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Regent's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer full of fun, family, and relaxation. As we transition from summer into Fall, we find teachers and students back in school; we find baseball season winding down as we move into football season; within the Mass, it won't be long before Ordinary Time turns into the Season of Advent; and within CDA another year is beginning.

As we transition into another CDA fiscal year, you will see some new faces in our local court leadership as well. Your Court Annunciation Officers are listed to the left of this article. Please welcome them and provide words of encouragement when you see them. As new CDA Officers we spent time in fellowship at the CDA Officer training in June in preparation for the new CDA year. We also took time together to plan the upcoming year for you, the members of our Court Annunciation No. 1962.

By the time you read this Newsletter, you should have already received our Court's Working Calendar for 2026-2027 via email. If you would like a physical copy of the calendar, please stop by our Parish Office to pick one up. Within the calendar you will see an array of events, ranging from our standard annual events to new opportunities, all of which serve to foster our Sisterhood through Christ. Take the opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, try a new event, volunteer for a new committee, and strengthen friendships! It takes all of us working and praying together to be a successful Court. So, as you read through this Newsletter, take note and mark your personal calendar with some of the upcoming event/project dates our Court will be involved in this Fall.

I know we all have busy schedules, but we'd love to have your participation. Hopefully you are able to find an event or project that you can join your CDA Sisters in fulfilling—and if you have ideas for additional ways we can follow the National CDA mission 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,” please let me know.

As you read this Newsletter you will find some exciting news—not only did Court Annunciation receive Awards at the state level for Circle of Love, we additionally received other State Awards, and even several Awards on the National level!!! Look inside to find out which ones we won! Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, Court Annunciation!!!

As we prepare for a busy Fall, remember that the success of our organization isn't just about what the officers do, or what the chairwomen do, it's about what YOU the members bring to the table. Our CDA court would not be complete without your time and talents. I am grateful for every single one of you and I know that with all of us working together as a team there is no doubt in my mind that we will be able to uphold our motto of “Unity and Charity.”

Marilyn Kothmann

Marilyn Kothmann, Regent



Dates to Remember:
 * September 28—Court Meeting
 * starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred
 * Heart Center
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 * October 18—National CDA
 * Sunday; Reception of new
 * members at 9 am Mass at
 * Sacred Heart
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 * October 18—Candle Light
 * Rosary at 4 pm
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 * October 26—Court Meeting
 * starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred
 * Heart Center
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 * October 28—Newsletter
 * Submission Due
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 * November 10—KC/CDA
 * Memorial Service at Plum;
 * 6pm Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass
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 * November 17—CDA Pork
 * Steak Drive Thru Fundraiser
 * Dinner; 4-6 pm at KC Center
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 * November 23—Court Meeting
 * starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred
 * Heart Center
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Court Annunciation #1962 Officers

From Left to Right:
 Financial Secretary Shirley
 Antosh, Vice Regent Mary
 Lou Anderle, Regent
 Marilyn Kothmann,
 Recording Secretary

Roxanne Bailey, Treasurer Aimee Krause



Outgoing Regent

A Past Regent's Pin was presented to Sherry Hebert as a "thank you" for sharing her time and talent with Court Annunciation as Regent from 2024-2026.

Reminder of Raffle Fundraiser

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Court Annunciation will hold its annual raffle fundraiser in December. The raffle committee is seeking donations. Any member who would like to donate a specific gift card or money that can be used to purchase a gift card, please contact Barbara Eilert or Becky Munsch. The deadline for donations will be mid-October.

November 17, 2026
Court Annunciation #1962
Annual Dinner Fundraiser
BBQ Pork Steak Drive Thru
and Bake Sale
\$15/plate
4:00-6:00 pm KC Community
Center in La Grange

To sell tickets or work, contact:
 Darla Blaha 713.858.9557
 Shirley Antosh 979.966.3597
 Marilyn Kothmann 979.966.2997

Proceeds benefit CDA Charities

Annual KC and CDA Memorial Service & Mass Wednesday, November 10, 2026

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Plum, Texas

Recitation of the Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

Memorial Service & Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Followed by a meal provided by the KC's at the Parish Hall

A special service takes place before Mass where family/friends carry a lighted candle in remembrance of members who passed away since the previous memorial. Deceased members are listed in a remembrance booklet. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this commemoration to pray for our faithful departed members.

