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This 'n That...

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"Here am I, Lord, I come to do Your will." —Psalm 40



As I begin to write this article, I've just had a three-day reprieve from my computer as it had been hacked. I can't believe what beautiful moments I had in quiet reflection and prayer. I want to remember those moments and try to add them to my weekly routine. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He

is good; His love endures forever." Ps: 118:1

It is hard to believe that on the heels of the birth of Our Lord, we begin talking about His death and resurrection. But isn't that what we have been going through in the past months as our lives take so many different turns.

Your officers have been meeting frequently on Zoom. Finally, January 15-17, we had an opportunity to meet with each other and had the pleasure of having our National Representative, Essie Walker, join us. God was good as He gave Essie a delightful surprise of snow squalls but provided good travel weather for all.

It is now time for us to begin looking at what the year has in store for us and to REMIND YOU OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE....

• **PA CDA State Convention**—April 16-19, 2021. Please check the information inside this *Angelus*, page 3.

• **CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORTING FORMS** are due to the State Chairman no later than March 1, 2021.

• **National and State Dues** for fall 2020 are past due and must be paid to attend Convention.

• **Be sure to ask National** for a roster before they prepare your **Spring Dues invoices**. All additions/deletions should be made by March 1, 2021 to insure they have been recorded.

• **Fall Financial Reviews** are past due.

• **Spring Financial Reviews, October 1, 2020-March 31, 2021** are to be done during the month of April.

As we soon begin our Lenten journey toward the beautiful Easter season, may your faith be deepened and many blessings be yours! ♦



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News from National

Essie Walker, National Second Vice Regent and National Representative
Greetings and blessings to all my CDA sisters,



As we approach the Lenten season, let us continue to focus on personal and family prayer. Prayer will help us to grow a deeper relationship with Him. It will help to improve our spiritual well-being by eliminating all that is unnecessary and allows us to become more mindful of how God is working in our lives and in our communities. What better ways to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter than to reflect, repent, pray and read the Bible more. Now is the time to take inventory of our spiritual lives and grow in it.

It is time to focus attention on to the 54th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention. Your theme, "FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH CDA," is most fitting during these times. I look forward to seeing you on the train. Your state officers are working diligently to make your convention one that will continue to be spiritual, fun and productive. If you have not done so, take a moment to read the 1st Call to Convention and the Time Table for the State Convention submitted by your State Regent. Even though this convention will be slightly different, your presence and participation is very much needed.

As we think of the upcoming rebirth of spring, perhaps we can consider that just as the daffodil and tulip bulbs buried in the ground all winter require good soil, water and sunshine to burst forth and brighten our spring days, so, too, fasting, almsgiving and prayer are necessary ingredients to nurture our spiritual growth on our Lenten journey to Easter. This excerpt is from the book, *Bringing Lent Home with Mother Teresa*, by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. May you and your family continue to be blessed during the Lenten and Easter season. ♦ —Email Essie Walker: walkerme772@gmail.com



Sherry Nilles, National Regent, was interviewed on CFN Live by Laura Cassell on Vimeo.com. You can hear the full interview by going to the National website: catholicdaughters.org and on their home page, under Updates, on the right side.

National CDA Sponsors Three Fall Retreats

Faithful Women Set The World On Fire!

Sept. 17-19, 2021—Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, NC
Oct. 29-31, 2021—Holy Cross Retreat Center, Mesilla Park, NM
Nov. 12-14, 2021—St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake, WI

To download a copy of the registration form, please go to: catholicdaughters.org. Each retreat starts at 4:00 p.m. Friday and ends after breakfast on Sunday morning. Cost is \$300 and includes a shared double room and meals. Be inspired by the stories of women who lived out God's will in their lives and brought love and hope to the world around them.

Let God whisper His will to you in a weekend with your CDA sisters.

National Charity "Fun" D Winners

November 24, Mildred P., Johnstown, PA
January 29, Betty R., Bristol, PA
February 2, Nancy S., Butler, PA



54th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention

“Full Speed Ahead With CDA”

Shirley Hall, State Regent

TOOT-TOOT!!

A ltoona, PA awaits you!! The trains are being shined, streets swept, restaurant strip (close to Convention Center) ordering extra food, trains running around the “Curve,” the Railroaders Memorial Museum offering limited hours and tours of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament may be

available. And, your State Officers are excited to have you join us. Parts of our Convention will be different, but we are all the same and will make it work WITH YOU! The following are just reminders, much of which you already know, but...

