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This 'n That...



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

HAPPY SPRING & HAPPY SUMMER—Even though Easter has come and gone, we are still in the beautiful season and will be celebrating, soon, the Feast of Pentecost with Psalm 104, "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." This may have been a thought on the beautiful spring weekend that brought Catholic Daughters together from across the state of Pennsylvania for our in-person State Convention (more about this within the newsletter).

I, again, thank you for your support of the State Board the past two years and ask for your prayers and assistance as we begin a new two-year term and we warmly welcome Pam Callahan of Ct. #448, Rev. Patrick McArdle, as our new State Treasurer.

As always, thoughts of what is going on in the State and National CDA:

- ◆ **Spring Financial Reviews** are due now (A Financial Review Committee of three is needed).
- ◆ **Court Anniversaries** will be celebrated this summer by some of our courts—FINALLY.
- ◆ **National and State dues** notices have been sent (no action is needed except two signatures and one stamp).
- ◆ **Officer changes**—when this is necessary, please advise the state regent and national office.
- ◆ **New Court**—the one from March 2020 is in the wings and ready to go; just need a date.
- ◆ **State & Territorial Officers Workshop** in Arizona will be attended by our State Board in July (WHEW!!)
- ◆ **East Coast National Retreat, September 17, 18, 19, 2021**, North Carolina (info on national website).
- ◆ **National Convention, July 20-24, 2022**, Puerto Rico (check those passports!!)

In this year of St. Joseph, may we feel the protection that Jesus felt in his loving arms. Summer is a time to relax, refresh and reflect on what God has in store for us. Blessings for a safe and HAPPY SUMMER!! ◆

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We Did It! An In-Person CDA State Convention April 2021



Shirley Hall, State Regent

54th Biennial State Convention—"Full Speed Ahead With CDA," read the banner that greeted all of us as we entered the Convention Center on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

A look behind the scenes—the state board and our national supervisor arrived in Altoona, PA on April 14, 2021 to begin the preparations for the long-awaited convention. The next day, local courts arrived, with cart loads of goodies, and the "welcome bags," that we so enjoyed, were prepared. Your folders were filled with love. Flowers arrived in engines and in vans all ready to be part of dinner decorations and Mary our Mother's Altar. **We were getting ready...**

The Tombola gifts arrived, were delivered to the convention hall, and beautifully arranged; picture taking began immediately and we arranged our smiles; excited members waited in line to check in (I think all about the same time); smiles were seen behind the masks; "high fives" and elbows were raised in special greeting. **We were almost there...**

The State Financial Review was completed and mini meetings were held; a choir, no problem. The piano, guitar and recorded music helped lead OUR singing in beautiful song. And, our prayers were combined with the Masses, beautiful prayer services, the rosary and quiet moments of reflection; and, all of a sudden, the "ladies in white" appeared in the lobby, ready to take up their positions as "escorts" for the many functions—**here we go...**

As I looked out from my vantage point on Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m., I couldn't help but think how wonderful it is belonging to such a wonderful Catholic women's organization such as CDA and how thankful I was and am for all of you who were able to come together for praying, working and socializing and that you had wonderful words of encouragement from our speakers to take home to our local courts. If we didn't know each other before we came, "fun night" brought us all together to sing, dance and salute our country. **We did it all...**

Sunday quickly arrived and elections were completed; ladies in white, again, were seen preparing; surprise guests appeared; Woman of the Year was presented (gosh, she was surprised); and last, but not least, all enjoyed reviewing what they had done and how they were captured in pictures. **All moments to remember...**

You all participated, in one way or another, whether you knew it or not, if even by just a smile in the hallway, taking a microphone to someone, making suggestions. I can still pretty much see most of you, where you sat and some of the helpful, delightful things that were being done and said.

As Mother Teresa said, *PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE*. **And you did just that... ♦**

Moments to Remember



Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent, and Shirley Hall, State Regent, social distancing, Pam Callahan, Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 and nominee for Treasurer and Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent



Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer



Shirley Hall presenting Convention goodies from Altoona-Johnstown to Judy Ward and Pat Gildea. Judy is a State Senator who gave a civic welcome to CDA members.



Rev. Joseph Kovacik, State Chaplain, celebrant of Memorial Mass. Chalice, in memory of Jack Dolan, given by Philadelphia combined courts. Ciborium, donated by Peggy Guckin. Communion cups, in memory of Lauren Krofchek, donated by PA State Court, and in memory of Jane McKenna, by Peggy Guckin.



