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**Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, Jan. 10th**

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®

#### 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.

*Better to illuminate than merely to shine; to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate. – St. Thomas Aquinas*

### *A Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph*

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Meetings are held at the Faith Formation Center

First Tuesday of the Month

Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Website: [www.cdagervais2481.org](http://www.cdagervais2481.org)

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary/New Years Day  
 Jan. 3—Epiphany Sunday  
 Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
 of Unborn Children  
 Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday  
 Feb. 16—National JCDA Day  
 March 4, 2021 – 20 Years as a Court!



Jan. 3—Blanca G  
 Jan. 13—Maxine B  
 Jan. 15—Sandra S  
 Jan. 15—Marge P

*Thank you to all Catholic Daughters in our court who donated to this year's sock drive, and who helped with the Christmas Box distribution this year!*

*A big thanks to Marianne Brannaman, who spearheaded the holly sales after Masses and at the parish chicken dinner, and to those who helped her with this fundraiser.*



*As you led the Magi to the Christ Child in Bethlehem, shine your light into our hearts so that we may be a light in the darkness to others.*

*Mientras guiaste a los magos hacia el Niño Jesús en Belén, haz brillar tu luz en nuestros corazones para que seamos una luz en la oscuridad para los demás.*

## A Reflection on The Sacrament of Baptism

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Pranger, husband of our court regent, Marge Pranger. Tom passed away on December 22nd. Keep Marge and the family in your prayers, too.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## NCOSE Update – Credit Card Companies Cutting Ties to Pornhub

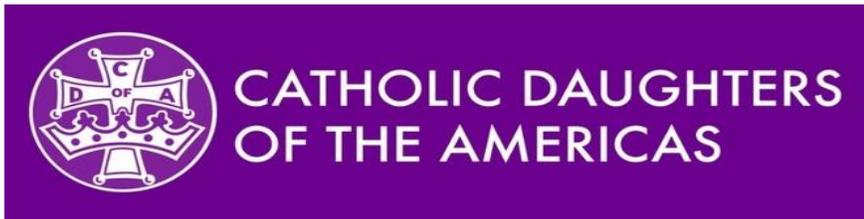
### *NCOSE Calls on Remaining Credit Card Companies to Follow*

**Washington, DC (December 10, 2020)** – The National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) commended Visa’s and Mastercard’s decisions to cut ties with Pornhub, following *The New York Times* investigation which highlighted how Pornhub profits from child sexual abuse material.

**“Visa and Mastercard have made the right decision to finally cut ties with a profiteer of rape. These companies are now standing on the side of human dignity and we applaud Visa and Mastercard for making this bold step,”** said Dawn Hawkins, senior vice president and executive director of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation. “We met with both Visa and Mastercard earlier in 2020 to ask them to stop processing payments for Pornhub and we are grateful that both companies will make these significant changes.”

We hope Visa’s and Mastercard’s decisions lead to other credit card companies like Discover and JCB International to cut ties with Pornhub,” Hawkins said. “No company should agree to prop up this abuse industry.”

To read the entire NCOSE statement, go to: <https://endsexualexploitation.org/articles/statement-visa-and-mastercard-cut-ties-with-pornhub/>



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