- ◆ **OFFICIAL CALL** has been mailed.
- ◆ **OPENING MASS** on Friday, April 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Bartchak and Fr. Joseph. **NO ROBES.**
- ◆ **TOMBOLLA** baskets / gift cards, in the \$50 price range, delivered to Laraine McGinnis at the Convention Center.
- ◆ **SATURDAY FUN NIGHT** is being planned by courts from the area.
Sssh, sounds like a GREAT evening. Don't forget your CDA shirts or “train” apparel.
- ◆ **MUSIC** will be a capella but we know you can all sing. Theresa and Dolores will help us out!
- ◆ **MASKS** are to be worn at all times within the meeting rooms, hotel hallways, etc.
Social distancing will be adhered to in session and church.
- ◆ **A DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2021** has been set by the “board” and Convention Center for the **CANCELLATION** of Convention if 75 members have not registered.

If we have to cancel, and hope we don't, we have been given instructions for a Virtual Convention, election of officers and other business including the Education Awards, etc.



*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Ps. 32:8*



*National Representative and State Officers making plans for State Convention
Essie Walker, Shirley Hall, Margaret Giordano, Lisa McCann and Jeanette Kitch*

Thoughts by State Officers



Shirley Hall, State Regent

Youth bring happiness and joy to families as they grow and learn to contribute to the family. Youth learn what the family structure is all about as they look forward to the future of their own family.

A family teaches the youth what the future is all about and then how to take care of each other. A family teaches that family on earth is a part of God's family as they live, love and grow on earth to be part of the eternal heavenly family.

Childhood is a training ground for the real world. Family is a foundation of our society. It is where we learn the basics of living in our neighborhoods, communities, our church and our world.

A thought for families—"Start a child off on the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." —Proverbs 22:6 ♦

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**Margaret T. Giordano
1st Vice State Regent**

According to *Merriam-Webster*, a right-hand man is "a very important assistant who helps someone do a job." In the CDA Circle of Love, EDUCATION is the vertical spoke, and FAMILY is its right-hand spoke.

The family is extremely critical in the foundation and promotion of education. Family values are passed on as members of the family show their care and support for one another. In faith, common experiences and activities educate one another and enable the strengthening of family bonds. Shared customs and beliefs also tie family members closer together.

You have probably heard the saying, "A family that prays together stays together." When I was growing up, my family always prayed special prayers when we got up in the morning, at mealtime and at bedtime. We went to Masses and novenas together. When we traveled on road trips, we prayed the rosary together. Likewise, a family that plays together stays together. My family played games together as we traveled in the car as well as when we were home or on vacation. The things I learned I then passed on to my children. Each generation learns the traditions of the previous, and sometimes new customs also



unfold. Family sows the seeds of education. Yes, children learn in school and CCD classes. Adults learn in continuing education classes and workshops, but the source of education all begins with the values we learn from our families.

Remember that we have our nuclear family units, but we also have our CDA family. Our courts provide us with the values and support to continue our education and grow in the areas of service and spirituality. We do this together as we pray, work, and play together. We do this at court meetings and events. We did this at the November workshop, and we will do it at our State Convention in Altoona in April. Our Catholic Daughters become more involved, too, with family as we fund Courage Lion, our Pennsylvania pro-life project which supports children and families in crisis. We also contribute to Holy Cross Family Ministries, our national project which "improves the quality of life through prayer," and Mother Teresa, our national charity which intercedes as family, "providing love and care for ones no one else is prepared to care for."

May Mary, our Patroness, and the Holy Family be our inspiration in CDA EDUCATION and FAMILY matters. God be with us and keep us safe. ♦

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Lisa McCann 2nd Vice State Regent

The spoke of the Circle of Love that I have been writing to you about this past year is *Quality of Life*. Quality of life, according to *Britannica*, is the degree to which an individual is healthy, comfortable and able to participate in or enjoy life events.

Understanding this definition and incorporating the spoke of Family can easily be achieved. You only need add one very important ingredient that the sterile *Britannica* leaves out. **LOVE**. Look no further than our National Regent's theme for her term, "Let all you do be done with love" (1 Corinthians 16:14) to understand love is as essential as breathing.

We know our love of God must come first in all things. Our blood families, whether they be large or small, must come next to receive our love and commitment to their quality of life. Next, let us see to the quality of life of our sister Catholic Daughters. With my wonderful "sisters," we together, in Unity and Charity, see to the quality of life for many in many different ways.

In December, members of my court sang Christmas carols outside the window of a dear court member who is confined, in lock down, to a nursing home. Court Westinghouse #759 just completed a service project, where over a three-week period, we collected, sorted and de-

Circle of Love—Family & Youth

livered a truck load full of essential needs for the homeless community of Pittsburgh. I challenge and encourage your court as a “family” to also complete some act or project to improve the quality of life of those around you.

Prayer for My Family

May your presence, most loving Jesus, ever bless our home and fill it with the virtues so perfectly practiced in your own Holy Family in Nazareth. Protect us from all dangers, bless our endeavors and keep always in our family the spirit of love, peace and happiness. Amen. ♦

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Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer

Family is everyone in the world. We are all God’s children. Family is made up of many kinds of families.

