Court Queen of the Americas #2418

March 22

Theme is "Get to know Us Better"  
Ladies are to invite at least one person to this event, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Grandmothers, Nieces, Granddaughters.

Our State Chairman for Membership/Extension Melody Ciaravino will be attending.

Refreshments will be served.

*Editors Note:* I included this from their newsletter to maybe help other Courts that need to have a Membership Drive. This might be a idea.