Leona Koleno, Court St. Gerard Majella #2751, one of the presenters of a candle for deceased members



Theresa Shields, State Organist and Johanna Leonard, State Cantor—always there to lead members in song

More Convention Memories



Congratulations to our Newly-Installed Board

Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary, Court Columbia #2 (Erie)
Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent, Court Queen of Peace #1023 (Harrisburg)
Essie Walker, National Second Vice Regent & PA National Representative
Rev. Josef Kovacic, State Chaplain & Pastor, St. Matthew Church (Tyrone)
Shirley Hall, State Regent, Court St. Rita #523 (A-J)
Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent, Court Westinghouse #759 (Pittsburgh)
Pamela Callahan, State Treasurer, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 (A-J)



CDA members catching the train with prospective new members



Linda Malinoski, Margaret Giordano, Essie Walker, Judy Poltanis and Pat Gildea



Nominating Committee for 2022

Essie Walker, National 2nd Vice Regent; Carol Galioto, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625; Margaret Gowaty, Chairman, Court Westinghouse #759 (Pittsburgh); Shirley Makuta, Court New Kensington #860 (Greensburg); Carol Bellini, Court Columbia #2 (Erie); Anne Nemic, Court Patricia #998 (Greensburg); Sara Janulewicz, Court Mystical Rose #2628 (Philadelphia)



Letty Calvetti crowned our Blessed Mother; Laraine McGinnis carried the crown; Margaret Novak and Peggy Guckin carried flowers.



Five members of Court Queen of Peace #1023 attended this year's 54th Biennial State Convention.

Members of Lancaster Court Queen of Peace #1023 on April 18, 2021 after the Installation Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania
Left to Right: Mary Selway, Treasurer; Lee Ann Hycraj, Regent; Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent; and Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; (not shown member Robin Burgoon)



Thank you to members of Courts Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, St. Rita #523, Ryan #911, Patricia #998, Rose Cecilia #1641, Queen of Peace #1023, Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, St. Ephrem #2230 and Mystical Rose #2628. You all did a great job adding dignity to our ceremonies.



Commencement

Margaret T. Giordano
1st Vice State Regent

I remember a saying from a presentation I attended many years ago for my job—"The only thing that is constant is change."

Wow, how much the last fifteen months of COVID-19 has changed our lives and yet we have persisted in various innovative ways to accomplish CDA Unity and Charity.

How wonderful it was to be part of our 54th Biennial State Convention! My dear Catholic Daughter sisters, you all contributed in many ways—whether you were physically in attendance, working behind the scenes, or praying from afar—to make this a successful and memorable event. I am grateful, too, for the opportunity you have given me to continue as First Vice State Regent and part of a very team-oriented state board. Thank you!

I pray that St. Joseph, patron of workers, will be my inspiration, and yours, as we commence a new period in our lives to continue the work of our organization. "Help me to labor in thankfulness and joy for it is an honor to employ and develop by my labor the gifts I have received from almighty God." —*St. Joseph Worker Prayer Card* ♦

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Welcome, New Treasurer

Pamela Callahan, State Treasurer-Elect



Greetings! What a wonderful Convention weekend we had! I am feeling very blessed to have been surrounded by so many fantastically talented Catholic women!

I would like to thank you all for electing me to serve as your next State Treasurer. It was a very emotional weekend for me. I have to give credit to my husband, George; he attended the beautiful Installation Mass and the banquet that followed. He supports me in all that I do. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful person in my life.

I would also like to thank my local court, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte, for giving me the confidence to take on the job. I will do my best to make sure that we are fiscally responsible at the State level.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our beloved Patroness, Mother Mary, and our dear Lord—without them, I am sure I would not be where I am today. There is a plan for everyone and the Lord knows what it is. We just have to be willing to say, "yes." Blessing to you all. ♦

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See Convention HEADLINERS, page 13!

Convention Kudos

Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary-Elect



I just wanted to say THANK YOU for helping us make the 54th Biennial State Convention *A Great Success*. I had fun, met some new ladies, plus got to visit with a lot of ladies and friends that we don't see very often. It was great to see everyone. I think Saturday night was the BEST—all the singing, playing instruments, dancing in chairs and around the room. GREAT

FUN was had by all—THANK YOU again. I wish everyone a GREAT SUMMER, filled with lots of family, friends, fun and great memories to share at the next convention or workshop. ♦

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Holy Moments

Colette McCaffrey, Past State Secretary



This past year has been a year that I thought I would never experience. Fear, helplessness, dependence, loneliness, devastation, sadness, isolation, loss of health. Hope, peace, love, surrender, gentleness, joy, serenity, abundance, gratitude, patience.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 virus rearing its ugly head in our area, I was diagnosed with cancer—it was Good Friday, April 10, 2020. A frightening time for all of us, but with the additional worry of illness, it became even more stressful.