- ♦ Immediate: mom, dad, brother, sister...
- ♦ Church family
- ♦ Work family
- ♦ School family
- ♦ Friends family

Family comes in all shapes and sizes. Big to small, but I think the best family is the CDA family. We care about each other. We pray for each other. We do good for God’s family, not only in Pennsylvania or the USA, but in the whole world. Thank you, ladies, my *BIG EXTENDED FAMILY*... ♦

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Prayer from Our Lady of Lourdes

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The following prayer is to be said in front of a picture of the Holy Family. Ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to intercede on behalf of our families.



O most loving Jesus, Who by Thy surpassing virtues and the example of Thy home life didst hallow the household in which Thou didst choose to live while on earth, mercifully look down upon this family, whose members, humbly prostrate before Thee, implore Thy protection. Remember that we are Thine, bound and consecrated to Thee by a special devotion. Protect us in Thy mercy, deliver us from danger, help us in our necessities, and impart to us strength to persevere always in the imitation of Thy Holy Family, so that, by serving Thee and loving Thee faithfully during this mortal life, we may at length give Thee eternal praise in heaven.

O Mary, dearest Mother, we implore thy assistance, knowing that thy divine Son will hearken to thy petition.

And do thou, most glorious patriarch, St. Joseph, help us with thy powerful patronage, and place our petitions in Mary’s hands, that she may offer them to Jesus Christ. Amen.



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.

—Restoredtraditions.com



Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE Diocesan Zoom Meeting—October 2020



Top row: Eileen Yanno, Margaret Giordano and Pat Bleam
Middle row: Sally Learch, Mary Strucko and Diana Bochantin
Bottom row: Joyce Speciale-Detweiler and Karen Yanity

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court St. Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

All members contributed toward Christmas gift bags for 24 residents of John Paul Manor personal care home, Cresson.



Dot DeAngelo, Mary Lou Zimmerman,
Constance Stransky and Sandy Inzana

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 began their 100th anniversary celebration by requesting the Bellefonte Mayor, Tom Wilson, to proclaim October 20, 2019 as National Catholic Daughters Day, in Bellefonte—which he graciously did, as seen in the picture with the Court officers at that time. On August 15, 2020, our Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac, gave us a Mass as a gift in honor of our 100th anniversary; many of our members were able to attend.



Christine A. Surovec, Regent; Lucia Stover, Vice Regent;
Mayor Tom Wilson; Pam Callahan, Financial Secretary;
Karen Pipta, Recording Secretary and Barbara Materna, Treasurer



GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court St. Bernard #339, Indiana

Welcome, New Chaplain!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Bernard #339, welcomed their new Chaplain, Reverend Richard Owens, OFM Cap with a Chaplain Pin at their November meeting. Barbara Minor, Regent, presented the pin.



The Angelus

*Peggy Guckin
State Chairman Publicity*

Thank you to all the courts that have sent in photos and details of your special activities.

Just some reminders—If you are submitting information, don't wait till the deadline. We have been receiving a lot of information and members tend to wait for the deadline to email me; therefore, our editor, Marge, has often had to rearrange material to fit—which is time consuming and causes a delay in the newsletter going to the printer.

Send photo, identifying your court name and number, and include a caption of the activity. In the subject line, put CDA Court Chatter, court name and number. Please identify yourself and give contact phone number.



Submission deadlines are:

Fall issue: August 1

Winter issue: November 1

Spring issue: February 1

Summer issue: May 1

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HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mount Carmel

Pen Pal Project

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Victory #588 is participating in a pen pal project with Mount Carmel Senior Living Center. The members of the court are sending pen pal greetings and letters to all of the residents of the center. This effort, spearheaded by Mary J. Snyder, Vice Regent, is an effort to lift the spirits of the residents who have become isolated during the pandemic. We will continue to write to the residents until such time as the quarantine is lifted and visitation can return to normal.



Left to right: Mary Catherine Wydra, Treasurer; Kathleen Peeler, Regent; Mary J. Snyder, Vice Regent; Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary and Barbara Persing, Recording Secretary

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mount Carmel

Court Our Lady of Victory #588 completed our audit in a safe manner in the Mount Carmel Town Park.



*Seated: Christine McLaughlin and Barbara Puketza
Standing: Mary Catherine Wydra, Treasurer; Kathleen Peeler, Regent; Barbara Persing, Recording Secretary; Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary; and Mary J. Snyder, Vice Regent*

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster Meeting Virtually, During Pandemic



*Top: Lee Ann Hyrcaj, Regent; Margaret T. Giordano, Robin Burgoon
Middle: Paulette Manzella, Janet Kreiner, Carol Anne Ferreira
Bottom: Susan Sharer and Andrea Accardi
Members on phone: Nicole Kreider, Mary Selway, Sr. Mary Paul*

More Court Chatter

HARRISBURG DIOCESE cont'd

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster, Education Contest Winners 2020

Most awards had to be given directly to the schools to present to the children. One school let us take a picture outside the church. State winners are in the middle row. One family met us at a public place and we took a picture.

