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## Message from Peggy Guckin, State Regent

As I write this message, we have been experiencing spring-time weather in the middle of February. We have had a mild winter, and I hope it stays that way.

By the time you receive this issue, we will just be into our second week of Lent. Pray to the Lord that He may open your eyes to see where there is a need to serve. Pray to the Lord that He may open your ears so that you may hear where there is a need. Pray to the Lord that He may open your heart to grow in love. As Our Eternal Father loves us, may we learn to love people from all walks of life.

May we continue to see, hear and open our hearts and learn to grow spiritually to make CDA greater as we work towards "Unity and Charity" with the help of Mary, Our Heavenly Mother.

I hope to see many of you as we come together for the 52nd Biennial State Convention. Please keep in your prayers the state officers as they continue to plan to make this a great convention for you, the members. At the end of April, remember all who will be traveling to Danville that we all have a safe trip, that our minds and hearts are open to the workings of CDA. As we make new friends and renew old friendships, may we be uplifted spiritually, and may we all continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100.2).

*Peggy Guckin, State Regent*



## SLATE OF OFFICERS

The 2017 PA State Nominating Committee, after thoroughly reviewing the credentials of all the highly-qualified nominees, submits the following candidates for election to Pennsylvania State Offices of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the 2017 – 2019 term.

OFFICE OF STATE REGENT: Margaret M. Witas

OFFICE OF FIRST VICE STATE REGENT: Received one incomplete submission

OFFICE OF SECOND VICE STATE REGENT: Margaret T. Giordano

OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY: Lisa A. McCann

OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER: Colette Kathleen McCaffrey

*Submitted by: Mary Catherine Wydra, Nominating Committee Chair, Johanna Leonard, Tina Dambach, Christine Surovec and Dolores Croyle*



*The Pennsylvania State Board  
wishes all the members and their families  
a Holy, Happy Easter!*

*Fr. O'Sullivan, Peggy, Peg, Shirley, Margaret and Lisa*



## CDA 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.*

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## Newsletter Schedule Quarterly Publications

Fall: September-November  
Winter: December-February  
Spring: March-May  
Summer: June-August

## Submission Deadlines

Fall: August 1  
Winter: November 1  
Spring: February 1  
Summer: May 1

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## Tentative Agenda PA State 52nd Biennial Convention April 28 - May 1, 2017

*Making CDA Greater Through "Unity and Charity" With Mary*  
Pine Barn Inn, Danville, PA

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

8:00 p.m. Registration

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

12:00-3:00 p.m. Registration  
3:15 p.m. Start to St. Joseph Church  
4:00 p.m. Procession line-up at church  
In charge – Dorothy Mankowski  
4:30 p.m. Liturgy  
Celebrant – Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, State Chaplain  
Philadelphia Archdiocese  
Concelebrant - Rev. D. Timothy Grimme, Immediate Past  
State Chaplain, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese  
Court Chaplains

### FRIDAY EVENING

6:30-7:00 p.m. Cash Bar  
6:50 p.m. Seating of Honored Guests  
7:00 p.m. Banquet  
Toastmistress – Peg Rafferty Witas, 1st Vice State Regent  
Entertainment - Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts,  
Directed by Dan Thomas  
Guest Speaker – Sister Mary Paul, DM  
Special Presentation  
Peggy Guckin, State Regent and State Officer

### TOMBOLA

(Hours to be posted during convention)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 CONVENTION OPENING

7:15-7:30 a.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy - Celebrant: Father Timothy O'Sullivan,  
State Chaplain  
9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. Seating of Delegates  
10:00 a.m. Opening Session  
52nd Biennial State Convention  
Presiding: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

### CALL TO ORDER

Presentation of Colors  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
National Anthem  
Opening Ode  
Opening Prayer  
Roll Call of Delegates  
Introductions  
Welcome by National Supervisor - Rose Holschlag, IA  
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules  
Role of Delegates  
Adopt Convention Program  
Flexible Agenda  
Review of Packet Information  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Appointment of Committees  
Points of Order  
Report of Nominating Committee  
Nominations from the Floor  
State Officers

## **CALL TO ORDER** contd.

2019 Nominating Committee  
Address by the National Supervisor  
Membership Presentation  
2017-2019 State Board Actions  
State Board Recommendations

1:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch  
Service - Sister Mary Paul, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman  
Business Session Resumes  
Announcements  
Recess until Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

