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Message from Peggy Witas, State Regent

I would like to congratulate the new local court officers for seeing the need in your courts and hearing the call to step up and take leadership as officers. As one of the spokes on the Circle of Love, Leadership is highly encouraged. Thank you for helping your courts and communities to "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord." Know that your State Officers are here to help.

The State Board has cancelled the workshop at the Penn Stater Conference Center on November 3. Officers feel too pressured with the Convention around the corner. Instead, a workshop will be added to the Convention.

Please keep in mind that Janet Oesterling and the Membership Team are here to help your courts. Do not wait until few members attend meetings to use the assistance of the Membership Team. They have worked wonders with courts when notified in a timely fashion. The State picks up the cost of Janet and her team, so do not let low funds discourage your asking.

On that note, congratulations to Janet Oesterling and Shirley Hall for receiving the St. Faustina award at the National Convention for their membership work. I want to also extend a huge "THANK YOU" to Peggy Guckin who worked tirelessly as well. Only two names from each state were allowed to be recognized, but it is imperative that you know how hard Peggy works on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania as well as with her duties as National Director.

Pennsylvania was well represented at the National Convention in Sioux Falls. Thirty-three delegates attended. Congratulations to Peggy Guckin on being elected to the National Board once again and to Margaret Giordano on being elected to the 2020 Nominating Committee. Pennsylvania also won five National Education awards. Congratulations to Ct. Patricia #998, First Place Computer Art; Ct. Sharon #507, Second Place Music, Division II; Ct. St Francis de Sales #2617, Second Place Art, Division II; Ct. Sharon #588, Second Place Art, Division III; and Ct. Queen of Peace #1023, Second Place Music, Division III. I am also proud to announce that Pennsylvania won third place for our newsletter. Thank you all for submitting your court activities. Keep up the great work!

The new Education themes are: "Here I Am Lord; I Come To Do Your Will" and "Doing My Best To Do Good."

The following have been elected by the membership to serve as our National Officers and Directors for the 2018-2020 term:

National Regent: Olga Samaniego, Texas. Olga's theme is "Speak, Lord, for your Servant is Listening."

(Most Rev. Edmund Cahill, Bishop of Victoria, Texas, will be the National Chaplain. Fr. Edward Lamp from Florida will be the National Clergy Consultant.)

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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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News from National



Dear Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania,

I hope you are all rested and ready to jump into a busy CDA fall. Before you know it, we will be preparing for Christmas! Let's try, however, to take it slowly and enjoy each day as a beautiful gift from God and as the opportunity to do His will.

Spend some time praying as courts and asking yourselves what the Lord is calling you to do this year. Is there an older project that your court loves but that could use some updating? Is there a new project that the Lord is wanting you to undertake? Whatever you do, remember that your ultimate goal is to bring God's

love to a hurting world. Let those you impact see God in you. Remember, you are witnesses. Everything you say and do is noticed and everything makes an impact. Make sure the impact you make is for good.

I am heading soon to Pittsburgh for the NCCW convention that is being held in the same hotel CDA used in 2016. So, it will feel like old times.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you in Sioux Falls. Your state board represented you well at the National Convention. I am expecting great things from your state this year. You have great leadership. You have a state board of dedicated, hard-working, and bright women, and I know that together, you all will keep CDA's light shining brightly in Pennsylvania!

I am honored to be working with you and humbled by the trust you have placed in me. I wish you great joy in your service through CDA.

—*Olga Samaniego, National Regent*



Dear Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania,

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by and the 57th Biennial National Convention is but a memory and a beautiful one at that. It was an awesome experience to see more than 1200 Catholic Daughters in one room praising the Lord. We worked together, learned much and we also ate and made merry all the days we were in South Dakota.

Working on the National Board was a wonderful experience because I had the opportunity to work closely with each of you on the Pennsylvania State Board. I can remember my visits to PA when Peggy

Guckin was State Regent and then with Peg Witas. The red-carpet hospitality was always extended with "First Class" treatment. Thank you, ladies.

There will be many reports about convention in the National Quarterly and also in *Share* and you can find the daily recaps on the website for those not fortunate enough to attend.

Special thanks for your generosity and your loving thoughts and concern. I appreciate your prayers. Thank you for being there for me.

God bless each of you as you continue your CDA journey serving the Lord with joy in your hearts.

Thank you, and know that I love each of you.

In Unity and Charity,

—*Helene Shepard, Immediate Past National Regent*

National Catholic Daughter Women of the Year

Helene Shepard, National Regent, announced Toni Kerins, CEO of the Pallottine Teenage Federation (PTF) as Catholic Woman of the Year and presented her with a plaque in the shape of a flame and \$5000 check to PTF to further her ministry. "The flame is a symbol of your burning desire and your commitment to help our youth." The PTF, Helene explained, helps young people get in tune with themselves, develop their spiritual lives and discern what their lives are going to be and what turns they will take. Toni said that miracles sometimes happen with young people and faith. She said she is a Catholic Daughter and an officer. "Five years ago we started PTF; kids need a safe place to come to."



