

October, 2017

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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## Chaplain's Message for October

October is the month of the Rosary and I wanted to share the history of the rosary with you. The origins of the rosary are not very clear and one account says that "prayer beads" were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys. In the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries the structure of the rosary developed with 50 Hail Marys being recited and linked with verse, psalms or other phrases evoking the lives of Jesus and Mary. This prayer was known as the rosarium or "rose garden". In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the five decade rosary based on the three sets of mysteries arose. The tradition of the Church attributes the rosary to St. Dominic who lived in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. St. Dominic was said to have been moved by a vision of the Blessed Mother to pray the rosary and encouraged others to pray the rosary. In 1572, Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which is on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. This is why October is known as the month of the Rosary.

May we pray the rosary regularly as we ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession for life.

Fr. Charlie, CDA Chaplain



## Regent's Message for October

My dearest CDA sisters,

October is the month of the rosary. Now more than ever we should take time to pray the rosary. This year has been difficult with many natural disasters and today, as I write this letter to you, at least 58 people have been killed in a mass shooting in Las Vegas. Our world feels broken; we feel helpless; we feel distraught. However, in these dark moments we can turn to the rosary. It is a powerful weapon! Our Lady instructed us to "Pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world." She shared this message with us during one of her apparitions in Fatima. In fact, this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fatima. During her apparitions, she implored us to "continue to pray the rosary every day". (cont'd on page 2)



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Mary always points us to Jesus. Let us draw ever closer to Him through her in the rosary. "The rosary is spiritual medicine." ~Pope Francis

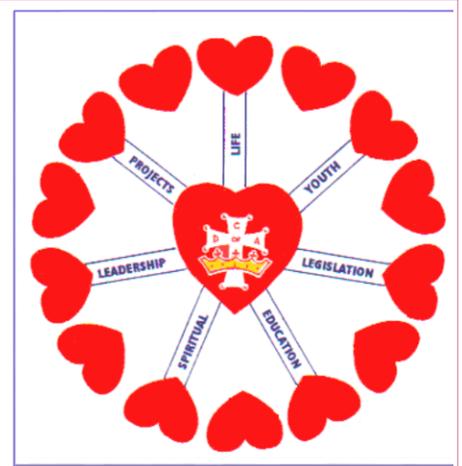
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Kat Berbel  
Regent, Ct. St. Martin de Porres #2719  
+JMJ+

## District Deputy's Message for October

Catholic Daughters of the Americas have inspiring events this month to recognize and reflect in prayer. October is dedicated as the month of the Holy Rosary to our Blessed Lady, and we are also honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Visitation of Mary at Fatima. We can reflect on the beauty of reciting the rosary to our spiritual Mother and the patroness of Catholic Daughters. Recently I attended a CDA court meeting where I felt so blessed to hear a seminarian guest speaker. His topic was on apparitions and appearances of the Virgin Mary. Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes are two that I remember being intrigued and inspired with. At Fatima, Our Lady requested that we pray the rosary every day for peace in the world. I prayed and prayed, I wanted to be the child that experienced such an appearance. I hope that everyone has a blessed month.

"My secret is simple. I Pray"~St. Teresa of Calcutta

Blessings,  
Laura Pena  
District Deputy #7



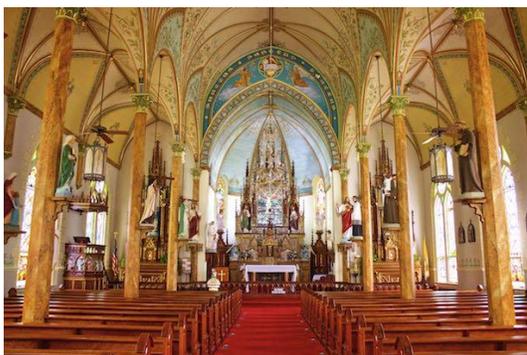
The image above is symbolic of our CIRCLE OF LOVE program. By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest- LOVE.

## Circle of Love News Items

**Youth/JCDA:** Our Junior Catholic Daughters had their first meeting on Sept. 10. Their first service project was to create decorations for use to decorate the Portico for the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower.

**Education:** The Painted Churches Tour is on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

A box lunch option is now available. You can purchase a lunch provided by Schlotzsky's for \$7 per person. RSVP to Cindy Falbo (email is at right). Check or cash will be accepted prior to the date of the tour.



Checks can be made out to: "Catholic Daughters of the Americas", and mailed to Cindy Falbo, 800 Dripping Springs Ranch Rd, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Or you can drop off your payment in the church office with Mary Gomez in an envelope labeled: "Cindy Falbo ~ Painted Churches".