## **SATURDAY EVENING**

7:00 p.m. Cookout - Toastmistress, Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent

## **CANDIDATES NIGHT**

Entertainment – Mike the “One Man Band”

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017**

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration

## **BUSINESS SESSION RESUMES**

8:30 a.m. Seating of Delegates only  
8:45 a.m. Final Credential Report  
Election of State Officers and Nominating Committee  
9:30 a.m. Following Elections Alternates / Members may be seated  
9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Crowning of the Blessed Mother  
Parliamentarian  
Reports:  
Correspondence  
State Officers  
Resolutions Committee  
Recognition of State Chairmen and District Deputies  
Unfinished Business  
Election Results  
New Business  
Presentation of Membership Awards  
Presentation of Education Awards  
Presentation of Newsletter Awards  
Presentation of Circle of Love Awards  
Motion to Destroy Ballots  
Report of Courtesy Committee  
Remarks: Newly Elected State Regent  
Closing Prayer and Ode  
Retiring of Colors

2:45 p.m. Leave for Church

3:30 p.m. Liturgy / Installation Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Celebrant: Father D. Timothy Grimme, Immediate Past State Chaplain

## **SUNDAY EVENING INSTALLATION BANQUET**

6:30 p.m. Cash Bar  
6:50 p.m. Seating of Honored Guests  
7:00 p.m. Banquet  
2017 Outstanding Catholic Daughter  
Peggy Guckin, State Regent and State Officers  
2017-2019 Newly Elected State Officers  
Toastmistress - Peggy Guckin, State Regent

## **MONDAY, May 1, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Liturgy - Celebrant Rev. D. Timothy Grimme - Immediate Past State Chaplain  
9:30 a.m. Closing Brunch  
11:30 a.m. Officers Workshops



## **A Note from Sherry**

Calling all Catholic Daughters in the great state of Pennsylvania!

The Pennsylvania State Convention is planned for April 28-30, 2017 in Danville.

State Regent Peggy and her officers have planned an inspiring, prayer-filled time for all members.

A great agenda will provide information for your courts and their programs for the next two years.

And I can guarantee that you will have good fun and laughter and return home ready to continue the outstanding programs and projects as you continue being the hands and feet of Jesus.

May our Good Lord bless and keep you.

May you have a blessed Lenten season and a joyous Easter.

— Sherry Nilles  
First Vice National Regent  
National Representative for  
Beautiful Pennsylvania



Thank you to all who supported our 10-Week Lottery! Lucky Lottery Calendars 2017-2018 will be out soon. Please do your best to sell them!





# Court Chatter

## ERIE DIOCESE

### Court Erie #515

At the November meeting, held by Court Erie #515, the members present donated \$250 worth of non-perishable, staple items to St. Andrew food pantry for Thanksgiving.

The Court meets in the same building where the food pantry is located, and at each meeting, items are brought to serve over 100 families and individuals who visit the food pantry every two weeks. The donated items are specified for each month and indicated in the court's newsletter to coincide with the sales being promoted during those times, i.e., personal items, cleaning supplies, non-perishable items, paper supplies.

—Mary E. May, Regent



Front Row: Linda Johnson, Mary E. May (Regent), Carla Krott, Cindy Ganska (Recording Secretary, Leaning On Cart), Martha Kaveney (Treasurer)  
 Back Row: Mary Jane Weed (Vice Regent), Mimi Brown, Mary Vitron, Emma Schaefer  
 Not in photo: Elaine Hewett, Financial Secretary

## CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORTING FORMS

Regents, please remember to report your one special project that you do in our program. If you do not participate in any one of the projects, still fill out the form, please, and send to the State Chairman. If you need the forms, call Peggy Guckin, State Regent 215-570-3574. Forms may also be found on our web site: cdapa.com, including the information for State Chair.

## HARRISBURG DIOCESE

### Court Queen of Peace #1023

### Annual Baby Shower for "A Woman's Concern"

Each year, Court Queen of Peace holds a Baby Shower to benefit the local Lancaster pro-life agency, A Woman's Concern. On January 19, 2017, Baby Shower Chairman Janet Kreiner provided lots of baby shower games and activities with prizes, and members brought all delicious and some nutritious treats. All the women in the court as well as in the local parishes were invited to donate baby and toddler items for this charitable giving event. This year, Court Queen of Peace #1023 donated in-kind items valued at \$760.67.



