

Les Nouvelles De Les Bonne Dame De St. Joseph

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court St. Joseph, #1642

Paulina, LA 70763

"The News of the Good Women of St. Joseph"

CDA Mission Statement

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



Introducing Your New CDA Officers



Left to right: Marlene Schexnayder, Treasurer, Pat LeMoine, Secretary, Liz Deroche, Regent, Sharon Louque, Vice Regent & Judy Pollet, Financial Secretary

Liz Deroche: Regent shall: Pre-side at all meetings; prepare the agenda; responsible for transaction of all business; obtain permission by motion of the court before any expenditures; follows rules of debate; enforces rule of Local Court; enforces Bylaw of The Order...among several other duties.

Sharon Louque: The Vice Regent shall:

Assist Regent when requested; perform other such duties as may be designated by the Regent such as: Membership Chairman & Standing Rules Committee Chairman.

Pat LeMoine: Secretary

Keep accurate proceedings of all meetings; have the following items at every meeting: Minutes Book; Minutes of previous meeting; Agenda for meeting; Copy of National Bylaws; List of all Committees and Copy of Court's Standing Rules. Perform other such duties as may be designated by the regent.

Marlene Schexnayder: Treasurer Receive all monies from Financial Secretary only. Give receipt to Financial Secretary for all monies given to her. Pay all bills with approval of Court. Reminder: Approval is not required from the Court to pay monies assessed by or owed to the National Office and State Court. Keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. Present a Treasurer's Report at regular meeting each month and give copies to the Regent, to the Recording Secretary for the minutes, and retain one for the Treasurer's Book. Make bank deposits immediately. Enter deposits in check book. Write checks to pay bills as presented from Recording Secretary immediately after close of meeting. Mail or distribute checks. Countersign checks with Regent. All officers' signatures must be on bank signature card for signing Court checks in case someone is not available. All checks require two signatures.

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Balance check book and account book and reconcile bank statement monthly. Serve on the Budget Committee. Assist with a semi-annual report of finances for the six month period ending March 31 and September 30 which shall be completed by the Local Court Financial Review Committee and submitted to the National Office, with a copy to the State Regent and the State Secretary.

Judy Pollet: Financial Secretary shall: Receive and Transmit Monies: Receives ALL MONIES for court; issue receipts for all monies received regardless of whether it is cash, or check. Post receipts in cash book making proper notations for identification. Post dues receipts on membership card. Present lists of all bills to be paid to Court Treasurer.

Traveling Statue Our Lady of Sorrows

The State CDA began a Traveling Mary project in 2019. The statue of Mary has been traveling through the state going from Court to Court. Each Court has Mary for one week. Members are asked to join together daily to pray with Our Lady of Sorrows. Court St. Joseph will host the statue starting on September 26.

At the August or September meeting we will discuss a schedule for praying with Mary during our week. If you are unable to attend the meeting a schedule will be posted to our Face Book page as well as

in the church bulletin. Be sure to look for it.

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows was chosen because the theme for this term is "Love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12. In a discussion with our new State Chaplain, Father Jason Palermo, he said the ultimate example of love is the blessed Mother, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows. How beautiful an example of LOVE! Mary suffered much loss and devastation as the Mother of Jesus, yet she never wavered in her love and commitment to whatever was asked of her. The focus of this

project is to have all the Courts in our state pray for our Catholic Daughter organization to flourish under our motto of "**Unity and Charity**". We are losing many members for many reasons. We

need to pray for our sisters to listen to God's call and answer "YES" when called. It is our mission, as Catholic Daughters, to evangelize to others about Jesus Christ, whether that be through mission work, in and around our state and communities, or by our witness. By praying with His mother Mary, we hope to grow our organization with peace, love and joy, as we minister to the needs of our brothers and sisters.



Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat



"Out of Great Sorrow comes the Greatest Love"

Open to all Catholic Daughters

The State CDA is sponsoring Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat on August 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in French Settlement.

The deadline to RSVP for the retreat is August 13, 2020. If interested, contact Dawn Fortenberry at LaCDASate Regent@gmail.com or 225-324-8610.

