

July, 2017

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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## Chaplain's Message for July

Summer is a time period where many take vacation time. Rest is a good thing as evidenced by how we are taught in Genesis that God rested on the seventh day. Jesus also stresses the importance of the Sabbath day of rest. In fact, we hear in the Gospels of how Jesus takes time to rest away from the crowds from time to time. It is good for people to take vacations as time to rest with family or friends. However, we must remember never to take a vacation from our relationship with God. Any healthy vacation will involve more time to rest with God in prayer or maybe even attending a daily mass in addition to Sunday mass. If you truly want to rest during this summer know you will only find it when you rest with the Lord.

Fr. Charlie, CDA Chaplain



## Regent's Message for July

My dearest CDA sisters,

I am happy to meet you here in the pages of this newsletter because I have been traveling quite a bit recently, which has meant attending mass at other churches. While it takes some extra work to attend mass when traveling, it has been worth the effort.

It has been a gift to see other beautiful churches, listen to different choirs, and meet new pastors. While thinking about the churches I have visited, it struck me that along with this newness, there is also sameness. Every mass, in every city, is essentially the same. Whether it's Mexico, Chicago, or Dripping Springs, mass is beautifully familiar. Not only are the rubrics of the Holy Mass the same but also why we gather on Sunday. Across the globe, all come for Christ; to seek and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Thanks be to God

If you are traveling this summer, have fun, be safe and find a nearby mass!

Peace,  
Kat Berbel, Regent  
+JMJ+

P.S. Check out "Mass Times for Travel" on the web or phone app for help locating mass times.



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<http://www.catholicdaughters.org/states/TX.shtml>

# Circle of Love News Items

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



Chery would like to extend her Thank You to those CDA members who contributed to the Virtual Housewarming Shower for the Burke Transition Home. Your generosity made for a warm, inviting and well equipped home for its first resident, Shannon.

The Catholic Women's Conference will be on July 28-29 in San Antonio. There is a group from SMdP already registered but there is still time to individually register or get another group of 10 to go to get a discount. <http://www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org/conferences/cwc/>

**Quality of Life: Youth:** Our Junior Catholic Daughter's of the Americas Court Installation will be on August 19 at the 5pm Saturday Eve. Mass. Wear your white dress and white shoes. Here is a link for the protocol of dress: <http://www.texasda.org/whiteDresses.php>

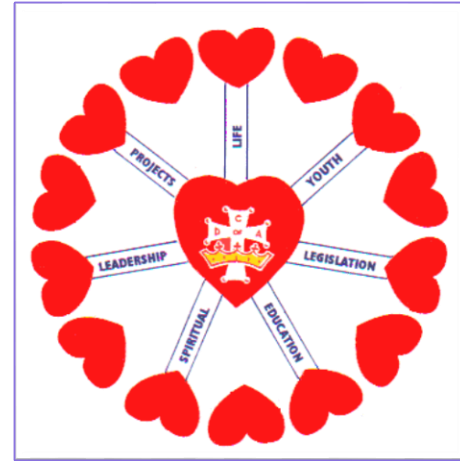
## Family:



During our June meeting we collected for SOFI (School's Out-Food In). Mandy McNutt, Coordinator of the Dripping Springs SOFI drive, talked about the meals for the children during the summer and how this is an opportunity to share the Christian faith to all those who help and participate in this program. She extended her "Thank you" to our group at the meeting



Also during our June meeting we played a "Guess Who" game of members' baby pictures and collected items for the Heart of Pregnancy Resource Center in Dripping Springs. Thank you all for your participation. – Dawn Cyr



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.

## Our Circle of Love Committee

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**Education:** Parish Trip to the Painted Churches: October 28.

We will meet at SMDP church parking lot and leave at 8:00am, traveling by bus. There are limited seats available. Contact Cindy at falbo5@verizon.net

for more information, or to secure a reservation. This also has a component of raising money for scholarships.



## Upcoming Dates

### Thursdays 6:30-8:30

Through August 31 you are welcome to join others in the Parish Hall for SoulCore – Rosary & Exercise for Mind Body and Soul. Every Thursday but the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

### Wednesdays 10-11:30am (Ed Center) or 7-8:30pm (Hall)

#### **Be Healed Book Study and Talks:**

Every Wednesday July 12-Aug 2 and Aug 16-Aug 23 except for Aug 9. See the Bulletin online for more information. Everyone is welcome for one or for many sessions.

### July 13

Rosary and Divine Mercy, Chapel 3pm - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 3<sup>rd</sup> Visitation at Fatima.

### July 18

CDA Meeting 7pm Parish Hall

### July 28

Catholic Women's Conference in San Antonio (See Circle of Love News Items for more details and link)

### August 14

Our First Year Anniversary of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Daughters

### August 15

CDA Meeting 7pm Parish Hall

### August 18

Rosary and Divine Mercy, Chapel 3pm- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 4<sup>th</sup> Visitation at Fatima

### August 19

JCDA Installation Mass, 5pm. CDA

### August 26

Knights of Columbus Hill Country Shoot Out

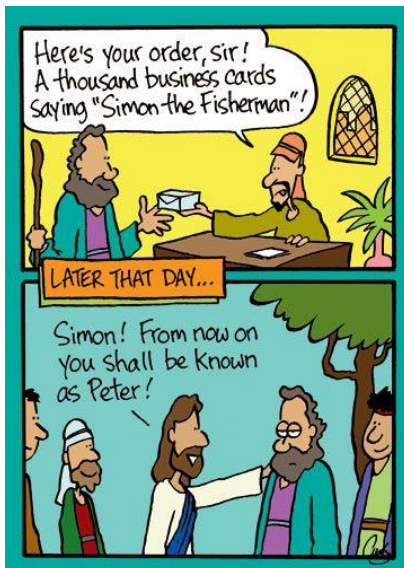
### Sept 23

Austin Diocese Women's Conference- Santa Cruz Church, Buda

## CDA Help Wanted:

**Secretary for Circle of Love Hours:** This member will be responsible for collection of quarterly COL worksheets and compile hours spend on each COL category. Contact Kat Berbel