Left to Right: Robin Burgoon; Louise Beighley; Janet Kreiner, Chairman; CarolAnne Ferreira, Regent; Christine Fink; Josephine Hiemenz; Rita Smith-Wade-El, Immediate Past Regent; Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary; Mary Clare Selway, Financial Secretary; Cathy Haefner; Christine Bousigard and Elizabeth Wijtyk. Not shown: (taking the picture) May Tercha. Below the table are two of our future Catholic Daughters!!



Pray for our country.  
 Pray for all our  
 Government leaders  
 on all levels.  
 Pray for Peace  
 in our homes,  
 in our Country  
 and in the World.  
 Holy Spirit guide  
 our leaders.



## YOUTH / JCDA

With Christ as our Light, we need to guide children and young adults to recognize those in need and how they can share what they have with them. Perhaps through the pray of St. Teresa of Avila, we can find ways to accomplish this goal.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



*"Christ has no body  
now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours."  
~ St. Teresa of Avila ~*

When we receive the Eucharist, the minister says "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ." Through the Eucharist, we truly become the Body of Christ on Earth today. How can we help children and young adults learn to act as Christ? They can think of the things Jesus did.

Jesus healed people with his hands. What can we help them do with their hands? They can make a get well card for someone who is ill, help someone learn to play a game or sport, hug people in need of physical contact, or give things to those in need (old toys or clothes—especially out-grown Easter clothes—to St. Vincent de Paul or to Goodwill). Jesus walked to visit sick friends on his feet. What can we help them do with their feet? They can visit friends, they can walk (with supervision) to pick up trash, or they can help plant flowers to beautify a park or a yard. Jesus told people about God with his mouth. We can help them to try to always say kind things to other people; they can talk about God if they feel they have an opportunity to share stories of his love; they can try to make peace between friends who have a disagreement. Jesus looked at people with kindness. Let us help children learn to use their eyes to see if someone or something is being mistreated, to see if there is a way they can make our world more beautiful, or to see how much they are loved by others.

Through our example, we can help children learn to be missionaries of Jesus—to do the work of Jesus every day—through the use of our hands, our feet, our eyes, our hearts—our entire body. During the Lenten season—and throughout the entire year—help children "give up" hatred, meanness, disobedience and other unkind actions. Help children "add extra prayers" for people in need, to help others learn about Christ, to become a better Body of Christ. May they "give" their talents in any way they are able in order to be prepared for the Death and Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Dolores V. Croyle, Youth/JCDA Chair

## Prayerful Hearts

Winter is a good time of year for us to regain perspective. We, sometimes impatiently, look forward to the coming of spring. Something very special happens as we pray and prepare for the season of new life. Our prayer allows us to listen to God speaking to our very own hearts as we make our plans.

In his recent Valentine's Day homily, His Holiness Pope Francis explained that God's word can come only from a prayerful heart. Pope Francis emphasized that the words of Jesus articulate the significance of prayer when sowing the seed of the word of God so "that the Lord may water this seed and it may sprout." In Charity, we Catholic Daughters all pray with prayerful hearts—at our meetings, conventions, workshops, anniversaries and other events, as well as in our homes, churches and even in our communities. God's word is the water that sprouts the seeds of our innermost thoughts, so that, in Unity, we can do His Will and serve the Lord with gladness.



—Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary

## The Power of One

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a study by the Media Research Center. The repulsive Women's March in Washington, D.C., held just six days prior, received 129 times more coverage on major television networks ABC, CBS and NBC.

The March for Life website has a wealth of information to assist us in the pro-life movement. I turned to the website for assistance in preparing for the trip to the March. Helpful advice was offered from metro travel, urging us to show the Nation's Capital how passionate and polite and respectful pro-lifers really are, to advising about the heightened security concern, to advising not to engage with counter-protesters, telling us to be respectful of all people and stay focused on the cause of promoting and celebrating life, lovingly, prayerfully and graciously. Although, or maybe because of, my praying over the possibility of encountering counter-protesters, I did not personally come across any. Thank you again, St. Michael, for defending us in battle.

Peaceful, Joyful, Hopeful. The feeling of the day. We must continue to be among the millions of pro-life Americans working to restore a culture of life in the United States.

—Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

## Message from State Chaplain

### *Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,*

The month of March is traditionally dedicated to Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary and the foster father of our Lord Jesus. (If you are able, please plan to attend Mass on Monday, March 20th—the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. His feast is usually celebrated on March 19th, but this year, the 19th falls on a Sunday in Lent and the feast is moved to Monday the 20th.)

We hear of Saint Joseph in Sacred Scripture only on several occasions: that he lived in Nazareth (Luke 2:4): “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem”; in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:18): “Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah”; of his betrothal to Mary (Matthew 1:18): “Mary was betrothed to Joseph...”; when the Angel visited him in a dream (Matthew 1:20-21): “The angel of the Lord visited him in a dream and said to him, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary into your home...’”; his presence at the birth of the Lord (Luke 2:6-7): “When they were there, the time came for her to have her child...”; the presentation in the temple (Luke 2:22): “When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of the Moses, they took Him up to Jerusalem...”; when the angel warned Joseph in a second dream to flee to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-25): “The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: ‘Rise, take the child and His mother and flee to Egypt...’”; an angel telling Joseph in a third dream to return to their home (Matthew 2:20-21): “When Herod had died...the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream...Joseph rose, took the child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel”; the Holy Family settled in Nazareth (Luke 2:39): “...Joseph and Mary returned to their own town of Nazareth...”; and, the finding of the Child in the temple (Luke 2:48): “His mother said to Him... ‘Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.’”

Saint Joseph is one of the most well-known and beloved figures of the New Testament. While we hear about Saint Joseph only several times in Sacred Scripture, it is interesting to note that there is not one word in Sacred Scripture accounted to Saint Joseph. In the various episodes of Sacred Scripture, we see Saint Joseph being obedient to the word of God, trusting in God’s word to him, protecting the Holy Family and providing for their care.

We know from Sacred Scripture that Saint Joseph was married to the Blessed Mother. In Saint Luke’s gospel, we read that at the time of our Lord’s Incarnation, Mary and Joseph were “betrothed”—which is somewhat loosely comparable to an “engagement” today; however, being “betrothed” in ancient Jewish times had a legal connotation to marriage that an engagement does not have in our present-day society.

Tradition tells us that Saint Joseph was much older than Mary; however, there is nothing in Sacred Scripture that tells us of a notable age difference between them. Traditionally, we picture Saint Joseph as a much older man than the Blessed Mother. This tradition can, more-than-likely, be traced to the fourth century. During the fourth century, the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was under attack, with some Christians erroneously believing that Saint Joseph was the biological father of our Lord. To help defuse this error, artists began portraying Saint Joseph as an old man and Mary as a young woman. Portraying Saint Joseph as a very old man, artists thought, was the best way to uphold the belief in the perpetual virginity of Mary, since an “old” Saint Joseph would imply that he was more of a guardian to Mary than a husband. The practice of portraying Saint Joseph as an old man was a very common practice in art for over fifteen centuries—lasting almost into the twentieth century. However, while there is no teaching of the Church one way or the other, it is more than likely that Saint Joseph was near in age to the Blessed Mother. So, while it is more than likely that Mary and Joseph were very close in age, we must also remember their marriage was unique in that it was never physically consummated—they enjoyed a marriage blessed by a particular privilege of God, which united them as spouses in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The last episode we hear of Saint Joseph in Sacred Scripture is when Jesus, as a young boy, is lost in the temple (Luke 2:41-51). After this, we only have a mention of Saint Joseph when, as our Lord begins His public ministry, He is referred to as the “son of the carpenter.” In all probability (and tradition holds that), Saint Joseph died before our Lord began His public ministry. Tradition also tells us that Saint Joseph died with our Lord and the Blessed Mother at his side—a death that was later to become the cherished ideal of all Christians and the reason why Saint Joseph is the patron of a happy death.

May the Lord continue to bless all our efforts offered in His name, and may His Mother, Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our nation, watch over us and intercede for us! Mary Immaculate, pray for us! —Rev. Timothy F. O’Sullivan, State Chaplain of CDA



**Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)**

*Christ, as a toddler, playfully holds a little bird that the white dog is intrigued by. Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, holds Him and watches with a smile on his face. The Virgin Mary, left, looks on while in the middle of a chore.*

# News from National

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Pennsylvania State Court,



I am delighted that State Regent Peggy Guckin has asked me to write a message for your state newsletter.

The spirit and enthusiasm that was conceived in Pittsburgh, in July of 2016, at the National Convention, continues to flourish in our organization. Thanks to each of you for all your hard work.