May their souls rest in peace.

Candlelight Rosary—October 18, 2026

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church

We invite all families and parishioners to join us as we gather with the youth to pray the Candlelight Rosary for the respect of human life. As we offer up our prayers during this beautiful prayer service, we share a spiritual bond with our parish youth organizations.

Little Steps to Surrendering

Submitted by: Father Chris Smith

One of the keys to the life of a disciple of Jesus is to surrender to God. That can be a really hard thing to do; to give up control! Saint Teresa Benedicta (formerly Edith Stein) suggests doing three moments throughout the day to surrender intentionally to God. In the morning, at midday, and at the end of the day.

So in the morning, depending on your stage of life with little kiddos or not, you may only have 5 minutes to surrender to God all the events, worries, thoughts and desires of the day. If you are retired, maybe you have more like 20-30 minutes to commune with our God in prayer as you begin your day. God is grateful for whatever time we can give Him. Then we pause in the middle of the day, even just for a moment, to once again commune with our God and to surrender to Him all that is on our hearts and minds. Some people use the Angelus prayer at midday in order to do this act of surrendering. St. Teresa then says to surrender everything to the Lord at the end of our day. The complete and the incomplete, the good and the bad, the joys and the sorrows; we surrender it all. This intentional prayer of surrender allows us to “rest in Him and to begin the new day like a new life.” We can then lay our head on the pillow in relief, sleeping in the arms of God who will carry us to the next day.

My sisters in Christ, this spiritual practice is a great way to keep our hearts and minds focused on God throughout the day. It also allows us to cast our worries and anxieties upon Jesus, who desires to hide them all in His most Sacred Heart. In all of this we will grow in trust of God's providential care for us and all of our loved ones. We will also notice a greater sense of peace in our hearts and minds. St. Teresa Benedicata, pray for us!

October 26th Meeting Collection: Christmas at Sea



The October meeting collection will be for the Seafarers at the port in Point Comfort. A seafarer is anyone who works onboard a seagoing ship. These men and women often spend up to 9 months at a time far away from their families, friends and loved ones. Seafarers are responsible for transporting over 90% of the world's goods and fuels, making them essential key workers who often go unrecognized by the general population. Our Court began participating in this project 4 years ago to show “We Care”. Items collected are evenly divided and placed in shoe boxes and then wrapped for Christmas. CDA will provide a box in the Narthex after all weekend Masses on October 11th and 18th, if you are unable to bring your items to the meeting. **Contact Elaine Bodine (281.732.9085) if you would like to help assemble the shoeboxes.**

Suggested Items: small items needed to fit in shoe boxes (*Since there are very few women seafarers, please purchase items for men*)

Shoeboxes: Approximate size 11½" X 7" X 4½"—23 are needed to fill

Toiletries(6" or travel size bottles): shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, nail files & clippers, band-aids, floss, Chapstick, etc.

Snacks: snack/individual sized microwave popcorn, nuts, trail mix, peanut butter or cheese crackers, chewing gum, hard candies, M & M's, any snack sized non-perishable snacks

Other items: ski or ball caps, crew socks, gloves, flashlight w/ batteries, cards, games, crossword puzzle books, notepads, etc.

Anything fun!! These men are away from their families during the holidays.

Collect those unused soaps, shampoos, etc. from your hotel stays!!

State CDA Awards

Congratulations to the following Court Annunciation #1962 State Circle of Love Contest and other State Category Contest Winners!

1st Place

Education
Leadership
JCDA

2nd Place

Family
Spiritual Enhancement

Other State Categories

CDA Newsletter – 1st Place Category V Division I

JCDA Newsletter – 1st Category IX Division II

Mass Enrollments – 1st Place

Respect Life – 1st Place

Website – 1st Place



Left: Elizabeth Kubicek with 1st Place State Awards for Newsletter in Category V Division I & JCDA Category IX Division II

Right: JCDA accepting their State 1st Place Circle of Love Contest Award from Regent Marilyn Kothmann

State Education Contest Winners

Below: Melinda Dunk– Division IV 2nd Place Photography and 3rd Place Poetry presented by Regent Marilyn Kothmann, Treasurer Aimee Krause and Education Contest Chairman Dr. Regina Walker.