Helene Shepard, NR, and Toni Kerins, Catholic Woman of the Year

Faith of Our Mothers

Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nurs'ry love and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades their:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
O may thy consecration prove
The wellspring of a nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing--youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

— Arthur B. Patten (1864-1952)

"Do all for the glory of God." —Corinthians 10:31

Congratulations! You are a new Officer in your court. I am so pleased that you have made a decision to grow in leadership. Every Catholic Daughter has special gifts only she can give. Thank you for sharing yours.



Every two years, new leadership needs to be identified and encouraged to lead the courts and not fear trying a new direction. As a member, welcome the new officers and support them. Be willing to chair a Circle of Love committee, suggest a new (or renewed) project, or help find good speakers who will inspire or revive the court.

Courts have work to do. Fundraisers to support, reports to be given, standing rules to review, a budget to prepare for the next year. All this is very important to keep our courts active and alive. But remember, a little fun at each meeting makes that a memorable evening. Laughter is good for the body and soul!

If we always keep in mind that what we do is all for the glory and honor of God, each task or report or chairmanship will help us reach our goal of being with Jesus and Mary and all the saints eternally.

Glory to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Blessed be the name of Mary, our mother and patroness.

—Sherry Nilles, National Regent-Elect
National Representative for Pennsylvania

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests, for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, (especially _____).

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

St. John Vianney, pray for us; obtain for us many and holy priests. Amen





Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358, Easton

Court Easton's Presentation of Catholicism in India

Court Easton #358 is fortunate to have Mary Thomas, transferred from Court St. Katherine #239, share her knowledge and history of Catholicism (in India) with us.



Left to right: Deacon Kevin Wasielewski, Chaplain; Sally Ann Lerch, Past Regent; Patricia Bleam, Regent and Mary Thomas, Past Regent of Court St. Katherine, Glendive, Montana

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte

Installation of Officers



Left to right: Barbara Materna, Treasurer; Karen Pipta, Recording Secretary; Christine Surovec, Regent; Lucia Stover, Vice Regent; Pam Callahan, Financial Secretary; Pat Lutz, District Deputy and Janet Oesterling, Ceremonial Coordinator

Court Veronica #111, Renovo

District Deputy, Janet Oesterling, installed newly-elected officers for Court Veronica.



Left to Right: Dorothy Costulas, Treasurer; Patricia A. Kowalski, Vice Regent; Martha Mastriania, Regent; Wendy Janerella, Recording Secretary; Anna O'Neill, Financial Secretary; Janet Oesterling, District Deputy

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster



Daughter, Nicole Kreider, and Mother, Margaret Giordano, raise funds at annual Flea Market for the court.



Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel Picnic in the Park— An Annual Community Event

Court members spreading the word of God. Kathleen Peeler, Regent; Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary; Mary Snyder, Inmed. Past Regent and Mary Catherine Wydra, Treasurer

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Members filling breakfast bags for Aid for Friends

Court St. Ephrem #2230 assembled 100 breakfast bags for Aid for Friends.



Left to right: Barbara Jackson, Carol Parsons, Laura Tertel, Dolly Maronski, Dianne Beal and her daughter, Dawn



Members stop packing bags to have photo taken

Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia

Members of Court Rose Cecilia #1641 celebrate Priest Appreciation Day after attending 10:00 a.m. Mass.



Left to right: Rose Marie Webster, Mr. Estrada, Henrietta Estrada, Regent, Christine Moncrief, Sandra Bilinski, Peggy Guckin, Shirley Wybranski, Rose Malaczewski and Dorothy Andrilla

Court St. Mark #1097, Bristol

Court St. Mark #1097 celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a Mass and a luncheon on Sunday, June 24th.



Front row, left to right: Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer; Margaret Giordano, Second Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, National Director, IPSR, DD; Peg Witas, State Regent; back row, left to right: Jillian Johnston, Vice Regent; Susan Swift, Financial Secretary; Michelle Russo, Treasurer; Father Dennis Mooney, Chaplain; Jo Ann Lynn, Regent; Carol Shea, Recording Secretary

Court St. Matthew #1828, Philadelphia

Officers and members of Court St. Matthew #1828 honored Rev. Edward Rauch, OSF for his 27 years of service.