We are moving forward because of what was started there, and it continues to motivate us, as together, we Serve the Lord with Gladness (*Psalm 100.2.8*).

During the season of Lent, let us not be concerned with denial but be motivated by positive actions with joy. A Blessed Easter to each of you.

In Unity and Charity. —*Helene Shepard, National Regent*

## Mass for LIFE

Dearest Catholic Daughters,

I had the awesome opportunity to take part and to be up front to participate in the 38th Annual Right to Life Mass held in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Attending the Mass were people from all walks of life and thousands of young people from all over the country—all here for one reason, the support of life. People lined the walls and stood next to the pews in all the side aisles to participate in this very special Mass. The overflow attending watched on monitors on the lower level of the basilica. The young were respectful and joyful, but sober remembering all the babies that had been aborted. The youth were there to proclaim life.

Prior to Mass, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy was led by Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. As we were praying, I could not help but observe all the seminarians entering the sanctuary from the Chapel. What a beautiful sight! We pray for their continued service to the Lord and that one day they, too, will be priests. Then the procession started with deacons, priests, bishops and three Cardinals including the principal celebrant and homilist, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and our National Chaplain.



Pictured, left to right, front row: Helene Shepard, National Regent; Olga Samaniego, National Regent Elect; Sherry Nilles, First Vice National Regent; National Directors Susan Mone, Essie Walker and Peggy Guckin; Fr. Mike Keucher, Greenwood, Indiana; 2nd row: Vickie Fiest, Second Vice National Regent; Emily Guilherme, National Secretary-Treasurer and Arline Rich, National Director

find safety and security.

Many who attended Mass were joined by busloads of the faithful on Friday at the demonstration at the Mall to listen to the speeches and to stand and give pro-life testimony as they walked and prayed for the end of abortion.

Let us continue to pray for an end of abortion. Furthermore, remember to pray for the respect of life at all stages.

—*Peggy Guckin, National Director, National Chair Campus Courts*

## National Projects

Hello Ladies,

Now is the time to tell about all of your good works for the year. Did you have bake sales, yard sales, lottery sales? Whatever you did for a fundraiser, I would like to know about it—how you put your good works of making money and giving it to others.

Who did you give it to? National projects, or someone or something special. I would like to know how you share your good works of charity, faith, love—large or small—all are important.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

In Unity and Charity.

—*Jeanette Kitch, National Projects*



Persons with disabilities were chosen to present offertory gifts to Timothy Cardinal Dolan

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Cardinal Dolan's homily was short, to-the-point and eye-opening. You could not help but think about his message. He spoke in regards to us being in a sanctuary, a place of protection, all standing as one in faith. Cardinal Dolan also spoke of our Nation as a sanctuary for the refugees and immigrants who are leaving their homeland to

## Parliamentary Procedure Tips on the “Tip of the Tongue”

### OF THE MEMBER:

- Worthy Regent...
- ...we are not hearing what is being said
- ...I move the previous question (or to cut off debate)
- ...kindly have the member repeat her response
- ...I move to amend the motion (by striking, adding, striking and adding)
- ...I object to the consideration of the motion
- ...I have a question on the report

### OF THE REGENT:

...is there any objection? (some things can be done in this manner if there seems to be general consent to an idea)



- ...are you able to hear?
- ...do you want the motion repeated?
- ...a motion is in order to get this proposal before the court members
- ...is there any further discussion on the motion?
- ...we have heard all the pros for this motion, are there any cons (opposed)?

—Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

## 2017 Newsletter Contest

Dear Catholic Daughters,

Your newsletters that we receive are both amazing and uniquely different. However, please follow directions to the letter! The smallest detail could eliminate your entry. For example, if a regent's e-mail address is on the cover page, then it must be in all the newsletters. If not, your newsletters will not be accepted. Also, all entries must have local, state and national news or points are deducted.