What I did not know was that I was beginning a journey of spiritual awakening. A time of many Holy Moments. A time of abundant gifts from God.

My friend, Sister Francis, the leader of my IHM Companions in Prayer group, introduced me to the name of what I was experiencing during this time—Holy Moments. They are moments when you make yourself completely available to God. You set self-interest aside, you do exactly what you sense God is calling you to do. She told me the saints were masterful at taking the ordinary, everyday events of life and turning them into Holy Moments.

The many Holy Moments I received from my sister Catholic Daughters were cards, phone calls, Mass cards, gift of Our Lady of Lourdes medal and holy water, a new Bible, Book of Irish Verses, home-cooked meals for my family, a daily phone call each night at 7:10 p.m. from my dear friend Sister Patrick Maureen IHM, never forgetting me, prayers from so many people. Oh, how I appreciated the prayers! Each and everyone of you took the time to allow me to experience these Holy Moments. You may not have realized you were making yourself completely available to God to brighten my day, but you were.

A very personal Holy Moment I received was the loaning of a first-class relic of St. John Neumann to me from a friend. I have prayed every morning and night to St. John Neumann to intercede for me to Our Lord.

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Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Diocesan Zoom Meeting, April 24, 2021

The Allentown Diocesan Courts: Easton #358, Ryan #911 and St. James #1029, invited the courts from the Harrisburg and Scranton Dioceses to join them. This was a wonderful opportunity to pray together and share what our courts have been doing during this unusual time in our lives.



Top Row: Mary Strucko, Financial Secretary, Court Easton #358; Mary Selway, Treasurer, Court Queen of Peace #1023; Margaret Giordano, Financial Secretary; Pat Bleam, Allentown Diocesan Chairman, Court Easton #358

Row Two: Lee Ann Hyrcaj, Regent, Court Queen of Peace #1023; Eileen Yanno, Treasurer, Allentown Diocesan Committee and Recording Secretary, Court Easton #358; Officers of Court St. James #1029: Andrea Eye, Recording Secretary; Andrea Chabon, Treasurer; Janice Boychak, Vice Regent; Georganne Connell, Financial Secretary; Barbara Meusel, Past Diocesan Chairman, District Deputy and Regent

Row Three: Deborah Starace, Treasurer, Court Easton #358; Sally Lerch, Past Diocesan Chairman and Court Easton Past Regent; Court Ryan #911: Barbara Rodgers with District Deputy and Mary Marzen, Regent

Row Four: Judy Poltanis, District Deputy, Court St. Martin #418

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1775

Hollidaysburg

Early in the pandemic, our Court saw a severe need for masks in the local community. A joint project between Court #1775 and the Mennonite Community, which donated the material, produced over 1,000 masks that were distributed to several nursing homes, hospitals, hospice agencies and children and youth services. In addition, special masks were sewn by our members for the court utilizing material with a variety of designs in purple and gold. Inasmuch as some material was left over, we decided to make a quilt to chance off as a fundraiser for the court. Member Cecilia Hazenstab sewed the squares into this beautiful quilt, measuring 40" by 60".



Pictured are Regent Laurie Staub on the left and quilter Cecilia Hazenstab on the right

DON'T FORGET!
Priest Appreciation
Sunday, June 6th

National
Catholic Daughter Day
Sunday, October 17



PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Court members were able to meet in person at the gazebo for the first time in 2021 and we enjoyed seeing everyone. Prior to the meeting, the officers and members of the Financial Review met with Peggy Guckin to complete the Spring Review.



*Seated: Rose Marie Medash, Barbara Jackson, Linda Gilmer, Laura Tertel, Diane Beal
Standing: Jennifer Wrazen, Dolly Maronski, Joanne Marie Hayes, Carol Parsons, Naja (visitor)*



*Dolly Maronski, Regent,
Court St. Ephrem #2230,
receiving 1st place award for newsletter*

CDA Combined Courts Philadelphia Archdiocese

Philadelphia court officers had their first diocesan meeting on Zoom due to COVID-19.



