

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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## National Headquarters



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Quarterly Newsletter  
March 2010

Dear Officers, Chaplains, and Members,

The year is quickly going by. We are in the blessed season of Lent and Easter is right around the corner. This holy time of year provides us with the time to reflect. We celebrated the birth of Christ at Christmas. We now reflect on his death and rejoice in His resurrection. John 3:16 teaches us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." With this kind of love, we have nothing on earth to fear.

Your court has elected the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be responsible for selecting a slate of officers for your court. Please remember that just because the slate has been presented, it does not mean that someone else cannot run from the floor. If you feel that someone else has been overlooked and she would do a good job as a court officer, she may be nominated from the floor on the day of election. Please keep the court's best interest at heart and the service you can do for your court, your church, and your community.

You have elected the delegates and alternates to the National Convention. The National Convention is a time to renew friendships and make new ones. It is a time for your delegates to make decisions for your organization. This, like other conventions, will offer both knowledge and fun. We look forward to welcoming all of you to Buffalo, New York.

### **ELECTION OF LOCAL COURT OFFICERS**

Attached is the Officer List to be completed by every Court in Catholic Daughters. It is very important that this form be sent to the National Office and your State Regent **after your May meeting**. Even if your officers are remaining for the next two year term, you **must** send the completed form back. This is to ensure that we have the correct addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if applicable) for all the officers. The term of office for the local Court Officers begins 30 days from your Court's May meeting and is for two years. Thank you to all outgoing officers for their continued dedication to CDA.

### **OUTGOING LOCAL COURT REGENT**

If you wish to purchase any Past Regent Jewelry in 10K, 14K or Sterling Silver please remember that this is special order jewelry. You must send in your order (size if ordering ring) with a check for 50% deposit. The order can take 8-12 weeks for delivery. Order early! See attached updated price list.

### **UPDATED SUPPLY LIST PRICES**

Jewelry – price of gold is on the rise – please see the attached Supply list update and make the changes to your price list. The price for Twill shirts, Unity and Charity Brochures and Chaplain Pins has also risen. We will no longer sell the #117 Financial Secretary Cash Book. Please go to your nearest supply store (Staples, Target, OfficeMax, etc.) and purchase a book that would meet your needs.

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Have you returned to the National Office the Delegate and Alternate form that was sent to you in November? They will be mailing out the delegate and alternate cards to you shortly. Enclosed with this mailing is the 2010 National Convention mailing. Please be sure to meet all deadlines listed.

## **FINANACIAL REVIEW**

The Local Financial Review form is enclosed, covering the period 10-1-09 through 3-31-10. Please return the original copy to the National Office **NO LATER THAN 5-1-10**, and make/forward copies for those listed on the bottom of the form. As you prepare your Financial Review, please keep in mind our National Projects and Programs.

## **BYLAWS and TOOLS OF THE TRADE UPDATES**

The Bylaws and Tools of the Trade committees are working together to present at the convention the Tools of the Trade newly revised. We are very excited about this new instrument and hope that when you see it, it will be helpful to you and all our courts.

## **FUNDRAISER**

Thank you all so much for your generous response to our recent fundraiser. The revenue will be of tremendous help to our charities and expenses. We hope you enjoy the Easter cards.

## **MORALITY IN MEDIA**

The collection of membership dues and donations to MIM through the National Office appears to be working well. A one-time annual court donation is sent directly to National Headquarters, and, in return, MIM receives one CDA check of support. Of course, if an individual in your court or the court itself wishes to communicate directly with MIM, they may do so at any time.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

I am very pleased to announce the latest CDA house is being built in Marana, Arizona. This is also the location of one of our newest CDA courts. Some of the National Officers and Directors attended the Wall Raising in February for the home and look forward to the dedication when the home is finished. Congratulations Arizona! This is our 25<sup>th</sup> home sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

## **NATIONAL PROJECTS AND CHARITIES**

We thank the Local and State Courts for their continued generosity to our National Projects and Charities. Special thanks for your thoughtful donation to Catholic Relief Services for the people of Haiti. Keep the Diocese in your prayer as they try to rebuild the communities.

Have you sent your yearly donation yet? Enclosed for your reference is a guide listing the various projects and charities and addresses to which you may send your donations.

