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Message From Our Regent

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Dear Sisters in Christ,
I hope you've all been having a wonderful summer. Even though we were "dark" in July, meaning we did not publish a newsletter or have a General Meeting, it was a busy month for our organization. It was actually very busy with the Fiesta and all the planning we did behind the scenes.

But first, on June 25th we participated in two events that day. I represented our Circle at the Columbian Squires State Meeting at Loyola Marymount University RPV Campus. Dr. Vincent Dever, Columbian Squires' moderator at Mary Star High School invited us, along with the Squire Roses, to have an information table. Although there were no women at the Squires meeting, a few of the men asked me for information about establishing a DOI circle in their parish.

The second event on June 25th was our participation in the Knights of Columbus "Noche de Fiesta." A few days before the dinner Edith Robinson and Rita Marino made up baskets to be raffled. That afternoon Edith, Rita, Sharon Gregorio, Andrea Rukavina, Suzie Sover and Elsie Ivcevic

Dates to save for Sept.--Oct.--Nov.

Saturday, Sept. 17	Sr. Genevieve's 50th Anniversary Mass & Reception
Saturday, Sept. 17	DOI State Meeting, Galt, CA
Monday, Sept. 26	Our General Meeting
Monday, Oct. 24	Our General Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 30	Bake Sale
Monday, Nov. 28	Our General Meeting

decorated the parish center at Holy Trinity Church. At the dinner we served about 200 guests beginning with the chips and salsa to the end with ice cream dessert.



Because of the festive aprons we wore with our DOI name, we had extra exposure! A good time was had by all. And the Knights of Columbus gave us a contribution from the proceeds and certificates of appreciation too!

Another activity happened when our Circle was the only parish organization that heeded the call to help stuff envelopes for the annual Fiesta raffle tickets mailing.

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Kudos to Rita Marino, Sharon Gregorio and Maggie Hughes for three days of effort to accomplish this important work.

In addition, we were asked to run the Snack Booth for this year's parish Fiesta. Our Committee Chair was Dolores (Lolis) Garcia. What a powerhouse this woman is! She single-handedly ordered and/or purchased all of the food and supplies needed. During the 3-day event, Lolis and her entire family worked in the booth, along with many others from our Circle. Everything went smoothly from beginning to end. Our booth grossed over \$2,000. See Lolis' article on the Fiesta below.

From August 7-11, the Daughters of Isabella International Convention was held at the Green Valley Ranch Hotel and Resort in Henderson, Nevada. Our delegates were Rita Marino, Sharon Gregorio and Edith Robinson. Please see Rita's article below.

We're in the final stretch of the State Circle's fundraiser. We are selling raffle tickets at \$5 each or \$50 per booklet. Proceeds will be

used to fund activities of the State Circle. Prizes are: \$250 and \$500. Please help us in this effort.

Speaking of the State Circle, the State Meeting will be on Saturday, September 17 in Galt, CA. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us for a fun and interesting weekend.

Ladies, please plan to attend these events. Feel free to invite others as well. We need all the support and participation we can get. **OC**

Reflection Thought From Our Chaplain, Sister Genevieve

The encyclical of Pope Francis, *"Laudato Si, On Care for our Common Home"* has often been referred to as the "environmental encyclical." It celebrated its one year anniversary in the month of June. The encyclical which begins with the creation story of Genesis, follows in the tradition of Saint John Paul II, who spoke of injustice and the need for *"global ecological conversion"* and Pope emeritus Benedict XVI who called on leaders of the world to *"quickly arrive at a global lifestyle that respects the covenant between humanity and nature."* The title of the encyclical takes its name from the hymn of praise of St. Francis of Assisi *"Praise you, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us."*

This encyclical reminds us of the earth as our common home—God's plan for all creation; the abuse of the earth's resources through indifference and greed; the millions who live

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in poverty and suffer from injustice because of the unequal distribution of the earth's resources and how we in our daily lives can be more aware of choosing to be more conscious of the gifts of creation that God gives us. **SG**

Message from Our Financial Secretary, Rita Moreno

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

I would like to share my experiences at the International Convention in Henderson, Nevada. I can say it was the most spiritual and uplifting feeling sharing the love of our Blessed Mother & Christ with our sisters from across the United States & Canada. The event was held at the Green Valley Ranch with some 300 women in attendance.

Our first day started with Father Trevor Scarfone, the International Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella, conducting a workshop. He spoke about compassion for one another and helping those who cannot help themselves. He said we ladies with the "*Unity, Friendship & Charity*" as part of our Mission Statement have been a good example to our communities. He asked us to continue our hard work at home with so many problems in our world. He finished by stating we need to constantly remember Christ in our lives.

Mass was said daily by Father Trevor and our Episcopal Adviser to the Daughters of Isabella, Archbishop Luc Cyr from Quebec, Canada. They are both fluent in English and French. Deacon Carl, our State Chaplain, and several local priests were also in attendance.



Our last evening was a wonderful formal dinner with live music for the Daughters to enjoy themselves, with singing and dancing.

Your Sister in Christ, Rita

Message from Parish Fiesta Chair, Lolis Garcia

When Olga asked me if I would chair the parish Fiesta booth, I was a bit hesitant not knowing what to expect. During our first parish Fiesta Meeting, the prior booth sponsor "passed down" the supplies and a written account of what she had done for the past 12 plus years. This information was great. I was able to order the merchandise needed and made arrangements to pick out the product and deliver it to the church within the stated timeline.

The first day of the Fiesta was a bit of a challenge; we decorated in less than 30 minutes. But obtaining what was missing to complete our booth took some time. When we finally got everything we needed, the Fiesta had already started and Suzie and her

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daughter Kate were there to help. We also, had a lot of help from Mary Star students throughout the weekend, making our jobs easier. They did a wonderful job handling the sno-cones, candy and popcorn sales.



It was a long, busy, three days having a great time meeting new people, students and parents. Each day was a learning experience with many new challenges, but we overcame each one of them. At the Victory Dinner, Mark Rollice, Fiesta Co-Chair, asked me if we would do it again. I said we were already planning a few changes for next year to better our sales! \$791 was spent, and over \$2,000 was made for the parish.

Thank you to everyone that helped! Olga Cruz, Suzie Sover, Tina Giles, Kathy Jones, Andrea Berkson, Mara Ocampo, Andrea Hegybeli, Antonette Radovic, Yolanda Rodriguez, Antoinette Bacerra, Siobhan Ortolano, and to many non-members that gave their time to help us succeed: Kate Sover, Sue, Jesse and Claudia Olivares and all the Mary Star students that also donated their time, thank you! **LG**

Prayer Thought

“Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need.”
Ephesians 6:18

Welcome Hermila Carlos and Kristin Regina Kazyak to our Circle

Please take the time to welcome our newest two members. Hermila Carlos and Kristin Regina Kazyak participated in a Short Conferral at our General Meeting on Monday, August 22.



Our next General Meeting is Monday, September 26th in the Knights of Columbus Room at Mary Star of the Sea Church. Social at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome and urged to attend!

