



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!

Pentecost is a great time for a thorough spiritual spring cleaning. The season of Easter

is drawing to a close, those received into the Church last Easter vigil are getting used to being Catholics, many of our parishes have been awash in First Communion and the joy and blessings that all those young children bring to our lives, our Confirmandi have received their Sacrament of Confirmation and are setting out to be Catholics in an adult world, and for some, new priests have been ordained, so now just before we turn “all green” again let’s turn to ourselves and allow ourselves the luxury of a spiritual renewal.

I’m sure you all made a good confession before Easter, but if you didn’t why not do so now? And I mean making an appointment with a priest so that you can sit and talk with him for some time rather than just the one or two minutes of a Saturday confession. It’s amazing what can come up when you have some time with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The Irish call it “scraping the griddle”, and in reality what a good image that is. Our souls are God’s powerhouse in this world, and it is on our souls that God leads many people to rest when they are lost, confused, angry or depressed. If our souls are sparkling clean these people will find rest in God indeed.

The Sacraments are powerful agents in God’s work – the ones we celebrate once: Baptism, Confirmation, for some Marriage (and for some Ordination), the ones we celebrate frequently such as Reconciliation and Eucharist, and even Anointing of the Sick. Remember

and cherish your encounters with the Sacraments of the Church.

Then we could take a look at our **prayer life**. What do I pray? How do I pray? When do I pray? Do my prayers always begin with thanking God, even for the challenges in my life? The Eucharist is our greatest prayer, and it is Christ giving thanks to the Father for being allowed to save us by his death on the cross. Imagine that! Thanking God for suffering because we know that that suffering will save others. In fact the martyrs of the early Church, the martyrs of the European reformation, the martyrs of many places as Christianity spread throughout the world, all went to their martyrdoms thanking God for the opportunity to witness to God’s love for all people. They thanked God in and by virtue of the Mass. Do we do the same? During this recession, when many people have lost homes, lost jobs, sometimes even lost family members (moving to find jobs elsewhere, or even leaving the country) there’s a lot of challenges to face, do we thank God for them. As we say, God never leads us where his grace won’t support us.

With our newly named coadjutor archbishop in Los Angeles I think we shall see some returns to tradition. I understand that he personally has a great devotion to the Rosary. Do we? **Do we pray the Rosary daily?** Have we learnt the 5 new Luminous Mysteries yet? And in most parishes there’s at least once a month exposition and **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, some parishes even celebrate Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church, most have Catholic Charismatic prayer groups, small faith communities, and many other opportunities to grow in prayer.

Finally a part of our spiritual renewal should be a **rededication to service of others**. As Catholic Daughters we have many opportunities to do this, to reach out, care for and counsel those in greater need than



ourselves. Our faith – a pure gift from God – impels us to share it by good works towards others. We serve because we believe, and our belief is strengthened by our service.

I hope to meet many of you at the National Convention in July, if you cannot be there know that those of us from California will be carrying you in our prayers at that time. Pray for us!

Blessings, *Fr Steve Porter*



STATE REGENT
Susan Killian

I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone who found the means and took the time to attend the State Conference in Burlingame. “The will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you,” was the theme of the weekend.

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The goals and objectives set by the State Board were met, including the realization of the anticipated number of attendees; the Lenten Retreat lead by Fr. Steve Porter, our State Chaplain; the Living Rosary on Saturday morning; the presentation of the Circle of Love Program by the State Chairmen; and networking that took place among courts. To that extent, we could say that the retreat and conference were a success.

But I think the confirmation came as I observed tears rolling down the cheeks of one of our members as she prayed during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and the cheers that roared though the room on Friday night as we watched the video, “Facing the Giants”; and the many questions asked throughout the Circle of Love presentations. I hope each and everyone who attended walked away with at least one, and hopefully more new ideas.

All of us have been praying the rosary together monthly for the last eight months for the sanctity of life, increase in CDA membership, increase in CDA leadership, and for our priests during this Year of the Priest. (Diane Dinise, State Chairmen of Spiritual Enhancement is already working on the rosary dates for next year.)

Traveling to different diocese and regions has been an awesome experience watching the different local courts as their members uniquely host the rosary when it is their turn. We are a beautiful, diverse, group of leaders.

Hopefully, in praying for an increase in leadership, you have or soon will have all the new officers elected to your local courts. Thank you to those who have stepped forward to take a leadership role in your court. Please believe that, “The will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.”