## **1903 SOCIETY**

Is your **1903 Society Membership** expired? Donations should be sent to the National Office. The purpose of this Society is to ensure the preservation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Headquarters, located in a Historic Landmark District of New York City. Membership donations are:

1 year \$19.03-\$190.00; 5 year \$190.03-\$1900.00; Perpetual \$1903.00-\$.

## **LEGISLATION**

Much was accomplished by the National Legislative Committee during a recent meeting held in conjunction with the annual March for Life activities in Washington, DC. Members of the Executive Committee joined the meeting and were pleased to take part in the discussion. The National Board, some National Directors participated in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, DC and were pleased to walk with other state officers, local officers and members as one group. Thank you to all those other officers and members who walked with their parishes and diocese. They estimated more than 400,000 participated in the walk.

## **OPERATION MORNING STAR**

Please refer to the enclosed Legislative Newsletter as well as the 2 letters which were sent to President-elect Obama from Frances Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Be sure to pass it along to your legislative chairman.

## **EDUCATION AND NEWSLETTER CONTESTS**

Hopefully by now you are well into judging all the entries for these Contests. Keep in mind that the first place winners on the Local Court level must win first place on the **State level**. See contest rules as to sending winners on to the NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. The specific criteria must be followed in order to avoid disqualification and disappointment. Do not send any materials to the National Office. Awards will be announced at the National Convention in Buffalo.

## **PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY – Sunday, June 6, 2010**

Sunday, June 6, 2010, will mark the annual Priest Appreciation Day, designated by our organization to honor priests who serve the organization, in addition to their many other duties, as well as any other priests whom you wish to honor. Now is the time to start preparing to show appreciation to the priests who have shared their love of God with us during the past year. Without them, many of our ceremonies and projects would never have been realized.

We would suggest that Courts use spiritual bouquet cards available from the National Office for Priest Appreciation Day. A Mass is offered at Catholic University, Washington, DC, for those enrolled. Please do not send donation until you return the Mass Enrollment Slip to the National Office. There is no charge for the card only for the postage to mail them to you. Minimum enrollment of \$1.00 per name.

## **NEW COURTS**

We are proud to announce the institution of the following Courts. Please send a note of congratulations to the Regent and the Court.

### **Court Mystical Rose #2628**

Mary Wender, Regent  
9226 Edmund Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19114

### **Court St. Bernadette #2629**

Carol Zsoldos, Regent  
1415 Poplar Ridge  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

### **Court Daughters of Our Lady of Lourdes #2630**

Sonia Gonzalez, Regent  
10409 Pioneer Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78410

### **Court St. Angela Merci #2631**

Janet Wolf, Advisor  
3425 Cheyenne Ranch Road  
Ft. Worth, TX 76262

### **Court Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta #2632**

Theresa Ramirez, Regent  
12574 Barbados Dr  
Marana, AZ 85653

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- The family of Past National Regent, Eunice Riles from Louisiana who passed away. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Cheryl Dispenza, 9898 Kinglet Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
- The family of Past National Director and Past State Regent of South Dakota, Helen Johns. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Theresa Cler, 517 N High St, Aberdeen, SD 57401
- The family of Sally Rytlewski, Past National Officer, on the death of her son Scott. Condolences can be sent to Sally, 13324 State Route 31, Albion, NY 14411
- The family of Past National Director and Past State Regent of Illinois Vivian Clarke. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Doris Clarke, 2505 S 7<sup>th</sup> St, Springfield, IL 62703-3824
- The family of Past Massachusetts State Chaplain, Father Francis Gallagher. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Helen Smith, Carmel Terrace, 933 Central St., Framingham, MA 01701.

## **THANK YOU FROM PEGGY O'BRIEN**

On Christmas Day, Peggy O'Brien, the National Executive Director fell and broke her knee cap. She was restricted to her home in a brace while it healed. Peggy wishes to thank the many Courts and members who have sent her get well wishes as she recovers. At this time, she may already be in the National Office back to work!