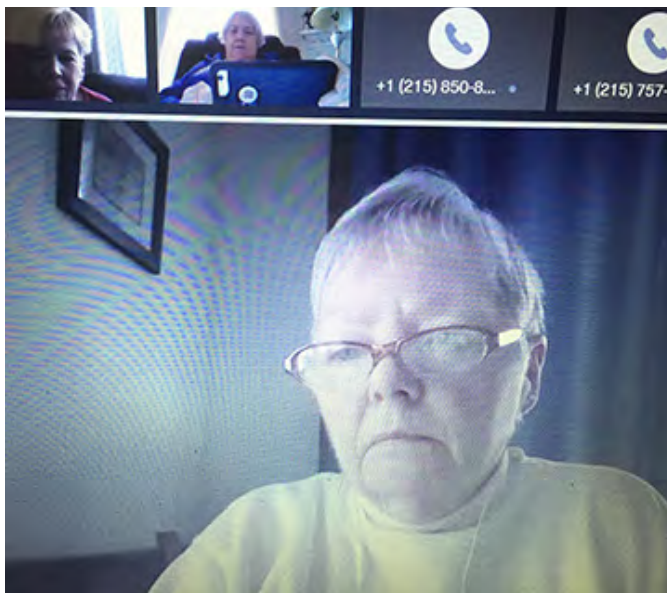


PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2232, Bensalem

Zoom and Teleconference Meeting

The court has been meeting by teleconference, and at their February meeting, three members connected via zoom: Linda Gilmer, Peggy Guckin (center) and Dolly Maronski, Regent. Five other members were present, but had no video capability.



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Washington #1651, Washington

Christmas Donations for Genesis, St. Vincent de Paul and Washington City Mission

Court Washington was not able to gather for the traditional Christmas celebration but still collected baby items for Genesis (diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, soap and lotion), monetary donations for St. Vincent de Paul and prepared a lunch for the Washington City Mission.



Robin Krofcheck, Regent; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent and Court Treasurer, Peggy Pizzi, Vice Regent; Mae Hunter, Linda Kubacka, Elizabeth Meade, Debbie Costello, Carol Brosnahan

Unity and Charity

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE cont'd.

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek

Christmas Goodwill

Court Westinghouse #759 packed a truck with donations for Pittsburgh's Red Door.



Christina Seese, Paula Voloch, Donna Egan and Margie Gowaty

Court Westinghouse #759 brightened the spirits of member Joyce Hunter.



Singing Christmas carols: Donna Egan, Paula Voloch, Margie Gowaty and Christina Seese

PPP...Parliamentary Procedure Pointers

Patricia M. Gildea, Parliamentarian



"TO AMEND" – A VITAL PP TOOL

AMENDMENT—the **THIRD** step in the ladder of the seven (7) ranked **SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS** (The one probably used the most in meetings)

To Amend a proposed Main Motion, you have three possibilities:

1. **ADD** consecutive words
2. **STRIKE** consecutive words
3. **STRIKE** and **ADD** consecutive words

MOTION: "I move to amend by...(one of the above options)"

Amendment must be discussed and voted upon. If amendment carries, it alters the Main Motion. If it is lost, the Main Motion remains as is, unless another amendment follows.

The entire **AMENDED MOTION** requires further discussion. Amendment again if necessary, then, the vote is taken.

****NOTE:** It is not possible to add or strike out words in other sections of the Main Motion. Words must be consecutive, or another amendment(s) would be needed.

Use it often. Amending can help to clarify the exact intent of the court for minutes and history. ♦

—Email Pat Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

"A Year of St. Joseph"

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The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people, who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on Saint Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as Saint Joseph quietly protected and cared for Jesus and Mary.

"Each of us can discover in Saint Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the Pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight Saint Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." At the conclusion of his letter, he adds another prayer invoking Saint Joseph's intercession:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. AMEN.*

May we all, as God's children, through the intercession of our mother Mary, the most chaste spouse of Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mother of our Lord, in "Unity and Charity," continue to cherish and celebrate God's great love and mercy for us and seek to bring them to all we meet and touch them with the same loving and merciful hand with which God has touched us. ♦

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If God
had a refrigerator,
YOUR picture
would be on it.

Faith – Education – Service

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director & Past State Regent



As I write this message, we have just finished Catholic Schools Week. This year, the theme was Faith, Education and Service. Our faith started with our baptism and it was made strong with our parents.