**DEADLINE—MARCH 25, 2017**

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—Gloria J. Kissel, State Newsletter Chair

## Legislation

Often we get busy in our lives and forget about the power one voice can have. More than ever we need to remember to put into action that right and to be involved in legislative decisions. Operation Morning Star is the Catholic Daughters of the Americas program to Our Lady under her title, Morning Star. Operation Morning Star strives to educate CDA members and to promote positive legislative action on issues that affect our Catholic values. Legislation is one of the seven points of the Circle of Love Program. To be effective in this point we must reach out and make a difference in the lives of the suffering. As a Catholic Daughter, we need to stay informed and be committed to the protection of human life from conception to the grave. We can do this by promoting the moral teachings of our Church on human rights, justice and peace for all humanity. It is important for us to speak out on legislative issues facing our society. Contact your State Representative and your Senators. Let them know your feelings. We have a moral obligation to protect the most vulnerable. Let us each make a commitment to support life personally by getting smart on legislation in our state, to make our voices heard and to pray each day for the protection and guidance of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. May God Bless you. (Please remember, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas DO NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES NOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY.)

—Colette McCaffrey, Legislation Chair

## Family UNITY



I remember when our family was a little smaller than it is now. One day, Dad said to us, “I have to bring Mom to the hospital.” My two brothers and I were worried. Then Dad said, “She’s going to have a baby.”

Our sadness turned into wild joy. We did our chores with great enthusiasm while Dad brought Mom to the hospital.

It wasn’t long before he returned and said, “You have a new sister.” “What’s her name, Dad?” “We’re going to call her Margaret after your Mom.”

I began singing, “Hail, hail the gang’s all here.” My two brothers joined in. Then I began to think, “The gang isn’t all here.” It didn’t matter, though, because we knew our family was complete.

Isn’t that like the convention? Those of us who are there feel unity with ALL our CDA sisters. Time and space doesn’t matter. Hail, hail, the gang’s all here. So, please come and feel the UNITY at our convention!

—Sr. Mary Paul, D.M., State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

## Leadership

Lead to Involve...

You should lead to involve court members through “Unity” as the Court works to do “Charity.” It’s not so much having an idea, it’s getting to put your ideas into action. Let your membership be the ones to help you. Be aware of how or in what the members get involved.



**Lend a helping hand.  
Earn the support of your Court.  
Address the task to be done.  
Dedicate time and effort to Charity.**



See you at the State Convention!

—Letty Calvetti  
State Leadership Chairman





## A Lenten Reflection



Lent is my favorite Liturgical season as it gives me an opportunity to look at my past and to hopefully make some changes in my life that will better help me serve those around me.

The following is a brief message from Fr. Leo Piguet for my/our reflection:

“On the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of the temptations of Jesus at the end of his forty-day fast in the desert, just before he began his public ministry.

First, the devil tried to manipulate the hunger of Jesus into an exercise of power: “Command these stones to become loaves of bread.” (Matthew 4:4).

Then, he tried to capitalize on Jesus’ self-esteem. You are really somebody. God won’t let anything happen to you. “He will command his angels...they will bear you up.” (Matthew 4:6).

The third temptation had to do with worldly riches. After showing Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, the devil said: “All these I will give you, if...(Matthew 4:9).

Jesus knew what it was like to be tempted as we are tempted. He was hungry. Bread was so attractive he could almost smell it. And he had the power! Power, the need to be in control—how much we want this! It is one of our addictions. The next temptation had to do with prestige, another of our addictions. You’re really somebody! How much we want people to think of us that way. Finally, Jesus overcame the temptation to possessions. The devil offered an alluring vision, but Jesus saw that he could not have these things and God at the same time. Sometimes we think that if we have the right possessions we will have prestige and power.

Perhaps during Lent, we can look for symptoms of these addictions to power, prestige and possessions and begin practicing their antidotes—prayer, fasting and almsgiving.”

*(100 Prayers Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons, by Fr. Leo Piguet)  
—Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent*

### 57th Biennial National Convention!

Save the Date The 57th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held in **Sioux Falls, South Dakota, July 18-21, 2018**. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar and start raising funds so you can join your CDA sisters from far and near at this wonderful gathering!

**FINANCIAL REVIEW!** Regents, please call your District Deputy to set a date and time for review for the period of **October 1 - March 31, 2017**.

**National Dues and Liability Invoices** will be in the mail before May 15. Remember, a vote of the court is not necessary to pay these bills. Please make checks payable to *Catholic Daughters of the Americas*. You may pay both these bills with one check made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Put the invoice number in the memo line. State dues will be mailed out shortly after this.

## Vigil Mass and March for Life



This January, I was so pleased to be able to attend and participate in the National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and annual March for Life in Washington, DC. I was very moved by the amount of people who came from all over the country, especially by the very large number of young people who attended these events. There were also many families there with their young children, in strollers or carry packs.