*Delegates and members enjoy a night of fun
at PA State Biennial Convention
Dolly Maronski, Peggy Guckin, Doris Kitt, Maryann Voystock,
Mary Becker, Tina Dambach, Deanna Teixeira,
Jennifer Carson, Sara Janulewicz, Alice Murray and Mary Ann Morley*

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 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. Complete the information on the form below and send with your check, made payable to CDA, by June 30, 2021, to: **Peggy Guckin, Past National Director, 203 Harmony Ct., Bensalem, PA 19020.**

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

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News from National

Essie Walker

*National Second Vice Regent
and National Representative*



Greetings, blessings to all my CDA sisters. Congratulations to the State Officers for the next two years. Thank you for saying “yes” to the call. What a blessing it is to work with a great group of ladies. Your time and talents

were exhibited during your 54th Biennial State Convention. The Convention was a time for prayer, fellowship, sharing and learning. I commend the state board and members on a successful convention. After all the challenges over the past year, it was so good to see the members come together in Unity and Charity.

As we move into the summer months, let us continue to check on each other. Not only should we check on each other, but let us keep each other in prayer. ♦

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CDA Prayer

Gracious Creator to us all,

We come to you with humble hearts,

Thanking You for the marvelous joys and many blessings

That You bestow upon our families each day.

As we travel about our daily activities

over the summer months,

We thank You for protecting us

From hurt, harm and danger.

Loving Father, teach us the art of continual prayer
and thankfulness.

Help us to never become bored with acknowledging

Your grace, mercy and goodness.

Guide our families; open our hearts and minds
as we continue to serve you.

Give us strength to continue caring for our sisters and brothers
in unity and charity—especially those most in need.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus,
Who is Savior and Lord, forever and ever.

Amen

The Why of Parliamentary Procedure!!

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



Each organization needs a Decision-Making Process!

Reasons:

1. Courtesy assured to all
2. One issue considered at a time
3. Rights of minority are preserved
4. Will of the majority will prevail

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In Unity and Charity

“CDA PA Woman of the Year Award”



Please join us in congratulating Peggy Guckin who received the “Woman of the Year Award” during our PA State Convention, Altoona, PA, April 16th-19th.

Peggy is a third generation member of Court Rose Cecilia #1641. As a ten-year member of the Junior Program, she was elected Court Outstanding Junior in 1969 and 1971, chosen

PA State Outstanding Junior in 1969 and was a Marian Award recipient. She has been an active member of Court Rose Cecilia #1641 for almost 50 years. During her years of membership, she has unselfishly offered her time, knowledge and her experience to her home court, the Philadelphia Diocesan Court, the PA State Court and also at the National Level.

Peggy was completely overwhelmed at being nominated for this award. Her siblings, along with their husbands, traveled to Altoona to add to the surprise and to celebrate her accomplishments. Congratulations!!!!



Words Cannot Express...

Peggy Guckin

Past National Director and Past State Regent

Iwant to thank the officers and members of Court St. Ephrem #2230 for nominating me for Biannual Woman of the Year, and thank you to the State Board for honoring me with this special distinction and for having my siblings share in this special day. I also want to acknowledge previous honorees—Pat Gildea (A-J)—2011; Marie Davoli (Greensburg)—2013; Mary May (Erie)—2015; Letty Calvetti (Greensburg)—2017; Janet Oesterling (A-J)—2019. ♦

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Pennsylvania State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



Our State Convention was held earlier this year, in April. What a wonderful showing of so many like-minded women, all working together, in Unity and Charity, for the betterment of our society! A huge thank you, along with a round of applause, goes out to all our state officers and those who assisted them in the process of making this, by-far, one of the best state conventions I have attended!

Too, I offer my heartfelt congratulations, to our newly-installed state board! Thank you for your service in the past, current and future endeavors!

And, to Peggy Guckin, Past National Director and Past State Regent, congratulations on being named 2021 Pennsylvania State Woman of the Year! What an outstanding, well-deserved achievement!

It is my pleasure to let you know cdapa.com has been updated to include a link to pictures from the 2021 State Convention, Full Speed Ahead with CDA! <https://cdapa.com/index.html#HighlightedNews>. Thank you, Judy Poltanis, of Court Saint Martin #418, for taking, publishing and sharing all the photos! It is much appreciated!

Karen Pipta, of Court Reverend Patrick McArdle #448, will be sending me the PowerPoint that she and a few others put together for our enjoyment the last night of the Convention; thank you, Karen, et al. It will be published once I receive it.

A contact and sign-up form was added to our website a few years ago, in 2018. Anyone who wishes to be notified when the state newsletter is published or announcements are made (like when these photos / PowerPoint slide shows are added), should sign up at: <https://cdapa.com/contact/index.html>. You only need to sign up one time. ♦

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What We Give...

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the boy, and he hurried back to the house and told his mother that a mean voice was coming out of the valley shouting, "I hate you." At which point, his mother took him to the hillside and told him to shout, "I love you! I love you! I love you!" And when he did, the boy heard the voice from the valley respond: "I love you! I love you! I love you!"