In addition to having the faith needed to carry out your new adventure, the State Officers will be hosting Officer Training Workshops in seven different locations throughout the state. The workshops are geared toward local court officers, but are open to any members who would like to attend. Please try to attend one of the workshops. (Note: more information regarding the workshops will be sent in a release and will also be available online at www.catholicdaughterscalifornia.org)

I hope to see many of you at the workshops during the summer. In addition, I look forward to visiting with those of you who will be “Shuffling off to Buffalo” for the National Convention in Buffalo, New York.

In Christ’s peace and love, *Susan*

God Bless Those...



Who Serve Our Country!

Armed Forces Day
~Celebrated on Saturday May 15th, 2010~
Always on the 3rd Saturday of the month of May



**Good friends
Are like stars. You don't
always see them, but
you always know they
are there!**



**NATIONAL
REGENT-ELECT**

**NATIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Dear Catholic Daughters of
the State of California,

It gives me great pleasure to again address you by way of this beautiful newsletter. Lately it seems I am on the road whenever the deadline is approaching for my message in the Golden State Tidings. Last night I arrived in Buffalo, NY in preparation for seven full days of meetings. Our first meeting is with the National Convention Committee Chairmen from New York. The next day we meet with representatives of the Adams Mark to review and finalize all of the details of the July 2010 convention. Next there is the local printer. The rest of the week will consist of meetings of the executive committee and the National Board. My associates at work are always very excited for me when I am preparing for another trip. They must think I am seeing the world when in fact I am seeing many airports, hotel rooms and meeting rooms and not much of the sights. Do not get me wrong. I love traveling for Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Not for what I get to see, but for WHO I get to see. It is the people that I meet and with whom I visit that makes my traveling so special.

I tell you all of this because it is indicative of the answer to a very important question, “Why should I go to the National Convention?” In the last issue of the Golden State Tidings I wrote about the wonderful hotel and Niagara Falls. But, it is not because of what you will see, although Buffalo has many wonderful places to visit. Rather, it is WHO you will see; hundreds of Catholic Daughters from all over the United States and its territories. It is a magnificent opportunity to share your CDA sisterhood and learn about the vast diversity of our Order. It is also a chance to learn so much more about Catholic Daughters.

And, I have saved the best for last. You will never experience a more moving liturgy then at a National Convention. **YOUR SPIRITUALITY WILL BE NOURISHED**, starting with the Living Rosary and the Crowning of Mary with all of the traditional Marion hymns from our childhood and continuing with a special Eucharistic Celebration each day. The clergy that participate in each of these celebrations all know and

love our organization and so it is very uplifting and filled with appreciation and joy.

It has been a busy time in your local court. By now you should have had your election of officers and chosen your leaders for the next two years. It takes courage and a belief in God’s graces for a woman to say yes and accept an office in her local court. Often this is the first step of many in her leadership journey. Please show your support and appreciation to your new officers. Do not sit on your hands when your Regent is asking for a volunteer. Enthusiastically get involved and share your talents with your court members and your community.

A change of officers often brings changes in the way things are done. Be open to new ideas and challenges. I am one of the many people who really dislike change. However, I have come to realize that it is through changes that I am challenged to grow in so many ways. Change can be the catalyst that helps you uncover your many talents and blessings which you can then share with your fellow Catholic Daughters, your church and your community.

I pray that you had a blessed Easter Season and that you will continue to grow in your knowledge and involvement in CDA. Please share your blessings with others, especially your blessing of membership in such a great organization. Invite your friends to the next court meeting or ask them to help at your next fund raiser. Often it is a personal invitation, one on one, that gets the best results. No matter how many members you have in your court, there is always room for more members. God bless you for all that you do for CDA.

In Unity and Charity, *Joanne Tomassi*
National Representative - - - National Regent-Elect



**FIRST VICE STATE
REGENT
Dorothy Parrillo**

Congratulations! Best wishes to those of you who accepted the call and the challenge by becoming the officers of your courts. I see you as Women of Courage. Women who are willing to commit to matters



deeply rooted in our faith and our moral convictions. You are women willing to take a stand, give of your time, motivate others, and often sacrifice your lives for the Love of God and your fellowman. What a beautiful talent you have. Each one of you has a different but special task to work together in Unity and Charity and become the backbone of your Courts.