**The National Board wishes you and your families a very Blessed Easter Season!**

**“If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.” Alex Noble**

Sincerely,



**Libby Ramirez  
National Regent**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 1	Holy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 30-May 2	Million Rosaries for the Unborn
May 6	National Day of Prayer
May 9	Mother's Day
May 13	Ascension Thursday
May 31	Memorial Day
June 6	Priest Appreciation Day
June 20	Father's Day
July 14-18	National Convention Buffalo, NY

## **DEADLINE REMINDERS**

- 1) **National Newsletter Contest** winners must be received by National Chairman, Duchess Collins, from State Chairman postmarked on or before May 1, 2010
- 2) **National Education Contest** winners must be sent to National Chairmen, Letty Calvetti, from State Chairman postmarked on or before April 15, 2010.
- 3) **National Graduate Scholarship Applications** must be sent to National Chairman, Letty Calvetti, postmarked on or before May 1, 2010
- 4) **National Scholarship for JCDA/Youth Applications** must be sent to National Chairman, Theresa Kocer, postmarked on or before May 1, 2010.
- 5) **National 8<sup>th</sup> Grader entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Applications** must be sent to National Chairman, Theresa Kocer, postmarked on or before May 1, 2010.
- 6) **Delegate and Alternate Forms** for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Convention, Buffalo, NY due to National Office by March 15, 2010
- 7) **Registration Form** for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Convention, Buffalo, NY postmarked before June 1, 2010

Enclosures

- ❖ New Court Officer Form
- ❖ Financial Review
- ❖ National Projects and Charities
- ❖ New Price Increases
- ❖ Million Rosaries for the Unborn
- ❖ Morality in Media Donation Form
- ❖ Operation Morningstar Newsletter
- ❖ Morality in Media Newsletter

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
FINANCIAL REVIEW**

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, \_\_\_\_\_ – SEPTEMBER 30, \_\_\_\_\_  
OR (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)  
 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, \_\_\_\_\_ - MARCH 31, \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON YOUR RECORDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 OR MARCH 31 WAS \_\_\_\_\_

COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COURT # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Total amount paid out by check for Religious, Charitable, and Educational purposes. Include amounts paid to National Office and State Court for these purposes. Do not include RKI Insurance. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paid to National Court:  
 National Dues & Assessments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supplies, Jewelry & Gift Items \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paraphernalia (Robes, Banner, Flags) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) – Do not include RKI Insurance Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Paid to State Court:  
 State Dues & Assessments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special State Court Projects \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FUND BALANCES**

	LAST REPORT	CURRENT REPORT
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ _____	\$ _____
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ _____	\$ _____
MASS FUND	\$ _____	\$ _____
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	\$ _____	\$ _____
CD'S	\$ _____	\$ _____
TREASURY ACCOUNTS	\$ _____	\$ _____
OTHER FUNDS (SPECIFY)	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS OF COURT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned Audit Committee of the Court hereby certify that we have audited the Court books, examined and checked the bank accounts and that the foregoing report is a true and correct statement of the funds of this Court.

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Audit Committee  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Audit Committee

District Deputy/State Representative

Send:  
 WHITE sheet to National Office:  
 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
 10 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
 New York, NY 10023

Send a copy to:  
 Your State Regent  
 Your State Secretary  
 Your District Deputy/ or State Representative  
 RETAIN: A copy for Court files

REPORT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO APPROPRIATE DESIGNATIONS BY NOVEMBER 1 OR MAY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

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The **FIVE (5) National Projects** to which each local court would donate **\$15.00 or more per year per project** is listed below. All checks, **payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and earmarked for specific charity, may be forwarded to the National Office. Below is an explanation as to why these National Projects were selected.

1. Disaster Fund
2. Habitat for Humanity
3. Holy Cross Family Ministries (Father Peyton's Family Rosary)
4. Smile Train
5. SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

### **CHARITIES ENDORSED BY NATIONAL**

All checks, **payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and earmarked for specific charity, may be forwarded to the National Office.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. American College of Louvain | 5. Apostleship of the Sea |
| 2. North American College      | 6. Covenant House         |
| 3. Morality In Media           | 7. Mother Teresa          |
| 4. Catholic Relief Services    | 8. Tutwiler Clinic        |

**Project Handclasp** - Paul Brown, Director

#### **For Monetary Donations / Correspondence only**

Director Project Handclasp  
c/o Commander Navy Region SW  
937 North Harbor Drive - Room 104  
San Diego, CA 92132-0058

#### **For Packages only**

Project Handclasp Warehouse  
Bldg. 3155, Bay 17  
401 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
National City, CA 91950