**Scrapbook/Historian:** This member will be responsible for documenting our many activities and compiling them into our scrapbook. The time period of this scrapbook will be April 15, 2017-April 14, 2019. This includes taking or collecting pictures from activities, and collecting documentation of these activities such as bulletin announcements, thank you notes, etc. Contact Allison Rice



### *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."*





## Christmas in July

We have the ornaments for this year's ornament fundraiser. A special thank you to Connie Brownson for volunteering to be the Chairman on this project. The ornaments will be sold at the Church Festival on October 29.



## Membership and Dues:

We currently have a membership of 44 members. Inviting ladies to our meeting is a good way to increase our membership.

Our First Year Anniversary is coming up on August 14. Dues will be collected during the months of July and August. Dues are \$30 collected annually. You can bring dues to the July and August meetings or mail them to the Church Office at P.O. Box 1062, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620. Attn: CDA, Jackie Givens



## Month of the Precious Blood

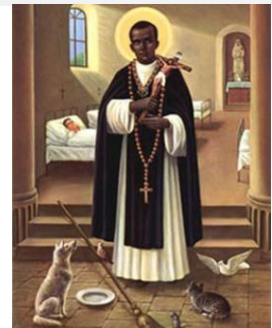
The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses from sin, therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for his Sacred Heart from which His blood poured out on the Cross. The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, most notably St. Catherine of Siena. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread greatly through the preaching of Bl. Gaspar del Bufalo, a 19<sup>th</sup> century priest and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and was later approved and recommended by the Holy See. The feast day of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is July 1<sup>st</sup>. (From "Your Morning Offering", The Catholic Company) More info @ [http://whitelilyoffrinity.com/precious\\_blood\\_of\\_jesus\\_devotion.html](http://whitelilyoffrinity.com/precious_blood_of_jesus_devotion.html)

## Knightsly News Congratulations

Congratulations to Patrick Manning, Grand Knight, Terry Dunk, Deputy Grand Knight and all other officers installed in June.



Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus officers for 2017/2018:  
Grand Knight: Patrick Manning    Deputy Grand Knight: Terry Dunk  
Chancellor: Art Martinez    Recorder: Ed Minnich  
Treasurer: Paul Sanchez    Financial Secretary: Myron Lutz  
Advocate: Martin Garza    Warden: Robert "Chappy" Chaplin  
Inside Guard: Lou Pierantoni    Outside Guard: Jim Fletcher  
First Year Trustee: Rick Strahan    Second Year Trustee: Bill Williams  
Third Year Trustee: Richard Santamaria  
Chaplain: Fr. Charlie Garza



St. Martin de Porres, Pray for Us

# Dust off your Cobbler Recipes

The Catholic Daughters have been asked by the Knights of Columbus to donate Cobblers for the luncheon held after the shooting is done at the Hill Country Shoot Out on August 26, 2017.

We will need enough cobblers to feed about 200.



## CDA State News



(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)

### **Congratulations to all newly elected 2017-2019 Officers:**

Rosie Stockwell: State Regent  
Melodie Brunt, First Vice State Regent  
Becky Brown, Second Vice State Regent  
Terri Beltran, State Secretary  
Mary Jane Albery, State Treasurer  
Eve Trevino, Immediate Past State Regent

Message from the newly elected State Regent, Rosie Stockwell:

**"The members of the TX State and local courts love Christ and His Church. We are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to his service through active participation in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas."**

Link: <http://www.texascd.org/index.php#loaded>



Group photo during TX State Convention. Regents from Charter Courts installed in 2016.

Our Regent, Kat Berbel, is front row, right.

## CDA National News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



The 57<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention will be held on July 17-22, 2018 in Sioux Falls, SD.

We are encouraged to begin fundraising endeavors to help subsidize participation for all Daughters who would like to attend.

Link: <http://www.catholicdaughters.org/index.shtml>

## More Knightly News

We are partnering with the Knights to bring in sponsorship monies for their annual Hill Country Shootout. If anyone you know, work for, or do business with comes to mind as a sponsor please contact Allison Rice (512) 565-1298, [cparice@hotmail.com](mailto:cparice@hotmail.com)

Funds will support the Center for the Intrepid Soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Burke Center, Boy Scouts Troop 280, SMdP College Scholarships, Special Olympics and other community projects

## Pope's Intention for Month of July

Theme: Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Note: All articles written by Allison Rice unless otherwise noted



# A Special Welcome to Fr. Melesio Espinoza



The Catholic Daughters were honored to extend our Hospitality after the weekend masses on July 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> to help welcome and

introduce Fr. Melesio to our parishioners.



Welcome Fr. Melesio. We are excited to have you here at St. Martin de Porres.

We are also honored to have Seminarian Justin Lapeyra visiting here for the summer.



(Refreshments were provided for by St. Martin de Porres Parish Office-Special thank you to Chery Lutz for all her time and effort)

**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.**

## Spiritual Adoption

to pray for the babies you have spiritually adopted during this year. We are coming up to the end of Month 6. Offer up prayers for the safety and health of the babies and especially for peace and encouragement for their parents.

## Be Healed Book Studies and Talks

Father Charlie is leading this study is based on the book, Be Healed. by Dr. Bob Schuchts. This book study will help prepare us for the talks Dr. Bob Schuchts will offer here at St. Martin's on Oct. 16-19. Please refer to the bulletin for days, times and the chapter of study for the lesson.