What we give is what we get. What we reap is what we sow. Like a tree, the fruit we bear will be returned to us in abundance. But in order to experience the joy of the happy, abundant life Jesus offers us, we need to practice! We need to practice, practice, practice... BEING CHRISTIANS! That is the only way we will make the mission of our Lord and Savior continue.

May we, as God's beloved and redeemed children, through the intercession of Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, in "Unity and Charity," continue to reflect the power of the new life Jesus offers us in His resurrection and share God's merciful love with all we encounter on our life journey. ♦

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Limbo on the Day Called Good

The ancient greyness shifted
Suddenly and thinned
Like mist upon the moors
Before a wind.
An old, old prophet lifted
A shining face and said:
"He will be coming soon.
The Son of God is dead;
He died this afternoon."

A murmurous excitement stirred
All souls.
They wondered if they dreamed—
Save one old man who seemed
Not even to have heard.

And Moses standing,
Hushed them all to ask
If any had a welcome song prepared.
If not, would David take the task?
And if they cared
Could not the three young children sing
The Benedicite, the canticle of praise
They made when God kept them from perishing
In the fiery blaze?

A breath of spring surprised them,
Stilling Moses' words.
No one could speak, remembering
The first fresh flowers,
The little singing birds.
Still others thought of fields new ploughed
Or apple trees
All blossom-boughed.
Or some, the way a dried bed fills
With water
Laughing down green hills.
The fisherfolk dreamed of the foam
On bright blue seas.
The one old man who had not stirred
Remembered home.

And there He was
Splendid as the morning sun and fair
As only God is fair.
And they, confused with joy,
Knelt to adore
Seeing that He wore
Five crimson stars
He never had before.

No canticle at all was sung.
None toned a psalm, or raised a greeting song.
A silent man alone
Of all that throng
Found tongue—Not any other.

Close to his heart
When the embrace was done,
Old Joseph said,
"How is your mother?
How is your mother, Son?"

—Sister Mary Ada

Wilderness Retreat

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman



Before any important event in the life of Jesus, He went into a wilderness place to pray for guidance from His Father. Inspired by this, the members of Court Reverend Patrick McArdle #448 developed their “Wilderness Retreat.”

The day began with group prayer. Each participant was asked to define their “wilderness” concern and to write it on a piece of paper. Then, based on the verse: “ABBA FATHER—YOU are the potter, we are the clay,” they were given some clay to fashion their own “pot,” which would slowly harden throughout the day. Having been given a burlap bag at the beginning of the retreat, both the pot and the wilderness concern were placed in the bag. Then they began to rotate through three stations for 15 minutes each.

STATION 1 – Assorted prayer cards were provided, along with blank paper, so each could choose a card or write their own prayer. They reflected on this prayer while listening to spiritual music. The prayer was placed into the pouch.

STATION 2 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was already established in the church, along with three different blessed pendants: “LET GO—LET GOD”; PRAY, FAST, GIVE”; or SERENITY, COURAGE, WISDOM.” After choosing one of the three, participants reflected on their pendant as they meditated before the Blessed Sacrament while listening to spiritual music. They either wore the pendant or placed it into the pouch.

STATION 3 – Stations of the Cross—Each chose to sit quietly before one Station of their choosing and reflected quietly on just what that station meant in their own “wilderness” concern and how the station kept them humble. They could try to relate to one person in the Station or try to place themselves at that place and time and reflect on what their thoughts may have been.

The Retreat ended with the entire group assembling in the auditorium to share a variety of breads and water as was fitting for a “wilderness experience.” The day ended with prayer and all exited the auditorium in silence, all better equipped to meet the challenge of their own “wilderness experience.” This Retreat was held on March 7, 2020. What a wonderful way to prepare for what the next year had in store for the world. ♦

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Leadership Projects

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman



For the Circle of Love Leadership section, I received 19 responses and 12 of those reported Leadership Projects. Many of the projects related to leadership activities during the pandemic that not only kept courts going but included creative ways to enhance their processes, especially communication. These included telecommunication methods, monthly officer meetings, newsletters and designated activity groups.