I am optimistic in my beliefs that many of you will have a big role in the future building of your courts. You should be filled with joy, confidence, enthusiasm and much gratitude for our many blessings. Share these characteristics at your meetings.

- Do your best to have a **well planned agenda** and consider having programs and speakers which will bear witness to the teachings of God and our church.
- **Attend workshops, Conferences and Conventions**—both State and National. Encourage your members to attend also.
- **Plan your functions**, with your members, such as Receptions for New Members, Installation of New officers, Memorial Masses for our Deceased members, CDA Day, Prayer gatherings, Bishops Burse Fund Raisers, Membership Drives, Priest Appreciation Day (June 6, 2010), etc., etc.
- **Encourage your members** to become active and to participate in all events.
- **Think of different ways to have a Fund Raiser**, If you have no funds to purchase a gift for your priests, suggest that you all work together on a Pot Luck Breakfast or Dinner for the priests of your parish – or—you could even make this your Fund Raiser and open it up to the parish. Or else start a Sewing Circle (Mission Circle) and make them a CDA Overlay Stole. (Patterns/information available at www.churchlinens/liturgicalvestments) Just think of the fun you could have and the joy passed on to your Priest.

Regents, please allow your fellow officers the right to grow with your faith, trust and love. Help them whenever the need arises. You should work together in peace and harmony, besides working together in Unity and Charity. You all depend upon each other and our members depend upon you to keep our courts running smoothly and free of turmoil.

It is very important to work with your pastor and leaders of your communities. **Become VISIBLE!!!** Make your presence known by asking where and how you can help.

May you all emulate Mary, Our Patroness in Her quiet and gentle manner as She nudges each one of us into doing the work of Her Son. We should always pray to Her and ask Her for direction.

Dollie



**SECOND VICE STATE
REGENT
Daphne Bernestine**

Hello Ladies,

Spring is here and it's time for **Membership Drives**. Ladies, let's get in gear to increase our membership in our Courts. Increasing membership is an item that should always be on our agendas for our meetings.

The #1 Question that should be asked when Courts get together is: **“Have you had a Membership Drive lately?”** The response that I've been hearing : “We are going too have one soon.” or “We are planning for it.” The answer should be, “We are always having a Membership Drive.!!!”

Ladies, we all should be recruiting at every event that we attend as a Catholic Daughter – and – we go to a lot of events. There are young women out there who want to be involved in an organization. So why not ask them to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I hope that many of you have followed the membership reports in the website for California CDA, www.catholicdaughterscalifornia.org, and note what the membership count in California looks like. It is important to our organization that we recruit everyday.

During the past six months, all courts have been involved in our Membership Contest. It started on September 1, 2009 and went through February 15, 2010. During that time, we gained 129 members. This is very good. There are some members who are really getting in gear and making a difference in the membership of their courts. But, there are some Courts that are falling by not



having a membership drive. When reviewing the membership report, you will see that although we gained 129 members we are still losing members. We're not gaining enough members to replace those we lost. Regents, let's have a "Spring Fling" and do a membership drive to see the Angel color go from White to Gold much faster. Ladies, please go online to the California Catholic Daughter website to see how your Court is progressing.

I'm so proud of the Courts that strived so hard to gain new members during our Contest. Remember, it doesn't stop there, it will keep going to next year. Who will be the next winner?

Congratulations

Court. Salinas #686 -- 8 new members
Court. St. Marie Goretti #1553-- 8 new members

Agnes Leonardich, Court Salinas #686
Individual who brought in the most members

Peace to you all!!!! *Daphne*



The **officers workshops are open to all CDA members** who are interested in learning more about the workings of their courts and the responsibilities of the officers. **Officers, especially, should attend the workshop.** Whether you're repeating as an officer and have been to a workshop, it's still important to attend. Over the years I've been to many of these workshops and I can honestly say that I've learned something new at each and every one that I've attended. Additionally, this year at the National Convention, the new Procedures Manual is going to be presented for use in the local and state courts. I'm sure that this new manual will enhance the information that is presented at these workshops.

Please take advantage of this wonderful resource. Officer Training Workshops help instruct everyone on the inner workings of our courts. It will take the mystery, and maybe the fear, out of being an officer. It is especially helpful to know that there are resources available which will help the officers as they carry out their duties. I strongly recommend attendance at the workshop in your area.