Left: Ella Nygren – 1st Place Division III Poetry presented by Treasurer Aimee Krause and Regent Marilyn Kothmann.

State Scholarship Winners

Seated from left: Faith Greenwood(\$1,000), Natalia Soto (\$1,500), Ella Nygren (\$2,500), and Elena Supak (\$2,000); Standing from left: Court Scholarship member Brenda Seberger and Co-Chairman Stacy Ryza, District Deputy No. 11 Rosa Galipp, Moms of the Scholarship winners, Lorretta Greenwood, Martha Soto, Tracy Nygren, Cheryl Supak, Regent Sherry Hebert, and Court Scholarship Co-Chairman Elizabeth Kallus.



National Court Annunciation #1962 Awards

Court Annunciation is proud to announce that we not only won awards on the State Level, but we also had winners on the National Level announced at the CDA National Convention in Coralville, IA.



National Education Contest: Ella Nygren—1st Place Division III Poetry Award presented by Regent Marilyn Kothmann

National Newsletter Contest: 1st Place Award for Category III Division 1 accepted by Elizabeth Kubicek (Pictured left)

National Website Contest: 2nd Place Award for Category 1 Division II accepted by Marilyn Kothmann (Pictured right)



\$2,500 Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarship: Awarded to Alessandra Solorzano and presented by Regent Marilyn Kothmann

April 2026 National CDA Membership Contest Winner

Congratulations to the Membership Committee, Marilyn Kothmann, Stacy Ryza, Beatrice Ortiz and Jacinta Cano for earning 2nd Place in the National Membership Contest. A check for \$75.00 was received from National Regent, Susan Mone and National Membership Chairman, Essie Walker. The award was achieved for securing 8 new members in the month of April.



JCDA Report

Submitted by: Rebecca Munsch

At its May meeting, the JCDA elected a new slate of officers for 2026-2027. They are President Kynzee Swafford, 1st Vice President Malee Kleiber, 2nd Vice President Haedyn Cooper, Secretary Jaycee Zapalac, and Reporter Lyria Hartley. Several members delivered the CDA's goody bags to the residents of Jefferson Place in June and July although the court does not meet during those months. The court held its first meeting of the year on August 9 and discussed activities for the fall. After the meeting several members visited Jefferson Place.

The state court held its annual retreat on June 27 in Jarrell. This year marked the 100th anniversary of JCDA, so in addition to the retreat, the state court held a special anniversary dinner. Past state officers were invited to attend as were the state CDA officers. Court Annunciation member Elena Supak, who currently serves as the state's 2nd Vice President, is pictured below with Court Annunciation's past state officers who were able to attend the celebration. From left are Ale Solorzano, Rhea Wagner, Regina Walker, Miriam Moerbe, Megan Cooper and Elena.



Donation and Gifts at May 25th CDA Meeting



VBS and RE Gifts: Regent Sherry Hebert presented Roxanne Bailey with a monetary gift for Vacation Bible School to help pay for the VBS t-shirts (*pictured left*). Roxanne also accepted a monetary gift for the Religious Education Program at Sacred Heart (*pictured right*).



AMEN Food Pantry Donation: AMEN Food Pantry received food item donations from members, as well as a



monetary donation from the Court. Accepting the donations was Mark Hebert, AMEN board of directors' representative and Sacred Heart volunteer coordinator.

Perfect Attendance Winners for 2025-2026

Perfect Attendance winners for 2025-2026 were announced by Suzanne Peschke at the August meeting. Those receiving a Spiritual Enrollment were: Aimee Krause, Carolyn Weishuhn, Marilyn Kothmann, Cynthia Novak, Elizabeth Kallus, and Stacy Ryza.