The project selected for Special Recognition was from Court #1755, Our Lady of the Alleghenies, and was entitled “Masks for Health Care Professionals.” The project was spearheaded by a five-year member of the court, Annamaria Trombetto. The court partnered with the Mennonite community in their area to make masks. Fourteen court members participated in this project along with numerous Mennonite seamstresses. Besides lining up seamstresses, they delivered donated materials, picked up completed masks and arranged for transport of over 1000 masks to local hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and Children and Youth Services. The court reported that appreciation was overwhelming and they were very proud to assist in the fight against COVID-19. This project will be submitted to CDA National to compete in the Circle of Love Leadership Category. An Honorary Mention goes to Court #722, Our Lady of Victory, for their WRAP Project (White Ribbons Against Pornography). Court member Merlann Malloy researched the topic and made up packets of information including white ribbons and website information. The packets were distributed by the court before and after Masses. Donations were also collected and sent on to CDA National for the National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

Many thanks to all the courts that submitted projects. ♦ —Email Sue Kelly: vozarkelly@zoominternet.net

Holy Moments

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I knew it was on loan to me and I had been dreading the day when I would have to give it back to my friend. I had an attachment to it. I knew my prayers were being answered. A couple of weeks ago my son, who works in a jewelry store, called me and said to look at the picture he sent me on his phone. He said the store had bought scrap silver and he saw something that he thought I would like. I was in shock. It was a first-class relic of St. John Neumann in a silver case. I told my son to ask his boss if he would sell it to me. His boss, who is not of our religion, said there was no charge because it was a gift for me. I have my very own St. John Neumann relic! It found me. This ordinary everyday event of my son at work and the beautiful kindness of his boss turned into an unexpected Holy Moment from God that I will never forget. Thank you, dear Lord. I thank you, Catholic Daughters, for the Holy Moments you have given me, and for the many you continue to give to others. I wish each of you many Holy Moments of your own. God Bless you. With Gratitude and Love. ♦

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February Lottery Winners **February Selling Court**

Ct. St. Rene #1868
Nicole Taglieri
Linda Morrison
Josie Oddo
Angie Lewis
Helen Lowry
Phil Hornfleck
Ct. Westinghouse #759
Regina Bauer
Darlene Centofanti
Don Eaise
Bob Mousseau
Joan Kopnicki
Claire Dale*
Jeanne Manz
Margaret Futliff
Cindy Bills
Georgann Connell
Lorraine Andrews
Cathy Williams
Esperanza Bair
Mary Ann Monticue
Mary Luskoski-Rehman
Adele Cussack
Annie Pahalla
Vickie Wolfe
Barb Starcovic
Lisa Maverio
*\$100 winner

St. Rene #1868
SO Lisa McCann
St. Rita #523
SO Lisa McCann
Columbia #2
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
SO Lisa McCann
Westinghouse #759
PND, PSR, Peggy Guckin
Uniontown #525
Sylvia Fox
SO Lisa McCann
Joan of Arc #716
Sylvia Fox
Westinghouse #759
St. Veronica #111
Our Lady of Victory #722
St. James #1029
PND, PSR, Peggy Guckin
St. Bernard #339
Our Lady #647
St. Florian #2240
Washington #1651
PND, PSR, Peggy Guckin
Westinghouse #759
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
St. Gerard Majella #2751
Allegheny #664



Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent

Summer 10-Week Tickets

A reminder, this ticket is due back Wednesday, June 2, 2021.



—Email Lisa McCann: ljmccann114@gmail.com

March Lottery Winners **March Selling Court**

Sandra Haney
Carol Bullers
Cindy Greco
Carmella Porter
Carol Parsons
Christian Kerwin
Patricia Sprowls
Mary Sue Wheeler
Marleen Duley
Pat Mckean
Anthony Taglieri
Stephen Walter
Linda Kubacka
Eleanor Connelly
Marguerite Raab
Dolly Glowacki
Genevieve Marszal
Tom Vizza
Joann Lynn*
Peggy Mosco
Gilda Simeoni
Josephine Filiaggi
Fred Oliveros
Nancy Markovich
Mari Grace Butela
Constance Stransky
Sharon Pawlowicz
Aldia Pavlik
Linda Facchine
Florence Huson
Faith & Bill Cravenor
*\$100 winner

Easton #358
St. Mary #95
Washington #1651
Annunciata #260
St. Ephrem #2230
Lambing #314
Washington #1651
New Kensington #860
Ave Maria #650
Dolores #1675
SO Lisa McCann
SO Margaret Giordano
Washington #1651
St. Mark #1097
St. Mark #1097
Lambing #314
Brownsville #1141
St. Marys #890
St. Mark #1097
St. Theresa #562
St. Dominic #2222
Uniontown #505
Of Our Lady #647
Allegheny #664
Annunciata #260
Joan of Arc #716
Butler #443
Allegheny #664
St. Leo #356
St. Bernard #339
Patricia #998