I look forward to meeting many of the new officers this summer at the workshops I will be participating in.

Melody



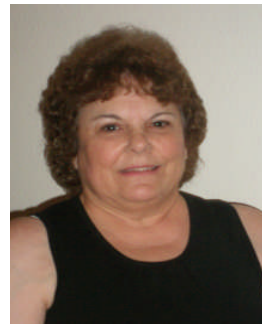
Whatever you are, be a good one. Abraham Lincoln



STATE SECRETARY **Melody Ciaravino**

This month our local courts will be electing new officers, holding installations in June and then, in many courts, things tend to slow down. Some courts go dark during the summer months as their members go on vacations and spend more time with family. But, all is not quiet on the CDA front. Traditionally, new officer workshops are held in the summer months after elections so that the officers can be prepared to handle their new positions when their courts begin the new year in August or September.

STATE TREASURER **Rosemarie Thomson**



Well, April has come and gone, and with it the completion of each Court's Financial Review. Hope all courts have had their Financial Reviews and all copies sent to the appropriate recipients. Remember, the review is one important method of ensuring that accurate records of kept.

Keeping accurate books and records can be quite a challenge. If and/or when a problem arises, it can be quite frustrating, to say the least. Treasurers and Financial Secretaries need to work together and, if necessary, seek resources for help, for example, someone who is capable and patient to assist the officers.



Those of you who have been elected to the office of Treasurer, remember that the State Officers will be providing training workshops throughout the state this summer and fall. It is important that you really try to attend one of the workshops as they are very informative. It's also fun to meet Treasurers from other courts to exchange ideas. The State Officers try to place the workshops throughout the state so no one has to travel too far.

Spring has come and summer is on the way! This summer the State Officers will be attending the National Convention in Buffalo, .NY. I, personally, am looking forward to meeting and exchanging ideas with other State Treasurers.

Until next time *Rosemarie*

May - the Month of Mary



Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

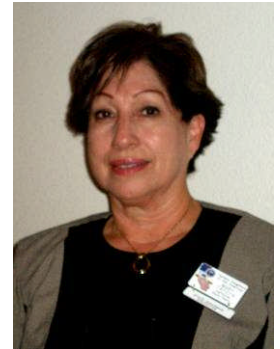


Happy Mother's Day to all !!

MESSAGES FROM OUR STATE CHAIRMEN



Mary Tafoya **State Chairman Education**



I would like to thank all of the courts that participated in the Education Contest. I am amazed at the talent we have in our state, and to see so many participate was really great.

As your Education Chairman, I will try to bring education articles to educate and to inspire. My first article will be on **Santo Nino de Atocha**, Called Miracle Worker.

Towards the end of the Moorish occupation, in the city of Atocha, Spain, many Christian Spaniards suffered imprisonment. The Moorish conquerors forbade all persons from entering the prison on errands of mercy with the exception of small children. Not even priests were permitted to bring comfort to the dying. Mothers and wives of these prisoners prayed daily and passionately for divine aid in bringing solace to the captives who lacked sufficient food, water and spiritual consolation.

One day a child dressed like a pilgrim of that time came to the prison carrying in one hand a basket of bread and in the other a staff with a gourd of water suspended at its tip. To the astonishment of the Moors, the gourd and basket of bread were still full after all the prisoners had received a blessing and their portion of food and water.

According to legend, Christ had returned as a child in answer to the prayers of the women of Atocha to serve those with spiritual and physical sustenance.



Since this time, the image of the infant Christ carrying food and water has been known as the Santo Nino de Atocha (Holy Child of Atocha). The constantly replenishing bread and water symbolize love and faith, says Dr. Irene Soriano, art historian. "Love and faith don't go away and are continuously being replaced," she says.

God Bless *Mary*

**2nd Grade students answers to questions
WHY DID GOD MAKE MOMS**

**She's the only one who knows where the scotch
tape is.**

HOW DID GOD MAKE MOTHERS

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.**



**Sharon Ramirez
Leadership
State Chairman**

First of all I would like to thank everyone that submitted an application for the Leadership Scholarship to attend the State Conference. We had a wonderful response and were able to award four

scholarships. The recipients were: Lisa Brown, Ct. Holy Innocence #2446; Andrea Joerden, Ct. Teresa of Avila #1580; Vera Little, Ct. St. Catherine #1378 and Cheryle Mattos, Ct. St. Francis of Assisi #1652. Congratulations ladies, I hope that the conference inspired you to continue in leadership.