Circle of Love ... Fulfilling Our Circle ...

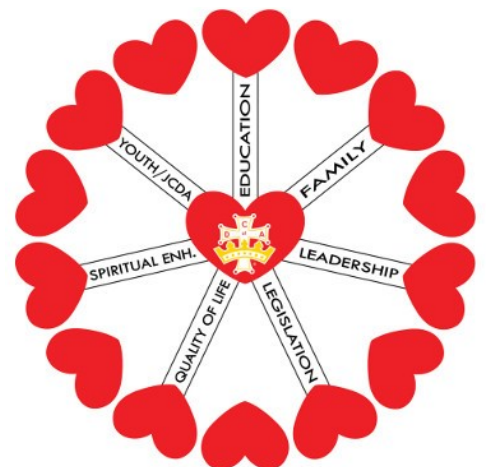
The National Program of Circle of Love consists of promoting good works in seven areas: Quality of Life, Youth, Education, Legislation, Family, Leadership and Spiritual Enhancement.

There are more than 66,000 members and 1150 local courts in 45 states, Kenya Africa, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, Peru and the Virgin Islands.

Here is a list of just a few projects we take on yearly as part of fulfilling our

Circle of Love:

- Initiated Jr. Catholic Daughters
- WRAP-White Ribbon Against Pornography
- CDA Kid
- Seminarian Support Monthly
- Advocates for Pro Life
- Scholarships for both 8th Grade & Senior Graduates
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Cookie decorating for Christmas



Spiritual Nourishment & Prayer

Let Us Pray For...

All those whom we love that are in need ...

All who are shut in, lonely and afraid ...

A community of love, support and kindness ...

All healthcare workers and their families ...

*For CDA Members we have loss,
may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace ...*

Those who long for the Blessed Sacrament ...

Our leaders, may God guide their minds and hearts ...

For ourselves, that we may be what others need us to be.

That we find strength and courage to be Jesus for others.

That we recognize what we are called to do and face it without fear ...

God please hear all of our prayers, those spoken and those unspoken. Those physically present and those within our hearts that only you can see.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

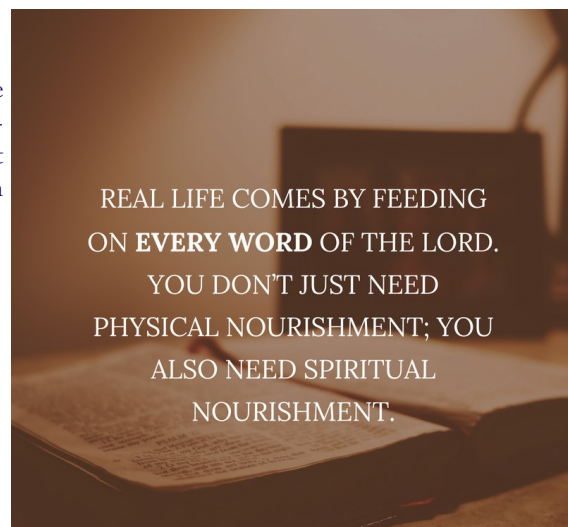
Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Let us keep our eyes and hearts open to God's constant actions in our lives by deepening our prayer life. Our God is with us. Yet, we often ask: **Who is He and where is He?**

Reflect on the Word of God and other resources, allow the Good Shepherd to lead you to pasture – to nourish your mind and be restored in spirit. With renewed vigor, strengthened in His Wisdom, we may bring others to His pasture.

Let us make Jesus more present to our world. Evangelization at heart is about sharing Jesus with others in word and deed.

...Prayer is the best cleansing therapy of the heart and most effective purifier of the soul. It converts hatred into love and changes anger into happiness.



Carley Boudreaux - 2020 CDA 12th Grade Scholarship Winner As Well as State CDA Winner



Congratulations to Carley Boudreaux.

Not only did Carley win our court's senior scholarship award but she also won first place at the state level. Carley received a check from Court St. Joseph for \$250 and a check from the state CDA for \$1000.