Every day we grow in faith. In this past year, with COVID-19, our faith was made stronger as we trusted in God. We learned many ways to adapt in this new world that none of us has ever experienced before.

We have been educated and instructed to wash our hands, social distance and to wear a mask. In these struggling times, many of us were still able to do service.

We see that courts were pen pals to people in nursing homes where they have been confined to their rooms. Some put together ditty bags for those who serve on cargo ships whose lives have become more difficult due to the pandemic. Some members sang outside a nursing home to a member who was inside, collected baby items, made sandwiches and collected essential items for homeless shelters.



**JOURNEY
OF
FAITH**

Many courts are unable to do fundraising or to have in-person meetings because they meet in church meeting rooms. However, we have adapted. We are in an era of technology and even with our older members, teleconferences have worked. Some courts have had zoom meetings.

Prior to the pandemic, the membership team had been working with two courts, both in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese; the courts were to be instituted in March. Due to COVID-19, we were all placed under isolation. As areas slowly went out of lock down, plans were made to have the installations in August. Finally, on August 9th, with a private ceremony, twenty charter members were received and Court Roses of Mary #2766 was instituted. Two attempts were made to institute Court Gianna Bolla #2764, with thirty-three members; the institution of the court was again put on hold due to a rise in positive cases in that area of Huntington.

In December, two vaccines finally became available for emergency use and a third is to be available soon. I hope everyone will consider getting the vaccine. We will still need to take all the precautions.

Let us all continue to grow in faith, trusting in the Lord, to educate ourselves and to continue to do service in Unity and Charity. I know we all look forward to getting back to some normalcy.

I wish you all a prayerful Lent and a Happy, Blessed Easter. ♦ —Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com

PA State History Book 2005-2021 – Reminder!

To help defray the cost of the printing, we will be adding a donor list to the "book." **Individuals and courts are invited to submit their names.** Donors will be listed according to the donation for each name submitted: \$25 for GOLD, \$15 for SILVER, \$10 for BRONZE or \$2 for GENERAL sponsorship. Donations may also be made in memory of loved ones who have died or to honor someone special. Gold and Silver patrons will receive a copy of the book. We were hoping to have this project completed and the History Book printed in time for the Convention. But due to COVID-19 and courts not meeting, it is not possible; we will have an update at the Convention.



Complete the information on the form below and send along with your check, by May 15, 2021, to:

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director, 203 Harmony Ct., Bensalem, PA 19020.

Yes, I/We Want to Sponsor Our History Book!

Name(s) to be listed in book: (PLEASE PRINT)

In Honor of: _____ Ct. Name/# _____ Gold \$25 ___ Silver \$15 ___ General \$2 ___

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Name: _____ Ct. Name/# _____ Gold \$25 ___ Silver \$15 ___ General \$2 ___

Court Name/Number: _____ Gold \$25 ___ Silver \$15 ___ General \$2 ___

Submitter's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____ Total Donation(s) enclosed \$ _____

Following Instructions

Margaret Marie Gowaty, State Education Chairman



The jokes about men and instructions are numerous. Real men don't read directions. Real men don't stop and ask for directions. The list goes on and on, but what about women and instructions? Growing up, we would get in so much trouble and lose points or have homework disqualified if we did not follow directions exactly. I know that the standards in our culture have fallen greatly but that is why we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard and actually read and follow the instructions provided for the different things in which we participate in life.

So what has any of this to do with CDA?

Well, it has to do with the Education Contest and following directions. Sometimes the guidelines are not followed by the participant, the size is too big or too small, too many words or lines, words, when the art or photo should speak for itself. Sometimes, it is the local court chair who doesn't follow directions. There have been entries folded and mailed in when the form clearly states not to fold or roll any entries. Once, there was an oversized art entry that the entrant thought we'd take a picture of and enter that too at the correct size for the artwork. Unfortunately, this action made it a photo entry and too large for the photo size.

I like when our entries win at the National level. I take pride in the talent from our State. That is why at the State level judging can become very picky and sometimes the only thing that separates First from Second is that one followed the instructions completely and the other did not completely follow the directions.

Let's remember to read and reread those directions in life so that we don't miss out because of something we missed. ♦

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Pennsylvania State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



Today our lives are much different than they were a year ago. Soon, we'll approach the anniversary of March 15, 2020, an utterly joyous, yet frightful day...a day when our second grandchild was baptized and a day when the governor of Pennsylvania shut the state down, effective the next day, closing churches and schools, restaurants and bars, gyms and movie theaters...

It was then, when our lives were turned inside out, or better stated today...outside in...that many of us began to rely on the internet to praise the Lord during daily and/or Sunday worship and to attend school; to place orders for home delivery, be it groceries, takeout meals, or sundries; or, to utilize online fitness, streaming videos, or business/social communication.