1. **Disaster Relief**—since this money is used to help dioceses where there are disasters, it can benefit any area where there are Catholic Daughters. This is a very important charitable work of the Catholic Daughters and makes us visible to our Bishops.
2. **Habitat for Humanity**—there are now many states interested in building a Habitat home in their state and the funds are not coming in to National as abundantly as they originally were, partly because states are saving to build in their own state. With this as a National Project, it will become something for which Catholic Daughters are known, and it will allow National CDA to have the funds to continue to build at least one National/State CDA house each year.
3. **Holy Cross Family Rosary**—(also known as Father Peyton's Rosary) Since the Blessed Mother is the Patroness of CDA and Catholic Daughters have a strong devotion to her, keeping the promotion of the rosary as part of our National Projects is an important Charitable Project.
4. **Smile Train**—this program helps poor children throughout the world who would not have the opportunity to have their cleft lip/palate repaired if it were not for this program. In addition, all the money donated to this program goes toward the surgeries. This is a great way to share our charity with the poor throughout the world.
5. **SOAR**—since all Catholic Daughters have benefited greatly from the religious members of our church, most of whom had no retirement benefits and Catholic Daughters have been such a major part of helping them through our donations, this is a project which CDA should continue.

Below is an increase in price for items listed on the National Price List. Please update your list accordingly or download a new list from [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

1-10K	Past STATE Regent Ring - 10K gold with synthetic amethyst	\$380.00	each ◀
1-14K	Past STATE Regent Ring - 14K gold with synthetic amethyst	\$470.00	each ◀
1-SS	Past STATE Regent Ring – Sterling Silver with synthetic amethyst	\$220.00	each ◀
2a	Past Regent Ring - celestrium silver tone finish with onyx stone and 6 pt Diamonique	\$190.00	each
2-10K	Past Local Court Regent Ring - 10K Gold	\$455.00	each ◀
2-14K	Past Local Court Regent Ring - 14K Gold	\$550.00	each ◀
2-SS	Past Local Court Regent Ring – Sterling Silver	\$265.00	each ◀
4	Past STATE Regent Pendant - 14K Gold	\$275.00	each ◀
4a	24” Chain 14K Gold (to be used with Pendant #4)	\$150.00	each ◀
8	Past Local Court Regent Charm - gold electroplate with genuine onyx stone	\$55.00	each ◀
8-10K	Past Local Court Regent Charm – 10K Gold with genuine onyx stone	\$175.00	each ◀
8-14K	Past Local Court Regent Charm – 14K Gold with genuine onyx stone	\$250.00	each ◀
13	Past Local Court Regent Emblem Pin - gold electroplate with genuine onyx stone and one piece Past Regent emblem with gavel guard and chain	\$65.00	each ◀
13-10K	Past Local Court Regent Emblem Pin – 10K Gold with genuine onyx stone and one piece Past Regent emblem with gavel guard and chain	\$185.00	each ◀
13-14K	Past Local Court Regent Pin - 14K gold with genuine onyx stone and one piece Past Regent emblem with gavel guard and chain	\$225.00	each ◀
14	Past Local Court Regent Emblem Pin - gold electroplate with genuine onyx stone and one piece Past Regent emblem <b>without</b> gavel guard and chain	\$55.00	each ◀
14-10K	Past Local Court Regent Emblem Pin –10K gold <b>without</b> gavel guard and chain	\$175.00	each ◀
14-14K	Past Local Court Regent Emblem Pin – 14K gold <b>without</b> gavel guard and chain	\$250.00	each ◀
3-10K	Membership Ring 10K Gold	\$400.00	each ◀
3-14K	Membership Ring 14K Gold	\$550.00	each ◀
3-SS	Membership Ring Sterling Silver	\$225.00	each ◀
25	Chaplain Pin	\$9.00	each ◀
26	CDA Lapel Membership Pin - top bar engraved CDA and dangle w/CDA emblem gold electroplate finish	11.00	each ◀
308-s	Medallion on chain w/Blessed Mother emblem on reverse side (Boxed)	\$6.00	each ◀
378-s	Purple Twill Shirt – <b>SHORT SLEEVE</b> with CDA emblem		
	Small, Medium, Large& X-Large	\$28.00	each ◀
	XXlarge	\$30.00	each ◀
	XXXlarge	\$32.00	each ◀
137	Voucher Book	\$2.75	Each
117	Cash Book – NO LONGER AVAILABLE	x	

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Dear Officers, Members and Chaplains:

Greetings! Hopefully you are pleased with the new approach to financially support Morality in Media. The National Board continues to support the fine work of MIM and urges you to continue your support. March, having been designated as National Women's History Month, it seems appropriate for Catholic Daughters to speak out as women for decency.