Regent Ellen Gallagher and Rev. Edward Rauch, OSF

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court St. Rene #1868, Monroeville



Installation of New Officers: Lisa Felnar, Regent; Mary Ellen Samak, Vice Regent; Winnie Ritter (proxy) for Ann Nowak, Secretary; Donna Roney (proxy) for Mary Ann Liberoni, Financial Secretary; Peg Witas, Treasurer; Lisa McCann, State Secretary and District Deputy

Unity and Charity

National Convention — Sioux Falls, South Dakota — July 2018



Peg Witas, Shirley Hall, Margaret Giordano, Nicole Kreider
at Dignity Monument



Helene Shephard, National Regent, and Shirley Hall
receiving St. Faustina award



Peggy Witas, Margaret Giordano and Peggy Guckin
campaigning for Nominating Committee



Ivone DaSilveira, Puerto Rico State Regent;
Margaret Giordano and Peggy Guckin



Eleanor Chodelka, Theresa Shields and Shirley Hall
Fun Night, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Judy Poltanis at Fun Night, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



*100th Celebration State Court of South Dakota and Fun Night
Men portraying the Presidents of Mt. Rushmore*



*Members of Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek
enjoyed traveling together to the 57th Biennial National
Convention in Sioux Falls, SD. Pictured above are Donna*

*Egan, Vice Regent;
Lisa McCann, State
Court Secretary;
Christina Seese,
Secretary; and
Margaret Marie
Gowaty, Regent and
State Court Educa-
tion Chair. These
ladies enjoyed sev-
eral days traveling
together prior to the
convention, experi-
encing many of the
great sites of South
Dakota. They are
pictured in front of
Bridal Falls, a stop
along their scenic
drive through the
western part of the
state.*



Family Statue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



*The Falls of the Big Sioux River. On Thursday evening, the "Falls"
were purple for CDA.*



*Nominating Committee 2020 (standing)
Margaret Giordano, PA, in center, in blue*



*Past National Regents
Joanne Tomassi, FL; Claudia Bosch, ND; Shirley Seyfried, MN;
Helene Shepard, Immed. Past National Regent, NY;
Libby Ramirez, TX; Anne Nelson, MD; Grace Di Cairano, NJ*



Philadelphia delegation enjoying Fun Night; Colette McCaffrey, Peggy Guckin, Lynn Kelly, Maryann Voystock, Tina Dambach, Mary Becker



2018 - 2020 National Officers and National Directors



Most Rev. Donald J. Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud, MN and Peggy Guckin. Bishop Kettler was born in MN, his family later moved to Sioux Falls, SD. We thank him for the time that he spent with us at the Convention along with the many other priests and deacons who serve as State Chaplains



Tour of the Black Hills of South Dakota—Many from PA took this tour either pre or post-Convention. The highlight for me was Mt. Rushmore at night. We experienced the Evening Lighting Ceremony—the majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln were illuminated after listening to a presentation by a park ranger, and we watched a film, “Freedom: America’s Lasting Legacy,” a short film that tells the story of the birth, growth, development and preservation of this country. From the history of the first inhabitants to the diversity of America today, Mount Rushmore brings visitors face to face with the rich heritage we all share.

—Peggy Guckin, IPSR and National Director

National Charities Changes

During the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 57th Biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, we were advised of a change in the National Charities. Project Handclasp, which was adopted as a National Charity in 1974, was an official Navy overseas people-to-people program. Donated materials were transported overseas on Navy ships. The program itself has sadly ceased to exist.



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. has been adopted as the new National Charity.

Our PA State Donation form reflects this change. Where do you find this form that is to accompany your Court's donations? PA website! www.cdapa.com → Resources → Forms → Court Forms → Donation Form.

Please Remember: 1) One check for all combined donations, 2) Payable to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 3) Two Court Officer Signatures, 3) Use the current Donation Form.

Charity Donations By State

During the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 57th Biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, we were advised of charity donations by state.

Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas can be very proud of ourselves. During the time frame published by the National office, June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2018, in Unity & Charity, Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters donated \$20,366. This differs slightly from what National published since they did not include our donations to Project Handclasp (\$595) and Misericordia (\$940). Pennsylvania came in 4th place to the much larger states of (1) Texas \$59,537, (2) California \$30,745, (3) New York \$22,324 in donations by state.

A reminder to all Courts: Found in our Tools of the Trade, each Catholic Daughter local court is asked to contribute annually a *minimum* of \$20 per Project to the five National Projects. The National Board also encourages courts to pray about their continued support of all the National Charities. As members of this great National organization, each court's first charitable considerations should be here, then consideration should be to the State Pro-Life charities. Only then should courts consider local donations. Even a small donation to each of these makes a big difference.