April Lottery Winners **April Selling Court**

Mary Maglione
Pete Avellino
Lolly Kennedy
Mary Leonard*
Nancy Jackson
Joanne Walker
Ct. OLO The Alleghenies #1755
Deborah Graves
Cynthia Keefe
Norma Rotoli
Sylvia Fox
Mila Rothrauff
Denise Kreckel
Sandy Bilinski
David & Jeanne Dombrosky
Marilee Prough
David Borelle
Dominic Campagna
David Borelle
Lydia Phillip
Bob Walter
Susan Hutchins
Kathleen Hayne
Madelyn Tomasura
Ct. St. Bernard #339
Izzo Family
Patricia Borkowski
Barbara Minor
Lisa Maverio
Rev. Alan Grote
*\$100 winner

St. Dominic #2222
Our Lady of Victory #588
Of Our Lady #647
St. Catherine #1992
SO Lisa McCann
St. Dominic #2222
OLO The Alleghenies #1755
Blessed Madonna #2521
Our Lady of Victory #722
PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
Sylvia Fox
SO Lisa McCann
St. Rita #523
Rose Cecilia #1641
SO Lisa McCann
OLO The Alleghenies #1755
SO Lisa McCann
Holy Trinity #1336
SO Lisa McCann
Ave Maria #650
SO Margaret Giordano
Callistus #66
St. Rita #523
St. Marys #890
St. Bernard #339
Queen of Peace #1023
St. Francis De Sales #2617
St. Bernard #339
Allegheny #664
Patricia #998

National Charity "Fun" D Winners

February 17 — Jean H., Mill Hall, PA
March 15 — Paul K., Ashland, PA
April 4 — Mary Ann W., Corry, PA: \$250!
Congratulations!

Lucky Lottery Calendars

Thank you to all the courts that made every effort to sell all the 2021-22 Lottery Calendars that were assigned to you. When each court does their share, this fundraiser remains a success. There were calendars returned not sold. Please contact me if you would like to purchase any of the unsold numbers.



2021 PA State Education Contest Winners

Art Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Name

Ava Porter
Megan Weiser
Morgan E. Chamberlin

Court # and City

Washington #1651, Washington
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte
Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia

Art Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Lindsey Rooney
Kendell Pauls
Sarah Dabrowski

St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia
Washington #1651, Washington
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster



Art Division 3

First Place

Alea Malloy

Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek

Art Division 4

First Place

Merin Sujana Andrews

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg

Poetry Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Conner Riddell
Zachary Booz
Daniel Teahan

Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria
Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh
Washington #1651, Washington



Poetry Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Monika Peters
Charles Neumann
Kylee Yoder

Blessed Madonna #2521, State College
Our Lady #647, Johnstown
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Poetry Division 3

First Place
Second Place

Andreas Jaramillo
Audrey Clement

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Blessed Madonna #2521, State College

Poetry Division 4

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Margaret T. Giordano
Patricia M. Gildea
Tracy Roman

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek

Essay Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Madison Rezk
Bryce McDaniels
Danielle Bova

Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia
Washington #1651, Washington



Essay Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Maggie O'Connor
Gus Clement
Reese Walizer

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Blessed Madonna #2521, State College
Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven

Essay Division 3

First Place
Second Place

Joseph Martin
Max Clement

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Blessed Madonna #2521, State College

Computer Art Division 1

First Place

Nick Janko

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Computer Art Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Elisabeth Prushan
Angelina Watson
Nicholas Przychodzien

Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia
Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia



Computer Art Division 3

First Place

Matthew Hong

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Music Division 3

First Place

Elizabeth Stevens

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Photography Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Lindsey Noll
Casey McDonough
Abigail Ridenour

Joan of Arc #716, Cresson
Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia
Blessed Madonna #2521, State College



Photography Division 4

First Place

Patricia Figart

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg

2021 - PA State Winners - National Newsletter Contest

Category 1 – Division 1 – First Place, Court #759 Westinghouse, Turtle Creek

Category 1 – Division 2 – First Place, Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Category 1 – Division 2 – Second Place, Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue

Category 2 – Division 1 – First Place, Court #448 Rev. Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte

2021 Circle of Love Education Report

Margaret Marie Gowaty, State Education Chairman

I would like to say kudos to all my CDA sisters that attempted or succeeded in carrying out Education Projects and/or the Education Contest. It has been a very challenging time and just making an effort to rise above the tidal wave of craziness that has been this year deserves a pat on the back.