Carley is the daughter of Wayne & Dayna Boudreaux of Paulina. She is a 2020 graduate of Lutchter High School and she will be attending Southeastern in the fall.

Congratulations Carley!

Jr. Catholic Daughters—Court Michelle Jos'eph-Who Are They ... What Do They Do?



The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, otherwise known as JCDA, is a unique organization that is exclusively for Catholic girls, ages 6 through 18. Membership is

divided into two categories: Juniorette is age 6 through 10 and Junior is age 11 through 18. The Blessed Mother Mary is the Patroness of the organization. Court Michelle Jos'eph derived its name

from Court St. Michael & Court St. Joseph. Our JCDA Court has 22 members. Carolyn Bossier, Stephanie Brignac, and Kim Moody are the leaders of Court Michelle Jos'eph. Any young lady interested in joining should contact one of them for an application. Carolyn (225) 869-4152; Stephanie (225) 806-2310; Kim (504) 416-2241.

4 Basic Objectives Are:

- Promote development of the whole person through programs of self-identity, personal growth and peer group relationships.
- Promote service to others in the

parish.

- Encourage spiritual growth by providing opportunities for personal prayer, liturgy and ecumenical understanding.
- Encourage programming that is open, flexible and creative to current needs and concerns.

The four basic goals of JCDA:

1. Develop yourself as a Christian
2. Learn to work for the good of others
3. Grow spiritually
4. Be creative and flexible



JCDA Pledge:

I promise to be a faithful member of the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, To promote development of myself as a whole person, To promote service to others, and To encourage spiritual growth in our members.

CDA Cluster-Wide White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign October 25 through November 1, 2020

The following information is provided by: Enough is Enough

Pornography has become increasingly acceptable, accessible and freely available. It is one of the biggest threats to our children's online safety. Today, any computer literate child can view, either intentionally or accidentally, sexually explicit pornography online--from adult pornography (like the kind that appears in Playboy) to prosecutable material depicting graphic sex acts, love sex shows, orgies, bestiality and violence.

Pornography has been implicated in an increase in teen promiscuity, sexually

transmitted diseases, divorce, child sexual abuse, rape, human sex trafficking, and a decrease in worker productivity.

Court St. Joseph Catholic Daughters of Americas joins moms, dads, grandparents, educators and other national organizations to observe White Ribbon Against Pornography week. This is an opportunity for people to wear white ribbons to inform public officials and other leaders about the harms of pornography.

The 22nd annual WRAP week runs Sunday, October 25 through Sunday, November 1st. .

Help with making the ribbons and pinning ribbons at all Masses throughout the cluster will be needed. If you would like to be the coordinator for this 2020 Campaign or for more information about how to get involved, contact Regent, Liz Deroche.



CDA Kid ... Did You Know?

Did you know CDA Kid, was initially started by the state court in Baton Rouge and has now become a national project. The project enables a CDA Court to choose one child, 12 years or younger, who has a life-threatening illness or is underprivileged.

Applications for the next CDA Kid to be adopted by Court St. Joseph opens in November each year. Once a CDA Kid is picked he or she is then remembered throughout the year.

The chairperson and court members send gifts on holidays and birthdays as well as keeping in touch and providing support through prayers. "The program is very rewarding and very well received, it lends helping hands to children across the country. The Chairpersons for CDA Kid are Auga Roy and Mary Lubrano.

If you would like to recommend a child for the upcoming CDA Kid Program please contact Regent Liz Deroche.



CONGRATULATIONS



We want to extend congratulations to:



Diana Ragas winner of the \$500 raffle we do yearly as one of our Court fundraisers. The winning ticket was pulled at the June meeting.



**Court St. Michael the Archangel
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
upon your upcoming
47th Anniversary on Sept. 14.**

Dominic Annaloro 8th Grade CDA Scholarship

Congratulations to Dominic Annaloro for winning the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 8th grade scholarship for the 2020 school year. Dominic is the son of Sarah Anslum & Michael Annaloro. Dominic plans to attend St. Charles Catholic high school in the fall. Good luck Dominic as you move into High School. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations Dominic!