Many people gathered from early that day to get seats in the basilica. I was moved to tears to meet a woman who now lives in Rhode Island, but had gone to school with my very own mother (who passed away a little more than six years ago). The Mass was beautiful. After the Mass, there were all kinds of vigil programs throughout the night; one was led by Bishop Zubik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, with whom Peggy Guckin and I got to speak after the Vigil Mass.

The temperature dropped considerably for the day of the March. It was a brisk 20°, but that did not deter the phenomenal turnout of hundreds of thousands attending the Rally and March. Catholic Daughters met at 6th and Constitution Streets to March for Life.

Many groups marched by carrying their signs and chanting for life. One young child was holding a sign that used the words of Dr. Seuss from *Horton Hears a Who*, “A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

I remember several times hearing the youth groups cheering as if at a sporting event, but chanting words for life, “We like babies. How about you? We like babies. How about you?”

Several people who were marching by before we Catholic Daughters started to march, or after we got to the end of our march, stopped to take pictures of us holding our Catholic Daughters for Life signs, or to tell us that they were Catholic Daughters or their family members were Catholic Daughters.

There were numerous groups that marched before us Catholic Daughters. We joined the march led by 1st Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles, Executive Director Mary Impellizzeri, and National Director Essie Walker holding the banner, until we got to the end of our march on Capitol Hill at the U.S. Supreme Court. The humongous crowd that was still behind us was most impressive!

May our actions speak louder than our words. May there be an end to abortion. May there be respect for life at all stages and all ages. Please join me in praying that all humans respect life in all its forms. Only God has the right to give life or take away life; after all, He is the sole author of life.

—Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary



*Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Pennsylvania State Court  
Spiritual Intention*

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
Alltoons, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.  
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in  
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

**Happy 46th Anniversary**

**Carolyn & Chris Bachman**  
Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Happy 37th Anniversary**

**Susan & Doug Moné**  
Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Happy 21st Birthday**

**Kim Burgess, III, grandson**  
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Happy Birthday**

**Pat Jacobs, Recording Secretary**  
**Karen Hurley**  
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Julius Kreider, grandson**  
**Celeste Eckman, friend**  
**Skyler Giordano, nephew**  
**Mikey Hoskins, grandson**  
**Matthew Christian, nephew & godson**  
**Tony Giordano, nephew**  
**Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, brother**  
**Adrien Hatfield, granddaughter**  
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano



**Susan Hicks**  
**Father Maurer**  
**Emily Guilherme**  
**Arline Rich**  
**Carolyn Bachman**  
Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**State Spiritual Intention Report**

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, December 2016-February 2017. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

**Holiday Blessings**

**All members**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**My Sister CDA PA State Officers & Members**  
**Giordano & Sultzbach Families**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**Court Rose Cecilia #1641**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Blessed, Peaceful New Year**

**All Our Families**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Congratulations**

**Julius Kreider, grandson**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Unity and Charity**

**All Catholic Daughters**

Requested by: The Fromknecht Family

**Special Intentions**

**Robert Sultzbach, husband**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Robert Hollick, husband of Velma Hollick**

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

**Safe Delivery**

**Robin Burgoon**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Get Well ♦ Healing ♦ God's Blessings**

**Good Health & Well-Being**

**Merlann Malloy**

Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

**Louise Summerville**

**Ruth Semonish**

Requested by: Sandy Owens, Court Our Lady of Victory #722

Get Well ♦ Healing ♦ God's Blessings  
Good Health & Well-Being

**Margaret Novak**  
**Thomas Melisko**

Requested by: Opal Kunz, Court Isabella #959

**Shirley Wybranski**  
**Betty Brun**

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

**Alice Bock**  
Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

**Marge Lorei**  
**Joan McKenna**  
**Baby Luke**

**Antoinette DeAngelus**  
**All Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters**  
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Janet Oesterling**  
**Shirley Hall**

**Margaret Novak**  
Requested by: The Fromknecht Family

**Florence Barisa**  
**Norma Jean Fava**  
**Marlene Lutes**  
**Nina Marinelli**  
**Ann Palic**

**Rosemary Potisek**  
**Mary Quattro**  
Requested by: Court Dolores #1675

**Carolyn Bundash**  
Requested by: Loretta Remish Forte, Court Dolores #1675

**Rita Smith-Wade-El**  
**Dolores Moser, Cousin**  
**Mai May May, friend**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Margie Gowaty, Vice Regent**  
**Jim Seese, Husband of Regent Christine**  
Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

