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Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Court St. Barbara #2153
 DeRidder, LA

June 2014

Court St. Barbara Activities

- ❖ **June 2 – CDA End of Year Social/Meeting** at 6 p.m. at Cathy Bradley's home. Bring a covered dish and carpool, if possible (it's more fun and greener!).
- ❖ **State CDA Education Contest** – Congratulations to Court St. Barbara's entrant, **Christy Walker!** Christy won 2nd Place for Division III Poetry! Altogether, there were 151 State Education Contest entries (Art, Poetry, Essay, Computer, Music, and Photography) from 27 local Courts.
- ❖ **Happy June Birthday, anyone?** – No birthdays were listed for June. If your birthday is not in the following list, please contact Becky Broussard (462-3874) to give her your birthday.

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.

MARGARET SONNIER	01/06
MARIE CALHOUN	01/07
JUNE TOOTHMAN	02/04
LENORA HITCHENS	02/05
LAVONDA RATHEL	02/20
BRIDGET GATES	03/17
CHRIS BROUSSARD	03/21
NANCY SIMMONS	03/25
BEA FONTENOT	04/09
DOLLY BORDINE	04/18
DEBRA P. SMITH	04/18
LUCILLE SIEREN	05/07
DOROTHY FRANCISCO	05/12
PAT SINGLETARY	05/22
MARILU FRANKLIN	07/06

EVALINA SMITH	07/09
PAM GILL	07/26
MARY LEDOUX	09/05
MARGO ROLL	09/10
NEOMI MORALES	09/11
THERESA STOUT	09/15
DORIS PRICE	09/16
CATHY BRADLEY	10/05
MARY KIDDER	10/10
DIANA DAVIS	10/18
KATHY LAWRENCE	10/28
BECKY BROUSSARD	11/16
JENNIE SLIMAN	11/26
DOTTIE MCGOWEN	12/14
ANNE TAYLOR	12/26



May Crowning was awesome!
 Chairperson Cathy Bradley reported there were 8 boys and 2 girls participating in the May 4 event at St. Joseph Church.





Recent CDA Resolution

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, at the Vatican October 2014; and
WHEREAS, the theme is "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization;" and

WHEREAS, the People of God, lay, clerical, and consecrated have participated in the preparation for the meeting through practical suggestions and the support of prayer; therefore, be it
RESOLVED that all Catholic Daughters of the Americas join in prayer for the success of the synod and that Pope Francis may serve the People of God in truth and in love.

Adopted at the National Board Meeting in Linthicum, MD on March 21, 2014



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A MESSAGE FROM STATE CHAPLAIN FATHER CHARLES MCMILLIN

Dear Daughters in Christ

I have been pondering the work of the various organizations in the Church universal and have noted the following thoughts:

- 1) The work done by these organizations is worthy of praise and mention. Worthy for the ongoing work of Jesus Christ as rooted in the celebration of the Sacraments and aided by the work such as accomplished by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, by you in your commitment to be Daughters in Christ.
- 2) There is always room for improvement. We must follow the lead of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and look closely at ourselves as one of the most "comfortable" of nations worldwide and ask ourselves, "Do I realize that a great portion of the world simply does not have what we take for granted in the ways of daily comforts?" Let me give a few examples:
 - * homes with conditioned air in summer and winter,
 - * refrigerators and cabinets and pantries filled with food,
 - * beds with clean sheets and spreads and pillows with softness to suit our individual tastes,
 - * automobiles with comforts that would make a princess blush with shame,
 - * clothing that is suited to the season and tailored to the latest fashion of the day,
 - * cosmetics and lotions and creams and perfumes and hairsprays and aftershaves and health club memberships,
 - * boats and four-wheelers and hunting leases and summer homes and last but not least the comfort of a hot shower or bath at the turn of a knob.

I could write a list that extends from heaven to the nether world, but I think you get my point.

- 3) Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is calling out to us loud and clear, not so much to give up our, in many cases, hard earned comforts, but to be in constant prayer to recognize the ways we can relate to those who have few or none of these comforts. And then when we begin to see the disparity of the distribution of goods in the world we will willingly give up some of our comforts and find that we are better off for it. If we fail to do this our comforts can become in varied ways "idols" and we become controlled by them.

Addressing these things our Holy Father said this is the beginning of Lent: *"When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing."*

In closing, I ask you to be of a mind to "think" when you experience any of these "comforts" and pray that you will make efforts to be part of the Holy Father's prayer for an equitable distribution of wealth.

For my part I ask you to use the monies you would have spent on my trip to Billings, Montana for the National Convention, as I have decided not to attend. Use them to assist someone in a country that suffers from lack of the comforts you and too often take for granted.

Yours in Truth,
Reverend Father Charles McMillin, State Chaplain
Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Louisiana

Other state CDA news:

- ☞ Another Louisiana CDA Court has been disbanded, St. Mary Pamela #1400 in Raceland.
- ☞ Project Rainbow contributions from local Courts is now \$45. This was voted on at the 2013 convention.
- ☞ State Membership Contest Winners for period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014:
 - **1-85 Members:** 1st – Court St. Mary Magdalen #801 (Abbeville); 2nd – Court Sacred Heart of Jesus #1674 (Ville Platte); 3rd – Court Father Charles Kirk #1573 (Lake Arthur).
 - **86+ Members:** 1st – Court Saint Helena #2536 (Greensburg); 2nd – Court Massabielle #1334 (Morgan City); 3rd – Court Regina Coeli #2063 (Baton Rouge).

☞ **Circle of Love 2013-2014 Education Winners**

1st Place – Court Assumption #1672 (Franklin). This Court partners with two Catholic schools. The entire active membership, in one form or another, helps with receptions after First Communion and Confirmation, as well as the Seder Meal, the 5th Grade Breakfast, and a Senior High Luncheon with the Pastor. This year they were also involved in judging a Social Studies contest and Spelling Bee. The major project of 2012-2013 was donating \$1000 to the Catholic School Educational Fund allocated by local businesses and community members to parents needing emergency financial assistance for the children in St. John Elementary and Hanson memorial high School. Parents may apply to the Educational Fund Committee to help pay tuition, buy books, uniforms or other supplies for their children.

2nd Place – Court St. Rose de Lima (St. Amant) . This Court has given an Annie Mayer's Memorial Scholarship of \$200 each to three seniors since 1979. The scholarships were established in the name of a beloved deceased member who was dedicated in service to charitable works and unity within the local court. One student is selected from each of three public high schools. Graduates planning to go to college or post-secondary school, most in need, are always their first choice. If no one is needy, the recipients are chosen by grade point average. Approximately 59 Catholic Daughters work on this project by holding multiple fundraisers to support this initiative. The court members want to give underprivileged children a better opportunity at furthering their education and succeeding in life. In recent years the court has presented the scholarships at the school's award events.

3rd Place – Court Fr. Charles Kirk (Kaplan). This Court annually awards a \$300 scholarship to a student at graduation with a 3.0 or higher scholastic average. Much effort goes into selecting a student that displays high moral character, respect for fellow students and faculty members, and is a Christian example. About 45 members directly participate in funding this scholarship to defray a student's expenses of the first semester in college or post-secondary school. It is the hope of this court that the recipients will each continue to be spiritually motivated to live an adult life filled with faith.