It's hard to imagine anything more at odds with the mission of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas than a criminal enterprise that turns women and children into sexual commodities for profit. The global trade in hardcore pornography, especially through the Internet, is that enterprise.

This vile trade degrades women, breaks up marriages, corrupts children and contributes to sexual crimes against adults and children. It also helps fuel a global demand for "sex workers" that is being met in part by modern-day slave traders who move countless adults and children across international borders each year. All too many are brought into our own country.

Over the decades, Morality in Media has achieved many legal victories against obscenity in the marketplace and indecency in the media, and has established itself in the raucous public marketplace of ideas as a strong voice of moral sanity. As bad as things are (culturally speaking) one can only imagine how much worse they would be without the faith-filled work of Fr. Morton Hill, Morality in Media's founder, and others at MIM. Many laws now on the books at the federal, state and local levels are there (in large or small part) because of the work of MIM's legal department.

I urge you to give Morality in Media the support it has earned. It needs to continue the fight until the war against obscenity and indecency is won, not by the pornographers, but by the American people! (The membership form at the bottom is for your use in registering your Court as a new or continuing organizational member of Morality in Media).

Sincerely,

Libby Ramirez  
National Regent

RETURN WITH COURT CHECK, PAYABLE TO **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**  
**10 WEST 71<sup>ST</sup> ST. NEW YORK, NY 10023**  
PLEASE EARMARK IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER "MIM".

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Court Regent: \_\_\_\_\_ Court No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

_____	<b><u>\$50.00</u></b>	<b>Court Donation for Membership</b>	
_____	_____	<b>Additional Donation</b>	
=====		<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>Your Check Number</b> _____

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

## OPERATION MORNING STAR

### NEWSLETTER

Volume V, No. 6

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"OPERATION MORNINGSTAR"

### **Economic cost of abortion: 38.5 trillion in lost GDP**

The March for Life provided so many memorable moments. Seeing hundreds of thousands of people walking, singing, praying and cheering for life was absolutely inspiring! The voices of exuberant young people filled the air. So many wonderful coincidences unfolded in those packed days.

While we Catholic Daughters were waiting for EWTN to interview us, I met Dennis Howard, who founded the Movement for a Better America. Several years ago, Cardinal John O'Connor asked him to get involved in telling people about the impact of abortion, and Howard now makes this cause his life's work. The abortion toll in this nation is more than 52 million people. Howard says that's as many people as currently live in America's 65 largest cities from New York to Stockton, CA. Imagine if all those people had disappeared, and yet they have!

Howard has figured the economic impact of abortion at **\$38.5 trillion in lost GDP, about triple the current annual GDP of the country.** He says this nation is in an economic crisis because of its demographic trend. Our population isn't growing fast enough, and there aren't enough young people to earn good wages and pay taxes to keep Social Security and other social programs afloat. His solution is to start educating young people about life issues, especially through churches. Check out his website: <http://movementforabetteramerica.org>.

### **3-D sonograms reveal details of early development**

Many displays at the March headquarters provided the latest information about what is happening in the pro-life movement. At one booth, we were able to see the image of a 3-D sonogram. No longer the black and white photos of old, this new color technology provides amazingly detailed photos of the baby *in utero*. These crisp images will hopefully touch many expectant mothers' hearts. In searching online, I found several websites to help people find 3-D sonograms in their regions of the country.

### **John Cardinal O'Connor spoke boldly for life**

"I firmly believe that we will either be a free people without abortion or we will be a slave people, slaves to this violence against human life.

Look at the incapacity, look at the debility, look at the paralysis we suffer as a nation... It is not merely cynicism about the political system. It's fear of what the political system itself is capable of doing to a people, fear of the kind of laws legislators are capable of passing, fear of what people in the executive branches of government will do to get elected.

And, always, I think, even if people find it difficult to articulate, the fear is for their own lives. The fear is for the integrity of human life."

### **Traditional marriage goes on trial in California**

Traditional marriage is on trial in California and the repercussions could nullify the federal Defense of Marriage Act that Congress passed in 1996 and the people's votes for marriage in 45 states.