**Edward Guckin, brother of State Regent, Peggy Guckin**  
**All Court Members**  
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

70th Birthday Remembrance

**George McKean**

Requested by: Patricia Ann McKean, Court Charleroi #669

In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace

**Eleanor Giannone**

Requested by: Susan M. Bell, Court St. George #1575

**Teresa Herr, deceased member whose birthday was Dec. 26**  
**Teresa Herr (February – Memorial Anniversary)**

**Agatha Gerz**  
**Jerry Liebeck**  
**Marie Sawyer**

**Ann Tomlinson, mother of Sr. Joanna, DM**  
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Teresa Dorsey, Great Aunt**  
**Rollie Broadwater, former student**  
**Andrea Emig, neighbor**  
**Sr. Daniel Marie, DM, of Sr. Mary Paul's Order**  
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Gabriel Suhoney, 34 months old**  
Requested by: The Fromknecht Family

**Janet Flegal**  
Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

**John Lenco**  
**James Ondash**  
Requested by: Court Washington #1651

**Julie Dolan**  
Requested by: Court Dolores #1675

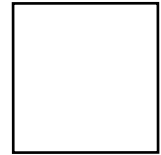
**Barbara Beaver**  
**Grace Pounder**  
Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Marge Blotzer, mother of Ct. Westinghouse #759 member**  
Requested by: Lisa McCann

**Janet Flegal, Treasurer, Court**  
**Westinghouse #759**  
**Betty Brun**  
**James Ondash**  
Requested by: CDA PA  
State Officers and Members



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Peggy Guckin, State Regent**  
**203 Harmony Ct.**  
**Bensalem, PA 19020**



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## **THE POWER OF ONE**

**44th Annual March for Life—January 27, 2017**



**HOPE** If there was one word to describe the feeling of the day of the 44th annual March for Life it was HOPE. The actual possibility of change was truly felt throughout the day.

The March for Life is an annual rally protesting abortion, held in Washington, DC, on or around the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion in the case *Roe v. Wade*. The March, whose stated mission is "to provide all Americans with a place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person," advocates overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Our trip to Washington, DC began with 5:30 a.m. Mass at St. Bernadette church in Monroeville, PA celebrated by Fr. Anthony Gargotta. Fr. Tony also blessed all on the bus prior to us pulling out at 6 a.m. Travelling with me this year were fellow Court Westinghouse #759 member Donna Egan (Financial Secretary) and Johanna Leonard, Regent, Ct. Allegheny #664. We became a group of four that day, being joined by my friend Linda Yurko.

Traffic outside Washington, DC kept us from arriving at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the hour we had hoped. By the time we made it through the Metro system and hiked to the Washington Monument, it was evident we would not be able to get through the heightened security which required going through airport-type screening to reach the rally site. While we were still making our way through the crowd, prior to determining it would be useless to continue trying to get into the rally, we crossed paths with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York and our National Chaplain as he was leaving the rally after his words to the crowd. He expressed his joy in meeting us Catholic Daughters.

Vice President Mike Pence attended and spoke at the rally, becoming the first vice president and the highest-ranking official to do so. In his words, "Life is winning in America, and the March for Life is a celebration

in that progress." Vice-President Pence encouraged all, stating that the movement is succeeding. Vice President Pence has been a friend and champion of the pro-life cause his entire career.

We "fearsome four" made our way back to the Smithsonian Museum of Art where we met with the full contingent of Catholic Daughters attending the March for Life, including our National Regent, Helene Shepard, PA State National Supervisor and First Vice National Regent Sherry Nilles and our own State Secretary, Margaret Giordano.

Thousands of marchers had already passed by us on their way up Constitution Avenue. As a group, we joined in proudly carrying our CDA banner and placards. We arrived at the Supreme Court and the Capitol Building.



*Left to Right: Helene Shepard, National Regent; Linda Yurko; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Johanna Leonard, Regent, Court Allegheny # 664 and, in front, Donna Egan, Financial Secretary, Court Westinghouse #759*

As we stood to the side, enjoying the site of thousands more pro-lifers passing by us, it was still close to an hour before the actual official start banner passed by with the majority of marchers behind that. I have participated in many March for Life anniversaries, and this was by far the largest crowd I have ever witnessed.

Media coverage of the March for Life, although more this year than ever before, was still lacking, according to

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