—Lisa McCann, State Secretary

We publish our newsletter quarterly. We would like to hear from more courts with a photo and caption listing the names of those pictured at your special activity. Submission deadlines are Fall: August 1; Winter: November 1; Spring: February 1; Summer: May 1. Send your favorite photo and information to Peggy Guckin, email: mmg721@aol.com

Advent

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at someone's house before going out to dinner by starting with praying the prayers associated with the Advent wreath. You don't have to make a special purchase of an advent wreath as long as you have four candles (one of them pink), and some real or artificial greens centered on your table or a side table.

Each week is dedicated to a specific purpose: First Week: One of Anticipation and Longing; Second Week: A Time of Preparation; Third Week: One of Rejoicing; Fourth Week: Full of Love and Hope. Readings are based on the New Testament, and each candle corresponds to one of the above weeks of Advent. The pink candle is lit the third week of Advent—to show anticipated rejoicing. You could use your missalette from church, but usually various pamphlets are available at the beginning of Advent in your church, or prayers can be found online. An alternative could be you and your friends attending Mass one day during the week and then treating yourselves to breakfast or lunch afterward.

There is also a ritual where each candle (one pink) is dedicated to a reading from the Old and New Testaments: Candle 1: The Prophets' Candle (Is. 40:1-2); Candle 2: Bethlehem's Candle (Mi. 5:2); Candle 3: Shepherds' Candle (rejoicing) (Lk. 2:8-9); Candle 4: Angels' Candle (Lk. 2:10). A candle is lit each week (pink the third week) with prayers read from the Old and New Testaments to anticipate the Messiah's arrival.

Available from *Magnificat* (866-273-5215 or www.magnificat.com) is a pamphlet with various prayers for this "special" season which handily fits into your purse or pocket. One section is devoted to the Seven Advent Stations—Office of the Ancestors of Christ. They look at the Old Testament readings to contemplate how God prepared us to receive his Son based on revelation and hope. As you know, stations can be prayed alone, in a group (your family, friends, organization), or with the church community. The Stations are entitled: (1) Creation of Adam & Eve; (2) Abraham & Sarah; (3) Samson; (4) Marriage of Ruth & Boaz; (5) Hannah & Elkanah; (6) David & Bathsheba; (7) Noah & the Ark.

So we should be preparing a specific intention on how we are going to grow spiritually by putting our hopes into action with a firm purpose of spiritual commitment. With all the monetary and sexual scandals occurring within the church, we need to be a "people of prayer," praying to the Holy Spirit to continue cleansing the church on all levels, and breathe new religious fervor and purpose within the church. Advent would be a good time to begin this endeavor; it is certainly needed by the "people of God" to pray for guidance, hope and purpose in our spiritual life. We need to also pray and support those religious who have been "true" to their vocation and continue to carry onward in the face of adverse conditions. We have from December 2 through December 23, 2018 to fulfill our commitment.

To each one of you, may you have a Blessed Advent Season filled with hope and renewal!

—Mary E. May, State Chairman for Spiritual Enhancement

Message

From Our State Chaplain

Jesus' Sermon on the Beatitudes

As we enter this time of the changing of the seasons, and the beauty of the leaves, we enter into the end of another church (Liturgical) year. Our Holy Mother Church in her wisdom has made the beauty of the Liturgical year to parallel the life of Jesus and our lives into eternal glory.

We begin the church year with Advent—the awaiting of the coming Savior. This four-week season is to remind us of the four-thousand years we awaited a Savior.

Next, is Christmas and the Christmas season in which we commemorate and celebrate the wonderful birth of the long-awaited Savior.

We then enter into a brief time we call Ordinary Time, between the Baptism of Jesus and Ash Wednesday. This time is congruent to the daily life of Jesus as He lived as a human on earth.

Lent follows, in which we honor Jesus as a human and yet the Son of God, entering into fasting and preparing to offer His life for our eternal salvation.

At the end of Lent we enter a three-day season of the Triduum—the days of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, which flows into the Easter Season in which we rejoice for 50 days until the coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). The Holy Spirit enables us to live the next section of Ordinary Time which is representative of our time on earth until the end of the world.

The whole cycle represents time from creation until the end of the world, as well as our time from birth until eternal life.

Towards the end of this church year, we begin November with the celebration of All Saints (November 1)—this is celebrating all who are in heaven. Some people have been proclaimed saints (canonized) by the church, yet all people who lived God's Will will someday be in heaven. As we celebrate this towards the end of our church year, it is a great time for us to parallel this with the end of our lives and ask, "As we travel this journey, are we living in such a way to be saints in heaven?"

The directions to Eternal Life are as Jesus says in John's Gospel, to follow Him, the Way, the Truth and the Life. The easiest way to do this is to live His example. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament.

One of Jesus' first teachings as He walked among us, was the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are the fulfillment of the rules of the Old Testament and the Ten Commandments.