The federal case of *Perry v Schwarzenegger* began in a San Francisco courtroom January 11. Unlike other court cases defining marriage, this case is unique according to Andy Pugno of [protectmarriage.com](http://protectmarriage.com). "In fact, courts have dealt with same-sex marriage claims all over the country, and judges have legalized it in a few states. But this is the first marriage case in the history of the nation where the thoughts, motivations, and personal beliefs of an initiative's sponsors have been put on trial to search for "improper" intent" This case will undoubtedly progress to appeals and ultimately to the Supreme Court. The final outcome will determine the future of marriage in this country.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Pray and fast that traditional marriage will be upheld. See a prayer being circulated in California on page 3. Here is a link to the prayer: <http://ccgaction.com/downloads/prayerformarriage2010bw.pdf>.

### Seeing the results of the Mexico City Policy

Human Life International (HLI) was hosting a conference in Washington, D.C. during the March for Life titled, "The Fight for Life Around the World."

At the opening panel discussion, five speakers from five continents told of the detrimental effects of the Obama administration's revocation of the Mexico City Policy last January 23. The Mexico City Policy, instituted by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, prohibits using federal funds to support foreign groups that perform or promote abortions. Last year without this policy in place, the United States sent \$700 million around the globe to fund family planning and abortion-promoting organizations.

"America's March for Life is now the world's March for Life," said Joseph Meaney, director of international coordination. "It has become the world's pro-life protest because of the aggressive promotion of abortion and population control that is now official policy of the United States..."

*Roe v. Wade* affects not the just the United States, but the entire world, according to Dr. Ligaya Acosta, who works in Asia and Oceania. She said, "This is now the anniversary of President Obama's allowing Americans' taxpayer funds to be used to promote abortion and other assaults on life in my own country of the Philippines, in Africa, in China... all over the world where 40 million babies are killed every year. It is wrong and we are here to tell him and Congress to stop paying to kill our children!"

Mario Rejas, who works in Latin America, said the new buzzword for abortion is "reproductive rights." SIECUS, an arm of Planned Parenthood, is training children in family planning. The United States (USAID) has sent shipments of Depo-Provera contraceptives to Latin America as foreign aid.

"We are tired of the arrogant American government trying to tell us how many children we should have," said Emil Hagamu, who works in English-speaking Africa.

Europe is dying because fertility rates are so low, said Joannes Bucher, who works primarily in Eastern Europe. He said in this last year a lot of United States' foreign aid has been spent promoting the anti-life agenda. "They go to every school and work through the medical system," he said.

"The demographic winter has descended upon Europe," said Raymond DeSouza, who works in Portuguese-speaking nations. Contraception, abortion and euthanasia are commonplace. "The Muslims say

that by the end of the century all the major cathedrals of Europe will become mosques," he continued. A popular Muslim saying in France is, "By the wombs of our women we will conquer Europe."

"We are helping countries kill themselves," DeSouza said. "These aggressive policies are undeniably hurting America's stature with the people of the world. When international aid is tied to abortion, it's like holding a nation hostage, telling them that children are bad, which translates into hopelessness for the future. This is a terrible violence against the families and children of the developing world."

Read more about Human Life International at [www.hli.org](http://www.hli.org).

### Bishop says Catholics can't support abortion

Lifesitenews.com reports that Nancy Pelosi's bishop, Archbishop George Niederauer of San Francisco, publicly corrected the House Speaker after a Newsweek interview in December when she once again said she supports abortion and yet is a faithful Catholic.

"It is entirely incompatible with Catholic teaching to conclude that our freedom of will justifies choices that are radically contrary to the Gospel — racism, infidelity, abortion, theft," he said in a column for his diocesan newspaper. "Freedom of will is the capacity to act with moral responsibility; it is not the ability to determine arbitrarily what constitutes moral right."

### March for Life inspires pro-life rededication

The vitality of the March for Life in Washington, D.C., demonstrated that the battle for life is being waged in the hearts and minds of young people. We must renew our dedication to inform others, especially young people, on life issues and to keep marching forward wherever we live.

### A reminder: Political year guidelines

Because of tax-exempt status, Catholic Daughters of the Americas cannot and does not endorse or support any political party or political candidate at federal, state or local levels, including judicial nominees. Since our organization does take stands on issues, it is appropriate to research past votes on issues and to inform members of how elected officials have voted.