Secondly, thank you to all the courts that sent in their Circle of Love Reporting Forms for Leadership. In reviewing the reports, they show that our courts are very active at the parish level by volunteering as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir members, money counters, teachers of CCD, RCIA, Bible Camps, and participating in Church festivals and celebrations, etc. All of these activities show a form of commitment and leadership.

The reports also showed that **leadership and membership go hand in hand.** By promoting membership drives, new members are recruited. And, if the court communicates to the new members what Catholic Daughters is all about and allows the new members to voice their ideas and really listens without judging, chances are the new members are going to take an active role in their court.

Good communication and listening skills were noted as the most important traits of a good leader. Courts are setting up town hall meetings to plan their yearly calendar, budget and share ideas as well as work out problems in their courts. By doing this, they are retaining their members and court members are happier and work together better.

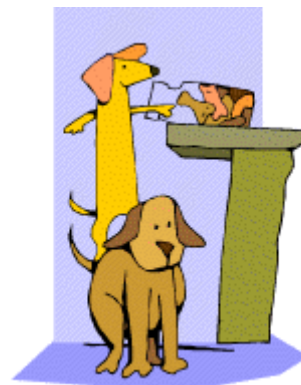
I believe that **we are all leaders** in one way or another. We are mothers, grandmothers, sisters, teachers and friends and through all of these stages in our lives we lead and organize. We work, keep family calendars and budgets, drive carpools, volunteer, tend the sick, and keep the house clean. This is what you call multi-tasking. So, the next time you are asked to take a leadership position in your court, pray and step up to the plate, you can do it.

Lastly, to the court who came up with "Let's Shine in 2009" and "Let's Do It Again in 2010" I think it's a great motto for Catholic Daughters.

We are hoping to schedule a leadership workshop towards the end of the year. I will keep you posted. In the mean time, if you need to contact me, you can reach me at luckyskr@aol.com.

May God keep you safe and bless you always,

Sharon



TEAMWORK



**Marcie Wilson
State Chairman
Membership/Extension**

I pray that all of you had a Blessed Easter!

The State Conference in March was awesome; Father

Steve gave an inspirational retreat.

The presentations by the Circle of Love Chairman were abundant and most informative.

Meeting members from courts and sharing ideas and doing the living rosary with the members was memorable and inspiring.

As Chairman of membership I was honored to award the winner of the Membership Contest. The court with the most new members was a tie, therefore two courts received **\$100.00** each, and they were:

Court Salinas #686 and Court Maria Goretti #1553 each with 8 new members.

Also awarded was the Angel Recruiter signing up the most new members:

Agnes Leonardich of Court Salinas #686 received \$100.00 for recruiting 8 new members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Honorable mention to Court Holy Innocents #2446 for a close second with 7 new members.

Remember that the next part of the California State Membership Contest is the Cumulative Contest which goes from September 1, 2009 through April 15, 2011. Also, send in the Angel Recruiter Form when applicable. Let's continue to have "Membership Drives" and continue to bring in new members.

"New Members" are the life of our Courts to be able to continue to do God's work.

In May elections will be held and new officers elected. I offer my Congratulations to the new Regents and Officers and may the hand of God guide you to greatness during your term of office.

To the out-going Regents and Officers, thank you for the wonderful job in getting new members. You have "Soared like the Angels and Rose to the Challenge". Please remember as YOUR State Membership/Extension Chairman, I am always interested in what you are doing.

Thank you for your newsletters, and if you need help, please get in contact with me.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL
AND
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Marcie



"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for his friends."

John 15:13

**Diane Dinise
State Chairman –
Spiritual Enhancement**



I would like to say thank you to all of the Diocesan Coordinators, courts and CDA members who have dedicated themselves to implementing the Monthly Rosaries in your diocese this past year.

I have had the opportunity to visit several different Dioceses as they gathered together each month to pray the Rosary. It was very apparent to me by the beautiful ceremonies that I have attended that you have worked very hard to make these rosaries special. Each one that I have attended has had a different flair all their own. Yet at the same time a familiar thread has been woven throughout in that we are united with each other in prayer for common the goals of Pro-Life, increasing membership and leadership in our State and Local courts and for all Priests in this year of the Priest.