Thinking about the Liturgical year, I think we all want to be able to claim All Saints Day as our Feast Day when we finish this life and move into the next. In order to do



Sermon on the Mount

Jesus Christ, during the sermon on the mount, teaches the eight beatitudes

Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902)

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that we must consider how further to live the Beatitudes and therefore follow Jesus and His teachings into eternity.

Each Beatitude has a promise of eternal life following the Beatitude. The Beatitudes are:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

—Matthew 5:3-10

Now let's dissect them in order to understand them and apply them to ourselves for holy lives. The poor in spirit are those who know they need God. Just like poor people need physical help to live, we should be dependent on God in all things in order to live, especially spiritually and to be virtuous.

To mourn is to be sad over the sins and injustices of the world. Just as Jesus wept over Jerusalem, we should weep over the sins of the world.

The meek are the people who live in humility, knowing that life should not be focused on themselves, and to have confidence that God will be there during trials—strength comes from God, not from self.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness is to long for what is right and just in God's eyes in every aspect of life throughout the day.

The merciful are those who want to give the gift of righteousness to others through forgiving, especially when it is almost impossible to do and to live unconditional love for all.

To be pure in heart is to make the center of our being, our heart, the focus of righteousness.

The peacemakers seek only harmony with God and others no matter the cost.

Finally, the persecuted will endure with patience and love the backlash over not living the ways of the world but living these saintly and Christ-like characteristics. If we live the Beatitudes, then we will reflect Jesus and be saints.

We must also remember that although the saints lived these characteristics to the full, they did not push aside prayer. Saints prayed intensely alone as well as with others.

Catholic Daughters, you have been called to join this group as holy women, but do not conform to the world and be only a society of good works and fellowship, but do that along with prayer, especially when you gather together or in charity for others, and in this way, set the world on fire with the love of God. Reflect on this as we honor All the Saints at the end of this Liturgical year and plan on being saints at the end of your lives and influencing others to also be saints.

—Rev. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain



Seen on a Church Bulletin Board



Message from State Regent

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Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair spoke at the National Convention. She asked that we do the following as part of Operation Morning Star:

1) Continue Pro-Life work

2) Oppose assisted suicide

3) Defund Planned Parenthood

4) Defend our children—same sex education is strong. We need to ensure our children are being taught marriage is between a man and a woman

5) Defend marriage between a man and a woman

Cardinal Dolan was unable to attend the convention due to a spur on his foot. However, he phoned the convention via speaker phone and gave the delegation the following message:

"The Catholic Daughters are a light to the world, a blessing and a gift to the world." He is very aware of the Catholic Daughter donations to the North American College in Rome as well as to the Disaster Relief Fund.

A message from Puerto Rico State Regent, Ivone DaSilveira: She extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their contributions to the disaster relief fund that is helping Puerto Rico recover from the hurricanes. She is deeply moved that so many of her "CDA sisters" remembered her court and sent funds and notes of encouragement to them. Pennsylvania was the fourth highest contributor to the National Projects and Charities out of 44 states. Congratulations to you for being so charitable! Texas, California and New York were the top three.

Please read Lisa McCann's article on the National Project change regarding Project Handclasp to the Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Use the new forms with the noted change. The website has been updated to reflect this change as well.

Please keep in mind that the 2019 Pennsylvania State Convention is April 5-8, 2019 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center in Blairsville. Committees will be needed for various functions at the convention. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on a particular committee. Theresa Shields will once again be in charge of the choir as State Choir Director. Please let Theresa know if you are interested in being part of the choir.

Pray for all of our priests. In this time of deep trial for our Catholic faith, priests are especially in need of our prayers.

—Peg Witas, State Regent

Message from 2nd Vice State Regent



My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,
In June, I enjoyed serving all of you in Pennsylvania as I met with my fellow state officers for our board meeting and then had the opportunity to applaud and commemorate in the Greensburg Diocese with Catholic Daughters as we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Court St. Bernard #339 in Indiana, PA. What an achievement and what a joyous celebration!

Can you believe it has been two years since we hosted the 56th Biennial National Convention in Pittsburgh? This July marked the 57th Biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I had never been to South Dakota before, but I found much of the land with its farms, corn and steer similar to my own Lancaster County. The Badlands, in contrast, were entirely different than where I live, and there are no bison or prairie dogs in Lancaster, either. All in all, South Dakota was a beautiful land, and it just adds to all my memories of how incredibly diverse and stunning is God's creation and gift to us.

It was a wonderful week of opportunity to be with those of you from Pennsylvania who attended as well as to be with so many of our Catholic Daughter sisters from all over. We had at least 33 PA delegates and more Pennsylvanians who attended the convention. I was very happy to serve as a delegate of our state, to be elected to the 2020 Nominating Committee, and to participate in the chorus, Circle of Love Walk, meetings, Masses and banquets. We enjoyed a delectable PA State Night Dinner at Minerva's Restaurant in downtown Sioux Falls and the beautiful Sioux Falls, especially that night, were lighted in purple for CDA.