Below are several websites for the faithful, which may be of interest to you, as we continue our journey to a new world, from one where coronavirus held us...captive, to one where we can once more...roam free.

Catholic Websites in Alphabetical Order

- Catholic Daughters of the Americas (National): <https://www.catholicdaughters.org/>
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Pennsylvania): <https://cdapa.com/>
- Catholic Extension (A CDA National Charity): <https://www.catholicextension.org/>
- Dynamic Catholic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>
- Pennsylvania Catholic Conference: <https://www.pacatholic.org/>
- The Basilica of the National Shrine (A CDA National Charity): <https://www.nationalshrine.org/>
- The Holy See: <http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- United States Catholic Conference of Bishops: <https://www.usccb.org/>
- World Priest: <https://www.worldpriest.com/>

Catholic Masses in Alphabetical Order

- Catholic Extension (A CDA National Charity): <https://www.catholicextension.org/online-sunday-mass/>
- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>
- Heart of the Nation: <https://www.heartofthenation.org/>
- National Shrine (A CDA National Charity): <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>

Patriotic and Religious Music Videos in Alphabetical Order

- God Bless the U.S.A.—Lee Greenwood, Home Free and the Singing Sergeants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs0fy78rHo8>
- How Great Thou Art—Home Free: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXQpDDcrN-w>
- The Battle Hymn of the Republic—The Singing Sergeants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aMBsexZqp0>

As always, my good thoughts and prayers are with and for...everyone. ♦

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: web@cdapa.com

When Jesus Knocks on Your Door...



Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task. Acts 6:3
Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

From the beginning of Christianity, the first requirement for service was that the person be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who calls us to minister and the Spirit who gives us the courage and love to respond to the call.

The Spirit is God's personal presence in your life. How has the Holy Spirit shown His presence in your life? My personal experience dealt with becoming a Faith Formation Teacher. One day, I was talking to a non-Catholic friend. As our conversation came to Jesus, she said, "When Jesus knocks on my door, I can't say 'no.'" A few days later, I received a telephone call asking me to teach the fourth grade class. My first thought was "no way do I want to dedicate every Sunday through the school year to preparing lessons and spending an extra hour and a half teaching." Then I remembered my friend's comment. Needless to say, when the Holy Spirit called, I answered "yes." For fourteen years, I taught Faith Formation. When I thought I needed a break, someone else was there to continue. Thinking my duties were finished, I let out a sigh of relief. Then I received a request to teach the RCIA classes. Once again, remembering my friend's comment, I began—and still do—help teach the RCIA in our parish.

The prophets, guided by the Spirit, brought the people of Israel back to God repeatedly. Moses allowed the Spirit to guide him as he led the people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. The Kings and the Judges followed the Spirit. The Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism. After His Resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His followers. Through Christ, the Spirit continues to work throughout the world, working toward the day it will become the Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit acts through the members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. First, you were called to membership, and you said "yes." How else has the Spirit affected your life? Do you chair a committee? Have you held an office? Do you help in other ministries of your Church? Do you help with other volunteer organizations—Habitat for Humanity, Pro-Life Ministries, Food Bank, etc.—in your area? When Jesus knocks on your door, do not say "no." ♦

"Teach me, Spirit of God, how I can serve Your holy Church."

—Email Dolores Croyle: scocro@comcast.net



A New Year's Prayer

Holy Father,
God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more,
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them,
To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us,
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You,
That we could share Love with others.
Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
so that we may know You better and better.
We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope,
that we might spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year.
We leave the irreparable past into your hands,
and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,
depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.
I say it again, we rejoice!
In Jesus name. Amen
—Author unknown

The logo for "40 Days for Life" features the number "40" in a large, blue, serif font. A stylized blue figure with arms raised is positioned between the "0" and the "DAYS". Below "40 DAYS" is the phrase "FOR LIFE" in a smaller, blue, serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background within a purple-bordered box.

February 17 - March 28, 2021

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

To find a 40 Days for Life location, go to: 40daysforlife.com.

Nov. Lottery Winners

Delores Bailie
Fr. Justin Pino
Annie Pahalla
Court Our Lady #647
Alice Havics
Kathe Sobcxak
Grace Schall
Dawn Jensen
Joanne Lewis
William Sperl
Brenda Lee Miranda
Betty Dombrosky
Janice Boychak
Letty Calvetti
Lois Martin
Fr. Angelo Patti
Pat Gawryla
Fr. Al Zapf
Jay Shaffer
C. Jane Mago
Court Bellevue #655
Lisa Smoyer
Victoria Valeria
Cindy Greco
Michael Suslowicz
Traci Connor*
Jay Shaffer
Georgeanna Ruth
Clyde Kratt
Kathleen Woods
*\$100 winner