Your love and dedication to the Blessed Mother is so very beautiful and powerful. When we pray together for



a common goal it is like a sweet oblation drifting up to Heaven. Can you imagine what it sounds like to God and the Blessed Mother when our many voices join together in unity with each other praying for the same intentions? It must be like a sweet, sweet song.

I truly believe that this monthly devotion has had a tremendous impact in our lives and in our courts. We cannot know the full extent, but it has impacted us in many wonderful ways. Each Monthly Rosary that I have attended has been not only a chance to pray together, but also a chance to get to know each other better.

The receptions following the rosaries have been an opportunity to network with each other and share thoughts and ideas with each other. This is very valuable in building community within our diocese and hopefully building partnerships with other courts.

We will not be holding the Monthly Rosaries during the months of July and August. Many courts go dark during this time so we decided to not schedule them during this time. We will be starting up again in September. Your Diocesan Coordinator should be contacting you soon so that you can sign-up for the month that you would like to hostess a rosary. Here are the dates for this year's Monthly Rosaries:

September 18th, October 23rd, November 20th, December 4th, January 22nd, February 12th, March 5th, April 9th, May 28th and June 18th.

We understand that not every diocese was able to participate this year. There are many reasons for this, distance between courts being a big reason and age of members another. While you may not be able to gather together with other courts, you could gather together in your own court or if that is not possible please pray with us in the comfort of your home. Try to pray on the specified dates at 9:00 a.m. United in prayer we can do anything, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother to her Son, Jesus Christ.

If your diocese has not been participating and you would like to start, please contact me at (909) 823-9677. May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

Diane

**Happy Father's Day
June 20, 2010**



***Yvonne Connolly
President
Madonna Manor Board***

Dear Sisters in Catholic Daughters

We are finalizing the loan plans for the roof and I have a construction consultant looking at the bids (no charge!) just to give us some guidance especially in drawing up the contract. Our goal is to be started sometime early May.

**Saturday October 9th
is the date for our big fundraiser.**

This year we are trying something new. Madonna Del Sasso is allowing us the use of their beautiful large hall at no charge. The easy directions to the hall will be sent to your Regent.

“**The Fifties**” is our theme and there will be a prize for the best (50's) dressed lady and couple, so get out the poodle skirts, denim & bobby sox, and let's have fun!

We have Bishop Garcia and priests of the local parishes serving. Yes, I said serving the food (in their CDA aprons no less). We will have a DJ playing fifties music, along with bingo, drawings for baskets, pictures with the Bishop, games and more. **Lot's to do this year.** Tours of the Manor will be available and we will be chauffeuring you back and forth on the Madonna Manor bus.

Many courts asked last year how they could help with the fundraiser so we are asking the courts to donate a basket, money for a basket or gift cards valued at fifty dollars. Please send money and gift cards to me at **1433 Jesusita Lane Santa Barbara CA 93105 .**

Drawing tickets will be sent to your Regent soon, so please make sure you get some and **Sell! Sell! Sell!** Even though we are taking out a loan we can still use the money raised to help pay down the principal.

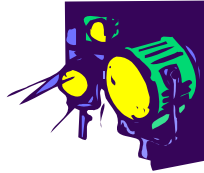
Moving along to another part of our 5 year plan; we have an outreach in process to the local colleges for a student of landscape architecture design to use Madonna Manor for their senior project and design a low maintenance, landscape plan for us so we can use it in the updating of the grounds. (No cost for the plan).



Lot's of things going on so please be a part of it. This is your home and we want you to be proud of it.
From my heart to yours

Yvonne Connolly

SPOTLIGHT Diocese of Orange



By Dorothy Parrillo, 1st Vice State Regent

It has been my delight to know the woman I write about. Judy is a transplant to California from the state of Wisconsin. We certainly need to thank them for sending us one beautiful lady. She is known by many of us for her selflessness, her loyalty, her charm, her zeal, her love for her fellow person and her sense of humor. She likes to tell us that Wisconsin has the best cheese as well as the best football team. We know that's a joke don't we?

When called upon to help with any ministry, Judy hardly ever says "No" or "I can't do it my plate is too full." She jumps right in and puts her best foot forward.

To me, she is a modern day disciple. She has been Regent of Court, Blessed Sacrament #2392. She was the Legislation Chairman (2005 – 2007) and the Spiritual Enhancement Chairman (2007 – 2009). She was Woman of the Year for the city of Westminster, spent two terms as President of the Kawanis and is currently their secretary.