As always, thank you everyone who has sent Spiritual Intentions to be offered through the Pennsylvania State Court. Your support of the seminarians studying at the North American College in Rome is both a worthy and essential cause. Masses are said the third Sunday of the month (except in June—the fourth Sunday), so be sure to get your intentions to me a week before that. Anything I receive after the second week will go in the next month's intentions as I need to send Father Grimme the intentions a week in advance. Please continue to send your monthly intentions directly to me with a check payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent
1530 Hollywood Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601

As summer simmers away and we soon enter the season of autumn, I ask that we pray for one another, for the newly-elected officers at both the local and national levels, for our patroness Mary to guide us with her gentle but definitive spirit, and for the Holy Trinity to lead us as we serve God, His church and all His people by carrying out our mission as Catholic Daughters.

May God be with you and yours as the season of fall approaches, and may we find the beauty in each season of life as we do in the seasons of the year.

In Unity and Charity,

—Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Another Pennsylvania State Project... "THE COURAGE LION"

The Courage Lion was developed in a joint effort with the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Child Life Department, to help children as they experience illness, trauma, abuse and other crisis.

The program is dedicated to these children in treatment/medical facilities throughout the United States and Canada.

Each Courage Lion comes with a book "Courage Packets," which introduces the story of a young lion, Duffy, who faces the challenge of recovering from an injury. In reading about Duffy's feelings and experiences, children have the opportunity to identify and communicate about their own feelings and situations.



Duffy is a cuddly therapeutic animal used to enhance communication, while reducing anxiety and fear. Duffy's arms have been lengthened so that they can point to any part of the body that hurts, can be folded to express how the child feels and is able to be positioned on beds, chairs, IV poles, etc.

Our Pennsylvania State Court was presented with this program several years ago at a State Convention and our courts have proudly donated several thousand dollars to this project. Programs run from \$25-\$300 depending on the need. Catholic Daughters have been noted on Facebook for having greeted Duffy about three years ago.

"The Courage Lions work in so many different types of situations and scenarios; they are truly a gift to each individual."

—Shirley Hall
1st Vice State Regent



Don't be afraid to try new things in your court!



Journey of a Motion

A proposal or issue to come to the court assembly is done by the “motion” process.

“I move to” or “I move that” the court do...

Needs a **second**, so that more than one member is in favor of getting it on the floor for discussion.

Discussion follows: Member stands and says I speak in favor of (or against) this motion for this reason...

What is Next?

Regent asks, “is there any further discussion? Subsidiary motion could be made:

...To “postpone indefinitely”

...To “amend”—to add something, strike out something, or strike out some words and add new words

...To “refer to a committee” for further investigation

...To “postpone to a definite time”

If a subsidiary motion comes forth, it needs a second, discussion, and a vote taken. Whatever action results, will be applied to the **main motion**.

If no subsidiary motion is made, regent asks if there is any further discussion.

If none, a vote is taken: “All those in favor, say, “Aye,” all those opposed, say “No.”

Result of vote is announced by regent; Ayes have it (or Nos have it). The motion is adopted (or lost). If in doubt about a vote, take a show of hands, or a standing vote. The chair could be challenged, if there is a doubt.

—Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

Congratulations Newly-Elected Officers



Thank you for accepting the role of leadership in your courts. This is an exciting time for all CDA Courts. It is a time of newness and fresh starts. Thoughts of how can I better my court? How can I make this a special year? How can I help those less fortunate? Bring your ideas to your meetings. Don't be afraid to speak up. Discuss and vote on

new projects. Each member brings her own special talents and vision. Enjoy your courts!

Wishing all Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters a blessed new 2018-2019 CDA year, filled with love, hope and charity. May our patroness, the Blessed Mother, hold our hands and lead us in unity to serve those less fortunate.



Thank You

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the prayers and cards during my recent illness. May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you and a Catholic Daughter to care about you.

God bless you always,

—Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer

Lucky Lottery Winners—June/July 2018

Just a few calendars left—contact Lisa McCann, State Secretary. What a bargain—only \$25 with 365 chances to win! Monday-Friday the winner receives \$30, Saturday \$40, Sunday \$60. One special day a month a winner receives \$100!