The Seven Sorrows Devotion

The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows).
The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget.



HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

The Angelic Salutation (Hail Mary)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

SEVEN SORROWS

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

1. The prophecy of Simeon: "And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." – Luke II, 34-35.

Meditation: How great was the shock to Mary's Heart at hearing the sorrowful words, in which holy Simeon told the bitter Passion and death of her sweet Jesus, since in that same moment she realized in her mind all the insults, blows, and torments which the impious men were to offer to the Redeemer of the world. But a still sharper sword pierced her soul. It was the thought of men's ingratitude to her beloved Son. Now consider that because of your sins you are unhappily among the ungrateful. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

2. The flight into Egypt: "And after they (the wise men) were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His mother and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and He was there until the death of Herod." – Matt. II, 13-14.

Meditation: Consider the sharp sorrow which Mary felt when, St. Joseph being warned by an angel, she had to flee by night in order to preserve her beloved Child from the slaughter decreed by Herod. What anguish was hers, in leaving Judea, lest she should be overtaken by the soldiers of the cruel king! How great her privations in that long journey! What sufferings she bore in that land of exile, what sorrow amid that people given to idolatry! But consider how often you have renewed that bitter grief of Mary, when your sins have caused her Son to flee from your heart. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple: "And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him." Luke II, 43-45.

Meditation: How dread was the grief of Mary, when she saw that she had lost her beloved Son! And as if to increase her sorrow, when she sought Him diligently among her kinsfolk and acquaintance, she could hear no tidings of Him. No hindrances stayed her, nor weariness, nor danger; but she forthwith returned to Jerusalem, and for three long days sought Him sorrowing. Great be your confusion, O my soul, who has so often lost your Jesus by your sins, and has given no heed to seek Him at once, a sign that you make very little or no account of the precious treasure of divine love. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross: "And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him." – Luke XXIII, 27.

Meditation: Come, O ye sinners, come and see if ye can endure so sad a sight. This Mother, so tender and loving, meets her beloved Son, meets Him amid an impious rabble, who drag Him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing His heavy cross. Ah, consider, my soul, the grief of the blessed Virgin thus beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my sins have so cruelly wounded the heart of my sorrowing Mother! And yet I am not moved; I am as a stone, when my heart should break because of my ingratitude. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

5. The Crucifixion: "They crucified Him. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, He saith to His Mother: behold thy son. After that he saith to the disciple: Behold thy Mother." – John XIX, 25-27.

Meditation: Look, devout soul, look to Calvary, whereon are raised two altars of sacrifice, one on the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross. Ah me! how every blow of the hammer, how every stripe which fell on the Saviour's form, fell also on the disconsolate spirit of the Virgin. As she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on Him, until she knew that He lived no longer and had resigned His spirit to His Eternal Father. Then her own soul was like to have left the body and joined itself to that of Jesus. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross: "Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counselor, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And Joseph buying fine linen, and taking Him down, wrapped Him up in the fine linen." – Mark XV, 43-46.

Meditation: Consider the most bitter sorrow which rent the soul of Mary, when she saw the dead body of her dear Jesus on her knees, covered with blood, all torn with deep wounds. O mournful Mother, a bundle of myrrh, indeed, is thy Beloved to thee. Who would not pity thee? Whose heart would not be softened, seeing affliction which would move a stone? Behold John not to be comforted, Magdalen and the other Mary in deep affliction, and Nicodemus, who can scarcely bear his sorrow. Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)

7. The burial of Jesus: "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the parascave of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulchre was nigh at hand." John XIX, 41-42.

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulchre, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body! Say one *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)



COURT ST. JOSEPH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



The Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court St. Joseph held their 2020 installation of officers on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Special thanks to Regina Forsythe & Kathy Duhon for serving as our past Regent and Vice Regent.