Judy was the most recent Co-Chairman of the Apostleship of the Sea Fund Raiser for the Los Angeles Archdiocese/Orange Diocese. She is presently the Team Captain for the Relay of Life as well as being involved with the RCIA program at her church and, at the same time, managing to hold down a full time job with American Family Housing for the last 18 years and is still working there in the Human Resources Department. She also is in charge of their volunteers.

She is married and refers to the love of her life as "Her John." They had an anniversary in April and celebrated 33 years of Wedded Bliss. We wish them many more

years of good health and happiness.

Not only do I find Judy a fun person to be with, I also find her to be an inspiration for all of us. When she walks in to a room, she walks in with the spirit of the Holy Spirit and the Love of God; She illuminates the Gospel of St. Matthew by her actions and lets her light shine before all.

I am happy that God put her in my path and that He blessed me with the gift of her friendship.



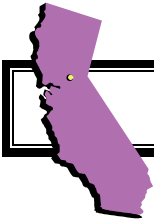
Independence Day

Is a national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Star Spangled Banner

....."And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land the free and the home of the brave".....

The Star Spangled Banner was written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key and was eventually set to music by John Stafford Smith. It was accepted by public demand for the next century or so, but became even more accepted as the national anthem during the World Series of Baseball in 1917 when it was sung in honor of the brave armed forces fight in the Great War. The World Series performance moved everyone in attendance, and after that it was repeated for every. Finally, on March 3, 1931, the American Congress proclaimed it as the national anthem, 116 years after it was first written.



***“TID BITS” from
CALIFORNIA COURTS***

Ct. Whittier #519 celebrating their **90th Anniversary in June**

Ct. Compton #942 had CDA crossword puzzles and quiz in some of their newsletters – members will crown Our Lady on Mother’s Day at Mass - celebrating their **85th Anniversary in June.**

Ct. Santa Maria #1079 had a Family Spaghetti Dinner – has a rosary makers group – had a Membership Drive in January – had a potluck meeting with speaker on “The Dynamics of Communication between Adult Children and Aging Parents” – joined with Knights of Columbus for annual Clergy Dinner

Ct. St. Theresa #1159 joined with Knights of Columbus for a Breakfast fund raiser – has a collection box in vestibule in church to collect commemorative and foreign stamps and religious items

Ct. Our Lady of Victory #1344 sponsored a Lenten Retreat for members and invited those from local parishes to attend

Ct. St. Catherine #1378 held a Lenten Food Drive for those less fortunate – celebrating their **65th Anniversary in April** – donated gift basket for parish festival

Ct. San Ysidro #1507 held a Christmas Basket fundraiser – participated in parish Ministry Fair for new CDA members – lists their members’ anniversary dates in each newsletter – had a word search game in newsletter

Ct. Guardian Angel #1520 member had a baby who was enrolled in the Infant of Prague League – had a fund raiser at a restaurant receiving a percentage of the dinners served

Ct. St. Michael #1633 has a Community Bulletin section in their newsletter to let members know what’s going on in community – participated in Ministry Fair at parish to recruit new members

Ct. Marian #1669 sponsored a Lenten Retreat at their parish and parishioners were invited

Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1507 delivered Valentine cards to local convalescent homes

Ct. Our Lady of the Redwoods #1742 held a special Holy Hour and Mass - - held a Day of Recollection

Ct. St. Raymond #2057 has a group of ladies who knit/crochet lap-sized blankets and caps for seafarers

Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2312 hosted a dinner for those preparing for confirmation along with their parents – planning a spring retreat

Ct. St. Malachy #2360 sponsored a Family Movie Night for parish – helped provide food for 50th Anniversary of priest in parish

Ct. Queen of the Americas #2418 held a silent retreat – has an ongoing Food Ministry project collecting non-perishable items – sold Mother’s Day Baskets for fund raiser

Ct. St. Basil the Great #2525 held a Mardi Gras party as a fund raiser – donated a new Christmas Nativity to parish – preparing reception for confirmation at parish – doing decorations at Priest Jubilee

Regents — don’t forget to send me messages and pictures on special court activities. Thank you. Bea Abshear 15403 Florwood Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260 tel. 310-970-1067. My email address is babshear@aol.com.



*Have a Happy and Safe
Summer!!*