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**Spiritual Enhancement:** Adoration Hour – Thursdays from 9-10pm

**Adoration:** We continue to hold the Adoration Hour from 9-10pm on Thursday Evenings. Contact Chery Lutz at her email on page 2 if you would like to be added to the list of rotation.

**Healing the Whole Person:** Those who attended the Healing the Body of Christ on Sept. 23 at Santa Cruz Church in Buda experienced the awesome and inspiring talk by Sr. Miriam James Heidland. She is scheduled to speak here at SMdP during our [Healing the Whole Person Event](#) October 16-19th. Remember to register here at the link: [www.stmartindp.org/hwp](http://www.stmartindp.org/hwp).  
*Chery Lutz*

**Rosary:** During the month of October the rosary will be prayed before each weekend mass. Please plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to mass to join in the prayer.

There will be a special rosary in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's Visitation at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. America Needs Fatima projects over 20,000 groups will be saying the rosary at Noon on October 14. We will be participating at our parish at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto in front of the church by RR 12.

**Women's Conference:** The SMdP Mary and Martha Ministry will be hosting an all-day women's retreat on November 4 from 9am to 4pm. Guest speakers are Kristin Armstrong and Susan Nevarez. Make sure to check the bulletin for more information.



**Family:**

**Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower:** "Thank you to all who made the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower a success! I especially want to thank our Junior CDA for the beautiful hand-made decorations for the event."  
(see page 8 for pictures) *Dawn Cyr*



**Upcoming Dates**

**October 13**

12:30pm-100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin in the Chapel after the noon mass.

**October 14**

America Needs Fatima Rosary for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima .Noon at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto in front of the Church

**Oct 14 & Oct 15**

Fall Ministry Fair-Plan on representing CDA at our Table

**Oct 16 – Oct 19**

[Healing the Whole Person Event](#)  
6:30-9:30pm

**October 26**

CDA October Meeting and Preparation for Silent Auction for the Church Festival 6:30pm in Hall

**October 27**

Finish Preparation for Silent Auction, 4pm-finish. Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome to help

**October 28**

Painted Churches Tour 8am-6pm

**October 29**

SMdP Fall Festival 9:30-4:30  
<http://stmartindp.org/fallfestival>

## Quality of Life:

**Meal Ministry:** Our wonderful SMdP meal ministry team continues to deliver meals to people in need. We deliver to those having surgeries, illnesses, cancer treatments and, of course, the most enjoyable place to deliver a meal – to homes with new baby arrivals! We also have started delivering meals to Fr. Charlie, Fr. Melesio and Seminarian Kyle every weekday of the month except for Wednesdays. They are very appreciative and certainly enjoy all the home cooked meals and treats that are delivered. If anyone would like to participate in the meal ministry or know of any needs, please contact me at [jpierantoni@austinventures.com](mailto:jpierantoni@austinventures.com) Julie Pierantoni



Melanie Ganzerla delivers a delicious meal for Fr. Charlie, Fr. Melesio and Seminarian Kyle that we know they will enjoy!

## Fall Ministry Fair:

The Fall Ministry Fair will be held on October 14 and 15. Plan on helping staff the Catholic Daughters' table. Please use this link to sign up to staff the table: [Ministry Fair Sign Up](#)

## Rosary Crusade



There will be a special rosary in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's Visitation at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. "America Needs Fatima" projects over 20,000 groups will be saying the rosary at Noon on Saturday, October 14. We will be participating at our parish at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto in front of the church by RR 12. Mary Carder will be leading the rosary and we will have the America Needs Fatima banner prominently displayed. Not only will this honor

Mary but will also be a beautiful witness to the drivers passing as we all join in prayer.



## Upcoming Dates

### November 1

All Saints' Day- Holy Day of Obligation

### November 2

All Souls' Day

### November 3

St. Martin de Porres' Feast Day

### November 4

SMdP Women's Day Retreat 9am-4pm

### November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

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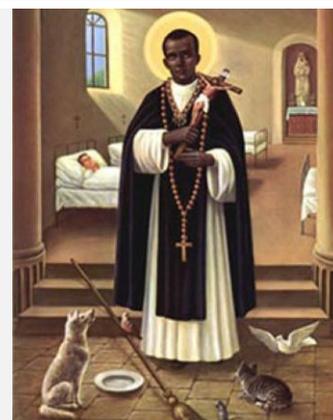
CDA Monthly Meeting 6:30pm, Parish Hall

### November 23

Thanksgiving

### November 26

Solemnity of Christ the King



St. Martin de Porres, Pray for Us

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The fall campaign for the 40 Das for Life prayer vigil is currently ongoing. This is a peaceful prayer campaign that participants sign up to dedicate one hour per week to spend in front of an abortion clinic. From now until to November 5, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. Please prayerfully consider standing as a prayer warrior. I will be praying from 1pm to 2pm every Thursday. If you would like to begin with a small step, please contact me and we can drive together. If you are not ready for this step, please pray for all who are on the sidewalks during this campaign. And prayerfully consider joining us next campaign during Lent—a beautiful way to sacrifice for Christ. Link: [centraltexascoalition](http://centraltexascoalition) or contact: Allison Rice, (contact info on page 1).