June Lottery Winners

Anna McMurdy
Norita Chyle
Kandi Walch *
St. Bernard Reg Catholic School
Marianne Reuter
Nancy Allison
Betty Dombrosky
Dawn Walters
Sylvia Fox
Kathy Selvage
Tina Forsyth
Doris Kitt
Dorothy Fritsch
Marsha DeCaria
Mary Lou Nolter
Msgr Joseph Bobal
CDA Ct. Monessen #776
Jean Reagan
Dick Kenna
Josephine Valenti
Gloria Benton
Bertha R. England
Martin Gismondi
Dan Corbin
Josephine Valenti (2X)
CDA Ct. St Florian #2240
Rev. Philip Pinczewski
Marsha DeCaria (2X)
Antoinette Sharetzsky
Janet Trozzi
*\$100 winner

June Selling Court

SO Lisa McCann
Blessed Madonna #2521
Lambing #314
St. Bernard #339
St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828
Lambing #314
Westinghouse #759
Allegheny #664
IPSR Peg Guckin
St. Victoria #646
IPSR Peg Guckin
Rose Cecilia #1641
Holy Trinity #1336
Lambing #314
OL of Victory #588
St. Marys #890
Monessen #776
Lambing #314
SO Lisa McCann
St. Bernard #339
Ave Maria #650
OL of the Alleghenies #1755
Lambing #314
SO M.T. Giordano
St. Bernard #339
St. Florian #2240
Callistus #66
Lambing #314
Easton #358
Washington #1651

July Lottery Winners

Elizabeth Wijtyk
Fr. Douglas Dorula
Robert M. O'Connor
Margaret Cramer *
Dolores Markulik
Blaine Galonski
Joseph Vrobel
CDA Ct. St Bernard #339
Michael Fuoco
Patricia Kowalski
Donna Egan
Michelle Russo
Denny Young
Kim Clemens
Madelyn Tomasura
Virginia Mussomeli
Greg Jasper
Bill McElheny
Pat McKillop
Dave Novak
Pamela Farina
Helen C. Wright
Kathy Hought
Mary McElroy
Jean Mangini
Tess Murray
John Pallott
Andrea Chabon
Millie Bodenschatz
Barbara Jasper
Mary Leonard
*\$100 Winner

July Selling Court

Queen of Peace #1023
Patricia #998
SO Lisa McCann
Brownsville #1141
Greene County #1923
Patricia #998
Columbia #2
St. Bernard #339
IPSR Peg Guckin
St. Veronica #111
Westinghouse #759
St. Mark #1097
SO Margaret Giordano
St. Catherine #1992
St Marys #890
Coraopolis #965
St. Theresa #562
SO Lisa McCann
New Kensington #860
Margaret Novak
Easton #358
Joan of Arc #716
Washington #1651
IPSR Peg Guckin
Brownsville #1141
St. Martin #418
Bellevue #655
St. James #1029
Ebensburg #680
St. Theresa #562
Mount Union #1992

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona, 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 100th Anniversary

Court St. Bernard #339

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 90th Anniversary - Many Blessings

Court St. Mark #1097

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617

In Appreciation

Father Sherdel and All Our Parish Priests

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

Father D. Timothy Grimme

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Fr. Audriy, Fr. Anmias

Fr. Don Duza, Fr. Thad Reiger

Fr. Alfred, Deacon Mike Anna

Sr. Linda, Sr. Celeste, Sr. Theresa

Requested by: Our Lady of Victory #722

45th Anniversary of Priest Ordination

Rev. Thomas J. Furey

Requested by: Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828

Deacon Appreciation Day

Deacon Robert C. Burns

Requested by: Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828

Priest Appreciation

Fr. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain

Requested by: Peggy Witas, State Regent

CDA PA State Officers and Members

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, June-August 2018. 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, Second Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Happy Birthday

Robert Sultzbach, husband

Jeremy Hatfield, son-in-law

Kereem Brooks

Mark Patrick

Nicolas Christian, nephew and Godson

Jaymir, great grandson

Dylan Lewis, grandnephew

Caron Leath, longtime best friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Margaret T. Giordano

Susan Sharer

Patti Boley

Christine Bousigard

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Best Wishes

New CDA National Board

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy Retirement

Trish Link

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Congrats New Court - God Bless

Court Our Lady of Fatima #2739

Requested by: Court St. Francis De Sales #2617

Congratulations on 100 Years of Service

Living and Deceased Members

Court St. Bernard #339

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Congratulations on 90 Years of Service

Living and Deceased Members

Court St. Mark #1097

Court Santa Maria #1079, Santa Maria, CA

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Get Well ♦ Health ♦ Well-Being ♦ Healing ♦ Recovery

Ethel Kimack

Requested by: Sandra Owens (Court Our Lady of Victory # 722)

Rosemarie Faller

Requested by: Lisa McCann
Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

**Peggy Guckin, Arline Rich
Cardinal Timothy Dolan**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

All Queen of Peace #1023 Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023 Officers