Congratulations to our new officers:

Liz Deroche-Regent; Sharon Louque-Vice Regent; Pat Lemoine-Secretary; Marlene Schexnayder-Treasurer and Judy Pollet-Financial Secretary.

Welcome new CDA members:

Harriet Buckner, Renita Zeringue, Raynette Martin, Donna Vicknair & Marie Cambre.



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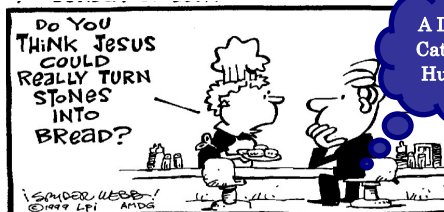
49th Biennial Louisiana State Convention

April 15-18, 2021

Randolph Riverfront Center

Alexandria

Mark your calendars. This will be one *doozy* of a Convention. The Board met in May and our State Chaplain, Fr. Jason, attended. He has some wonderful insight in helping us make this a memorable and prayerful time. And he is planning a few big surprises for us. You wouldn't want to miss out!



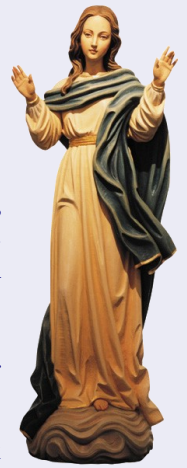
A Little Catholic Humor



From
the desk
of...



Liz Deroche
Regent, Court St. Joseph #1642



Dear Sisters in Christ,

What difficult times we are going through right now – physically, mentally, economically, socially and spiritually. We are being faced with challenges every day making it so hard to maintain our faith and trust in God when those around us are sick, dying, lonely, and hurting. We are a social people and having to social distance is hard. Not being able to gather in companionship and community has caused us to cancel many activities. Our Catholic Daughter calendar for the upcoming year will reflect that we are not yet ready to get back to “normal”.

While we are still unable to participate in many of our usual activities, we will work with Father Vincent and local organizations such as the KC'S to continue promoting Unity and Charity throughout the community where our help is needed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Regent of Court St. Joseph for the next two years. I ask you to pray for and with me as we continue our journey for Unity and Charity in all we do.

Yours in Christ,
Liz Deroche
Regent, Court St. Joseph #1642

Priest Appreciation ... Thanking Fr. Vincent & Fr. Alec

Priest Appreciation Day is a day set aside by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to honor our priests. It is the first Sunday in June, and it is suggested that Courts show appreciation to their priests on that day.

Court St. Joseph members show appreciation to Fr. Vincent our Chaplin and Cluster Pastor, and Fr. Alec Sheldon, our Associate Pastor with individual gifts. This year Court St. Joseph gave a small monetary gift to Father Vincent and Father Alec. The JCDA girls baked cookies and delivered them to the Pastoral Center as a token of their appreciation.

A priest is a spiritual father, mediator, provider, teacher, spiritual warrior, means of God's mercy, bridegroom and brother. The priest is given a sacred power to serve God's people, to lead them to union with God. He does this principally by teaching the people, shepherding them through leadership, offering pastoral care and spiritual

guidance and sanctifying them through the Sacraments ([CCC 1592](#)). A priest can experience in just one day what some experience in their whole lifetime.



With all these tasks, it's easy to see why priests lead quite busy lives! Like all vocations, the vocation of the priest relies upon the grace of God to carry out what God has asked.

Keeping in mind that our priest need to hear “thank you” and need to know the mission they have undertaken to be a spiritual leader, is appreciated we offer them not only thanks, and tokens of our gratitude, we offer prayer and the grace received from Holy Eucharist as spiritual nourishment for each of them. We ask our patroness, Our Blessed Mother, to wrap them in her loving care and pray to her son on their behalf. We ask that they be strengthened in their daily work and that they never fall into the clutches of Satan.

What's HAPPENING?

Meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month in the St. Peter Chanel Cafeteria. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

We will begin collecting non-perishable food items at our meetings to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Please be generous!

Upcoming meetings are:
August 12th, September 9th, and October 14th.

All are welcome!

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