Nov. Selling Court

SO Lisa McCann
St. Leo #356
Westinghouse #759
Our Lady #647
Bellevue #655
Holy Trinity #1336
Our Lady of Victory #722
SO Lisa McCann
St. Bernard #339
Allegheny #664
St. Francis De Sales #2614
Westinghouse #759
St. James #1029
St. Bernard #339
New Kensington #860
Roses of Mary #2766
Blessed Madonna #2521
St. Rene #1868
Lambing #314
St. Leo #356
Bellevue #655
St. Gerard Majella #2751
Our Lady of Victory #722
Washington #1651
Westinghouse #759
St. Francis De Sales #2614
Lambing #314
Holy Trinity #1336
Westinghouse #759
PND PSR Peggy Guckin

Dec. Lottery Winners

Jamie Enfield
Lorraine Andrews
Faith & Bill Cravenor
Rosemary Kordich
Bertha Allen
Julia Roldan
Letty Calvetti
John Bair
Fr. Frank Karwac
Pat & Larry Bleam
Linda Albright
Ralph Shupp
Pat & Larry Bleam
Janet Hill
Fr. Stephen Bugay
Charlotte Resek
Fr. Al Zapf
Rick Horn
Annamaria Trombetta
Josephine Filiaggi
Maryann Voystock
John Bair
Mary Parish
Dorothy Leffingwell
Christine Moncrief*
Sam Kocher
Kathleen Woods
Linda Scott
William Soltis
Theresa Deckard
Mary Beth Grether
*\$100 winner

Dec. Selling Court

Brownsville #1141
PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
Patricia #998
Brownsville #1141
Ave Maria #650
St. Frances De Sales #2617
St. Bernard #339
Our Lady #647
Our Lady of Victory #588
Easton #358
St. Dominic #2222
Lambing #314
Easton #358
Sylvia Fox
St. Theresa #562
Washington #1651
St. Rene #1868
Westinghouse #759
OLO The Alleghenies #1755
Uniontown #505
Mystical Rose #2638
Our Lady #647
Westinghouse #759
Columbia #2
Rose Cecilia #1641
SR Shirley Hall
PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
SO Margaret Giordano
St. Gerard Majella #2761
OLO Victory #722
SO Lisa McCann

Jan. Lottery Winners

Blaine Galonski*
Bill Berkey
Kristan Carson
Mark Glowacki
CDA Court St. Mark #1097
John Bair
Diane Mahoney
Izzo Family
Deb Ardire
Fr. Matt Baum
Dolores Croyle
Lydia Phillip
Michael Fuoco
Tina Strible
Cheryl Wilkins
Mary Frances Barbush
Mary Ball
Maryann Ferro
Lorie Earnest
Frances A. Rhoa
Cindy Pastovich
Marie Deangelis
Mark Gowaty
Marguerite Raab
Tom Poynton
Marcella Fazio
Lorraine Rosso
David Borelle
Lydia Phillip
Mary Porter
Joseph Kurzynski
*\$100 winner

Jan. Selling Court

Patricia #998
Uniontown #505
Lambing #314
Lambing #314
St. Mark #1097
Our Lady #647
Sylvia Fox
Queen of Peace #1023
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Our Lady of Victory #722
Patricia #998
Ave Maria #650
Sylvia Fox
St. Gerard Majella #2751
SO Lisa McCann
Allegheny #664
Butler #443
PND, PSR, Peggy Guckin
St. Victoria #646
Our Lady of Victory #722
Washington #1651
Prince Gallitzin #2625
Westinghouse #759
St. Mark #1097
Easton #358
Washington #1651
Westinghouse #759
SO Lisa McCann
Ave Maria #650
Brownsville #1141
Westinghouse #759

**10-Week Saturday Raffle Ticket Winners
November 7, 2020 - January 9, 2021**

<u>Winners/Selling Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Won</u>
Betty Dombrosky	11/7/20	100
Westinghouse #759	11/7/20	25
Mary Anne Dibbins	11/14/20	100
Prince Gallitzin #2625	11/14/20	25
Mary Leonard	11/21/20	100
St. Catherine #1992	11/21/20	25
Kelly Cristoff	11/28/20	100
St. Victoria #646	11/28/20	25
Henrietta Hassinger	12/5/20	100
Mystical Rose #2628	12/5/20	25
Dorothy Costulas	12/12/20	500
St. Veronica #111	12/12/20	25
Shirley Hall	12/19/20	100
Shirley Hall	12/19/20	25
Connie Gavlock	12/26/20	100
St. Gerard Majella #2751	12/26/20	25
Susan Sharer	1/2/21	100
Queen of Peace #1023	1/2/21	25
Mary Withrow	1/9/21	100
St. Marys #890	1/9/21	25