Approved: L. Ramirez, National Regent

# Pray for Marriage and the Supporters of Marriage On Trial in California

*This January 11, 2010, in the Federal District Court in San Francisco a trial will begin which challenges the legitimacy of Proposition 8, the California constitutional amendment that restored the definition of traditional marriage which voters in the state of California had adopted in 2008, and which was summarily overturned by judicial fiat. Since this case conceivably could go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, it could have a bearing on marriage for the entire nation. We invite you to pray both that the rights of voters engaging in a legitimate constitutional process (the adoption of an amendment to the state constitution) will be protected, and that there may be a conversion of minds and hearts within the state and within the nation about the true nature of marriage. To that end we offer the following petitions for your daily prayer:*

**Heavenly Father**, from the beginning You established marriage as the permanent union of one man and one woman for the purpose of establishing that necessary community of lasting love in which children may best be born and nurtured. At this dark hour, in which the goodness of your Divine Purpose is so badly misunderstood, and in which those who have tried to bear witness to the truth have been brought to trial, we beg you to hear these prayers we offer You, through the Holy Child, Jesus, and the intercession of the rest of the Holy Family of Nazareth—of His mother Mary, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and St. Joseph, the earthly father and protector of the family—and through the intercession of Holy Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus:

- Open the mind and heart of all who are involved in this trial—the judge, the attorneys, and litigants—that all may come to understand and accept Your Divine Plan for marriage. Inspire them to appreciate and affirm the delight You take in what has come to be known as traditional marriage. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Guide the trial judge, Chief Judge Vaughn Walker, that he may deliberate wisely, and may respect the legitimate actions of the voters. By your Holy Spirit inspire him to understand the rights of children to know and be cared for by their own father and mother. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Send Your Holy Spirit, we beg You, upon the attorneys and witnesses to guide them in their presentations. Clear up their misconceptions and misperceptions, and help them to reason truthfully and to present compelling arguments. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Let the plaintiffs feel Your love and peace; console their pain and suffering and let them understand that support for traditional marriage is based, not on whim or animosity towards any person, but on the preservation of an institution that promotes and enshrines mutual, exclusive, and permanent marital love between a man and a woman as the necessary foundation for the creation and nurturing of new life, and for the future and stability of society. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Let those in the media who are charged with the task of reporting on the trial be accurate and faithful in their work, not swayed by prejudice or bent on misleading the public or influencing the outcome of the trial. And heal all pain and suffering, prejudices, discrimination and persecution that may be experienced by proponents or opponents of traditional marriage. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Raise up vibrant Christian families, Lord, and bless, and protect all families that seek to do Your holy will. Let us pray to the Lord. *R: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Conclude with the prayer at right to the Virgin of Guadalupe*

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*Meditation:*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe spoke to Saint Juan Diego*  
"Let not your heart be disturbed.  
Do not fear any sickness or anguish.  
Am I not here, who is your Mother?  
Are you not under my protection?  
Am I not your health?  
Are you not happily within my fold?  
What else do you wish?  
Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

**Let us Pray**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your apparitions on Mount Tepeyac you promised to show pity and compassion to all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and protection. Accordingly, listen now to our supplications and grant us consolation and relief. We are full of hope that, relying on your help, nothing can trouble or affect us. As you have remained with us through your admirable image, so now obtain for us the graces we need. Amen



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# **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES**

*A Three-Day, Multinational Pro-Life Prayer Event For 2010*

**Friday, May 7th      Saturday, May 8th      Sunday, May 9th**

The **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event is scheduled to happen on Friday (May 7th), Saturday (May 8th), and Sunday (May 9th). The intention for this Rosary will be:

**For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons.**

In order to be a participant, a person will need to pray at least one Rosary for the above-stated intention, and the Rosary will need to be prayed on either May 7th, May 8th or May 9th. People are encouraged to pray more than one Rosary, but this is not required.

The Friday, May 7th date is particularly intended for students to pray the Rosary at schools. The Sunday, May 9th date is particularly intended for people at parishes to pray the Rosary before Masses or after Masses.

To register, a person may do any one of the following:

1. Go to the website [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org) and click on the word "Registration".
2. Ask someone to register for you by going to the same website as listed in #1 and clicking on "Registration".
3. Send in the form below to: **Saint Michael the Archangel Organization**  
**P. O. Box 41257**  
**Memphis, Tennessee 38174**  
**U.S.A.**

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I am registering the following: \_\_\_\_\_ Rosary/Rosaries to be prayed for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons as part of the **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event [May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> (2010)].

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diocese/archdiocese: \_\_\_\_\_