## SMdP Fall Festival

Please plan on attending and/or volunteering for the upcoming Fall Festival on October 29 from 9:30-4:30.

There are many items that are needed to be donated; Raffle Tickets need to be sold and the money turned in. Sponsors are being sought as well as in-kind donations from businesses around Dripping Springs.

This is the biggest fundraiser for Saint Martin's and all money raised goes directly to the support of our parish

CDA is in charge of the preparation of the Silent Auction after our shortened October meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Invite friends and neighbors!

See this link for items to be donated and available shifts for adult volunteers: [FallFestivalLink](#) or email Julie Pierantoni @ [pierjklm@aol.com](mailto:pierjklm@aol.com) to sign up for a volunteer shift.

CDA is looking for ladies to volunteer for the Fall Festival for the end of the Silent Auction 3:30-5pm Volunteers are needed to help distribute baskets to silent auction winners and helping with cash out. Signup at this link: [CDAFallFestNeeds](#)



### **Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for October**

**Theme:** Workers and the Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.





## Month of the Holy Rosary

The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith (From "Your Morning Offering", The Catholic Company) More info @ [PromisesoftheRosary](#)

### CDA Mission Statement:

*"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all."*

**REMEMBER TO READ THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FROM MARY GOMEZ, OUR RECORDING SECRETARY. THE MINUTES ARE APPROVED EACH MONTH BY VOTE AND MAY CONTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS NOT COVERED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**



### Pumpkin Shaped Cheeseball

#### Ingredients:

- 8 oz cream cheese (room temp)
- 8 oz vegetable cream cheese
- 2 tbsp Hidden Valley Ranch Spicy Ranch mix
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1 red pepper finely diced (save the stem)
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese (divided in half)

#### Instructions:

Combine both cream cheeses with a mixer, then stir in the ranch mix, green onion, red pepper and 1 cup of the cheddar cheese. On a flat surface spread out saran wrap and sprinkle about 1/4 cup of the shredded cheese onto the plastic wrap. Put cream cheese mixture onto the shredded cheese on the plastic wrap, sprinkle the rest of the shredded cheese on the top and sides of the cheese ball and wrap it well with the plastic wrap. Use four large, wide rubber bands around the outside to make pumpkin indentations. Chill in fridge for at least 2 hours. Add the stem from the red pepper to the top before serving.

# CDA State News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



## Quarterly Pray Intentions of Texas State Catholic Daughters

The following are some of the prayer intentions for the current quarter. We are asked to please share them with our court members. "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst." Matthew 18:20

- That young people will surrender generously to God's call and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life
- For world leaders to respect humanity, dignity and religious liberty
- For the sick and lonely, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for an end to all acts of violence and hatred

**Catholic Daughters of Texas Link:** [TXStateCDA](http://TXStateCDA)

## 2017 Ornament

The Sale of the 2017 CDA Ornament will be on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The price is \$20.



# CDA National News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



## **Meet Our National Regent: Helene Shepard.**

Click on this link for a message from our Worthy National Regent: [HeleneShepard](#)

**Link for National Website:** <http://www.catholicdaughters.org/index.shtml>

Note: All articles written by Allison Rice unless otherwise noted

# Our Members out and about!



There was a wonderful turnout of SMdP parishioners at the Austin Diocese Women's Conference on September 23 at Santa Cruz Parish in Buda.

Some familiar faces at the Texas Alliance for Life Dinner on October 5. Kat Berbel and her husband, Jose, sponsored the table. CDA members District Deputy Laura Pena, Treasurer Allison Rice, Circle of Love~Legislation Elaine Houle, and Regent Kat Berbel are included in the picture.



Vice-Regent Myra Alilain and Regent Kat Berbel at the Texas Alliance for Life Dinner on October 5.



The Spiritual Adoption program that began in January ended with the "Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower" on Oct 1. What a wonderful response of donations from our parishioners! JCDA provided decorations for the Portico.