*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: _____

In Appreciation

Our Court's Religious Education Directors and Teachers

Our Catholic School Principals and Teachers

Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

*Blessings as They Teach in the Ways
of Our Catholic Faith (Proverbs 22:6)*

Deborah Baker & Teachers

Brandon Peters & Teachers

Donna Stoy & Teachers

Mellisa Lee & Teachers

Jennifer Sklowdowski & Teachers

Sandy Inzana & Teachers

Nancy McCulley & Teachers

Mrs. Kathy Maurer, Principal

All Saints Catholic School Teachers

Mrs. Robin McMullen, Principal

School Teachers

Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

Blessed, Safe, and Joyous Christmas

*All Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, Chaplains
and Spiritual Advisors*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in December 2020, and January 2021. 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, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Blessed, Safe, and Joyous Holidays

All My Students

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Blessed, Joyous Safe New Year 2021

*All National CDA Officers, Directors
and Office Contacts*

All Pennsylvania CDA Members

*Father D. Timothy Grimme and All CDA PA Chaplains
and Spiritual Advisors*

All Members of Court Queen of Peace #1023

My Family and Friends

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Thank You For All You Do For Our Community

Knights of Columbus Councils #867 and #17028

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*For All Those Whose Lives Have Been Affected
by the Coronavirus*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Prayers for Continued Improvement

Colette McCaffrey

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Love and Prayers for Improved Health

Sr. Mary Paul, DM, Spiritual Advisor

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Improved Health and Complete Recovery

Rick Druckenmiller

Robert Youngs

Roberta Stefanow

Sr. Mary Paul, Patti Boley and Roberta Stefanow

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Eto Kasunga

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Anniversary of Baptism

Jaiden Michael Christian, Grandson of Mary Selway

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Birthday

Karen Mastriania

Janet Bennett

Pat Jacobs

Karen Hurley

Paulette Manzella

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Julius Kreider, Grandson

Mary Swope, Friend

Mikey Hoskins, Grandson

Skyler Giordano, Grand Nephew

Matthew Christian, Nephew & Godson

Celeste Eckman

Tony Giordano, Nephew

Kim Burgess, III, Grandson

Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, Brother

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Condolences on the Passing of Your Mother,

Jean Erbeck

Susan Sharer

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

With Sympathy

Susan Sharer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Deborah Lovett

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Rest in Peace

Jean Erbeck, Mother of Susan Sharer

Father of Deborah Lovett

Ernie Boss, Cousin

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Alice Bock

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, PSR

Belinda Swager, North Carolina State Regent

CDA PA State Officers

Jean Erbeck, Mother of Sue Sharer, Court St. Rita #523

Elizabeth Flynn, Court St. Martin #418

Belinda Swager, North Carolina State Regent

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Immed. Past

National Representative

In Memory

Charlotte Meck DiCola

Marguerite Pfrommer

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck, Sister

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Teresa Herr

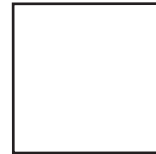
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Nancianne Gashel

Alice Bock, Court Member and Past Regent

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, PSR, National Director
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

“A Year of St. Joseph”

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



With the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), our Holy Father Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “**Year of Saint Joseph**,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th, 2020 and extending it

to the same Solemnity on December 8th, 2021.

Keeping this in mind, I invite you to reflect on one of the most important saints of our Church—Saint Joseph. We don’t know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph lived in Nazareth, was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a “righteous or just man,” and the Catholic Church has turned to Saint Joseph for his patronage and protection. The Church also dedicates the entire month of March to Saint Joseph and urges believers to pay special attention to his life and example. In the Gospels, we will not find any words that Saint Joseph may have spoken. However, we do know that God spoke to him and he responded, and from his trusting faith and actions we can certainly tell what kind of a person he was.

We know that devotion to Saint Joseph has grown significantly throughout the history of the Church. I can tell you that Saint Joseph has always had a special place in my life. When I was growing up, we had a tradition in my family. Every evening during the month of March, we would spend about half an hour reading stories shared by the people who had experienced love, help, protection and many other favors from this extraordinary and holy man. As a child, I was captivated and at the same time touched by the many incredible encounters that some people had experienced with Saint Joseph and how they changed their lives. After reading a story, we would pray the Litany of Saint Joseph and say a few other prayers asking Saint Joseph for his powerful intercession. This tradition strengthened our family bonds and certainly brought much peace and love into our family life. I would even say it had something to do with my priestly vocation.

In the letter *Patris corde*, (which I encourage you to read), Pope Francis seeks to increase and strengthen our love for this great saint. He encourages us to ask his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. He describes Saint Joseph as:

- ◆ a beloved father ◆ a tender and loving father ◆ an obedient father ◆ an accepting father
- ◆ a creatively courageous father ◆ a working father ◆ a father in the shadows



Antique Illustration of St. Joseph and Child Jesus
—restoredtraditions.com

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