Laraine McGinnis

Colette McCaffrey, Conall and Padraic

Johanna Leonard

Requested by: Peggy Witas, State Regent

Ray Fulton, brother of Rec. Secretary Pat Jacobs

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Rita Smith Wade-El

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023
Margaret T. Giordano

Arline Rich, Rose Christi

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Joanne Tomassi

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Colette McCaffrey, Conall and Padraic

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Peace and Harmony

World peace and harmony amongst all God's peoples

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With You

All priests, especially during the grand jury release

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Safe Travels, Wishes for Great National Convention

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Successful National Convention in Sioux Falls

South Dakota State Court

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Thank You

Camille

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Shirley A. Hall

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

With Thanks to Our Resident Tailor

Nancy Kowalczyk

Requested by: Christine A. Surovec, Regent
(Court Rev. Patrick McArdle # 448)

Gratitude, Love, and Prayers

All Armed Forces, their families, friends and pets

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Unity and Charity

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Rest in Peace ♦ Repose of Soul ♦ With Sympathy

♦ In Memory ♦

Barb Daisley

Requested by: Our Lady of Victory # 722

Sister of Josephine Hiemenz

Ray Fulton, brother of Pat Jacobs

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Laura Duley, Dwight Duley

Deanna Teixeira

Requested by: Court St. Francis De Sales # 2617

Laura Duley, Jim McCaffrey

Requested by: Peggy Witas, State Regent
CDA PA State Officers

John Luffe, Eugene McAlnany

Rose Winkler, Russell Bentley

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Frances Reed

Requested by: Sandra Owens (Court Our Lady of Victory # 722)

Josephine Hiemenz, member

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Pat Jacobs

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
Court Queen of Peace # 1023

Louis Palamone, Steve A. Samek

Requested by: Court St. Rene # 1868

Dorothy E. Campbell, Douglas E. Swan

Requested by: Lisa Intriери-Fellner (St. Rene # 1868)

Margaret H. Giordano, Past Regent and DD

Agatha Gerz

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace # 1023

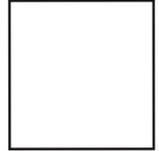
James A. Giordano, Sr., father

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Horn, grandparents

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, IPSR
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

Advent



Having progressed through a terrible cold, snowy winter, and now a very hot, humid summer, we need to start slowing down and contemplate our religious relationship with God and Christ. We were resolved to clear the snow to get to work, to shop, and just get home safely. Then, with the summer conditions, we “ran” ourselves ragged with vacations, weekend trips, and really enjoyed the warm summerly weather. But now we need to start slowing down again and look inward to assess how are we doing with ourselves in relation to God and our prayer life.

The Church’s liturgical year will end on the Feast of Christ the King, November 25, when we celebrate Christ as “King of the Universe.” Then we start the beginning of the new liturgical year with Advent. This year it will start on Sunday, December 2. However, it is not only the start of the Church’s year, but it could also be the beginning of our year to resolve to do better and get back into the groove with our prayer life.

As you probably know, the early church did not celebrate Advent nor Christmas. It is hard to believe with all the intense materialistic purpose that now goes into celebrating the season. The Feast of Christmas was introduced in the middle of the fourth century, and quickly spread across the Western-Roman Empire. By the fifth century it was established in Gaul and Spain, and when our ancestors migrated to America, they brought with them established traditions from their country.

In fourth century Gaul, news spread regarding a spiritual preparation for the feast. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours issued a “fast regulation” to be held three days of every week from November 11 (Feast of St. Martin) to Christmas. At that time, it was known as “Forty Days’ Fast of St. Martin.” It later spread to France, Spain and later Germany, with the starting dates changing among the various regions.

But in Rome the celebration of Advent didn’t occur until the sixth century, and the season comprised only four or five Sundays. However, Pope Gregory the Great preached a number of homilies on Advent, and he formed many of the Advent practices we can relate to today. In Rome, Advent was a festive and joyful time of preparation for the Feast of the Lord’s Nativity, except for Ember week. Finally after a few centuries, there eventually emerged a final structure of Advent celebration that combines both traditions.

“Advent” is from the Latin “adventus” meaning “coming.” We await the coming of Christ as a human child. We anticipate the coming in Word (the Old and New Testaments) and in Spirit, and we should be reflecting on the second coming of the King. The Advent season denotes one of expectation and hope—the culmination of the prophesies, the coming of a child which is a joyous occasion, and the hopeful coming of the King.

So what should our religious attitude be during Advent, rather than wearing ourselves out by taking advantage of all those pre-Christmas sales, Christmas parties, and going into debt for months beyond? Advent should be a time for our spiritual renewal and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. It should be a time for the family to be together and celebrate the “real meaning” of Christmas. If your family is far afield, or they are deceased, start your own tradition. What about creating a “circle” of friends to have dinner at someone’s house once a week or meeting



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