In Loving Memory

Submitted by: Co-Chairs Elizabeth Kallus & Stacy Ryza

Bernice Vaclavik passed away May 22, 2026, at the age of 95. She was a faithful member for almost 43 years. Leading her personalized Rosary and singing the 10th Hail Mary per decade were Financial Secretary Shirley Antosh, Elizabeth Kallus, Stacy Ryza, Claudean Saunders, Cinda Tomgenovich and Rose Cernoch. A Bernice Vaclavik Memorial Scholarship was named in her memory by her family

Remembrances for our deceased members:

- Perpetual Enrollment of prayer and Masses in the ADCCW Clerical Endowment Fund
- Five Masses said for her intention.
- Court's banner displayed at funeral home and funeral Mass.

CDA Court Annunciation #1962 website:

go to www.lgtxcda.org to get the latest news and past newsletters. Also, check out the link's tab for the latest CDA National & State Newsletters and Events!!

If you have items for the website, email photos and items to lgtxcda@gmail.com.

Newsletter Article Submissions

The next deadline for the November newsletter will be **October 28, 2026**.

Please email any news or articles to both wagner_elizabeth03@hotmail.com and shirleyantosh@gmail.com.

Thank you! Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek, Editor

HOSTESSES-Keep for Reference

Goodie Bags for Jefferson Place

Jefferson Place Residents enjoy monthly GOODIE BAGS, filled with snacks, candy and activity pages, provided by our CDA members and Court! The JCDA delivers these bags on the second Sunday. To help defray the expenses, each month we ask members to donate \$8 - \$10. We thank Co-chairmen, Sharon Chovanec and Doris Lidiak, who graciously shop and fill these bags each month!

Please check the hostesses list for your scheduled month. Place your donation in the collection basket with your name and "Jefferson Place" on the envelope, or mail it to CDA #1962, PO Box 275, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Let's Continue to share our love!

Thank you!!

Jefferson Place Assisted Living Chairman:

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Socials Committee Chairman:

*Shirley Antosh * 979.966.3597*

Please notify Emma Proske if you know of a fellow CDA member in need of a cheer card or get well card.

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JEFFERSON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

September 13, 2026

Josefina Vega	Adriana Veitch
Teresa Von Rosenberg	Patricia Wagner
Theresa Wagner	Regina Walker
Cathy Walla	Brenda Ward
Frances Weirich	Carolyn Weishuhn
Cindy Weishuhn	Kathy Weishuhn
Diane Wessels	Betty Weyand

October 11, 2026

Robyn Weyand	Lesley Wied
Virginia Wied	Kathy Winkler
Delores Wood	Crystal A. Wostarek
Gailynne Zapalac	Robin Zapalac
Patricia Zatopek	Melinda Zbranek
Shelly Zbranek	Violet Zbranek
Debbie Zigal	Catherine Zingelmann
Julia Zunnga	

November 8, 2026

Theresa L Ahlschlager	Griselda Albiter
Elvira Alvarado	Kathleen Alvarez
Maria G. Anaya	Mary Lou Anderle
Barbara Anders	Beverly Anders
Shirley Antosh	Veronica Anzaldua
Virginia Aranda	Mary Baca
Roxanne Bailey	Vicky Bargas

Membership Report – Come Join Us!

Submitted by: Regent Marilyn Kothmann

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: Membership is a vital part of an organization. It's an ongoing process. Therefore, we continue inviting ladies to join our organization for new growth. So dear friends, if you have family members, friends, or know someone in your parish, share information with them about Catholic Daughters and ask them to join. Get in touch with any of the Officers - we have leaflets, newsletters, etc. that will let prospective members know about the works we do to help make a difference in our church, community, and beyond.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Although we are happy to receive new members at any of our monthly meetings, we will have a formal reception of new members at our annual National Catholic Daughters' Day Mass on **Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Church**. Members are asked to join us at Mass. We will assemble in the Narthex of church and then be ready to process in at 8:35 am. The Reception of Members will take place prior to Mass starting. In celebration, after Mass, coffee, donuts, kolače, and cookies will be enjoyed by all!

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