There were 23 Circle of Love reports turned in this year and of those only three had nothing to report. Courts focused on their adult members participating in the Education Contest and in the process brought joy to members stuck in assisted living housing. One court used meetings to educate members about the social teachings of the church while another used meetings to instruct its members about the Circle of Love Spokes with the hope of sparking new ideas and perhaps new officers.

There was a court that took the lead from their local Catholic Charities and prepared backpacks with school supplies to help low-income students with virtual learning. Most of these kids only have access to these supplies in school. Some courts had members who volunteered and even took leadership positions in their parish Faith Formation programs while some helped pay for supplies for the Faith Formation programs. There were some courts that focused on financially assisting students to attend Catholic elementary and high schools. All of the reports were encouraging and amazing especially because they were accomplished in spite of this difficult year.

The State level of the National Education Contest received entries from 17 local courts. Understandably, there were fewer entries this year, but some of the entries were amazing. There were some entries that looked very familiar—which was disappointing. I did receive an entry from a local education chair that did not follow the rule to not fold or roll entries. I'd like to remind the local chairs that what you do can affect the overall score of an entry. I think the slower pace this year helped the students put more time, effort and thought into their work. ♦

—Email Margaret Marie Gowaty: margiekid1@aol.com



Convention Headliners

Pat Gildea's Perspective

The moment we stepped onto the Blair County Convention Center/Marriott Hotel grounds in Altoona, PA, it was "full steam ahead" to a super CDA journey—the 2021 - 54th Biennial State Convention, with only 69 hours to accomplish a bulging agenda!

As I reflect now, many of those events pop into my mind, as Convention HEADLINERS...a baker's dozen 13!... as follows:

- ...Welcome Bags actually stuffed with goodies and local gems!
 - ...Bishop Mark Bartchak's homily, at Friday's Opening Mass at St. John's Church, Lakemont, which centered on the Convention theme, "full steam ahead"!
 - ...Grand welcome to Blair County by PA State Senator JUDY WARD, concerning her family, four careers, her son's encouragement to seek the Senate seat!
 - ...94 delegates seated at the Saturday opening business meeting, with State Regent Shirley Hall presiding!
 - ...CDA National Representative, the National Second Vice Regent Essie Walker, from Matthews, NC, who inspired us with her CDA dedication and helpfulness to all present!
 - ...Most meaningful spiritual segments, honoring Beloved St Joseph and Blessed Mary Our Mother, on her Altar surrounded by blue and red twinkling tea lights forming her rosary!
 - ...39 plus Tombola Baskets, unique and creatively handcrafted, as our fundraiser!
 - ...State Chaplain Josef Kovacik celebrating Mass, honoring our deceased officers and members in the past two years!
 - ...Handcrafted red CDA Railway Engines, bearing a flowering plant, enhancing the Saturday evening dinner tables; awarded to the member with the lucky number!
 - ...Peggy Guckin, past State Regent and past National Director, named the Distinguished Catholic Daughter for the 2019-2021 term!
 - ...Fabulous Musical Duo Dan and Galla, from Alexandria, PA, bringing the attendees to their feet, red outfits predominating, with arms waving or playing a tambourine, clanging spoons, or a noisy clapper, or even dancing the polka!
 - ...Sunday's election of state officers and the State Nominating Committee for the 2021-23 term, followed by the presentation of their robes of office!
 - ...Installation Mass by State Chaplain Josef Kovacik, concluding with the impressive installation of the newly elected state officers by National Representative Essie Walker, assisted by Past State Regent Margaret Novak!
- Hasta LaVista (till we meet again)!!! ♦

—Email Pat Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

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 Anniversary

Jeremy and Valerie Hatfield

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Lee Ann Hyrcaj, Regent

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, Spiritual Advisor

Nicole Kreider, Vice Regent

Roberta Stefanow

Valerie Hatfield

Robin Burgoon

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Adrien Hatfield, Granddaughter

Danielle Christian, Niece

Adam Christian, Nephew

Sr. Mary Paul, Sister

Nicole R. Kreider, Daughter

Jada Hoskins, Granddaughter

Jeffrey Gillespie

Valerie Hatfield, Daughter

Karen Zeiset

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Congratulations!

2021-2023 State Officers

and 2023 Nominating Committee

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in February, March and April 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!**

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter!

Pennsylvania CDA Members

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IPND

Get Well, Speedy Recovery

Letty Calvetti, Past 2nd Vice National Regent, PA

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IPND

Dorothy Andrilla

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Peggy Guckin, IPND

Prayers for Continued Improvement

Colette McCaffrey

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Improved Health and Complete Recovery

Kristin Yates, Sister of Robin Burgoon

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Sister Mary Paul, DM

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Roberta Stefanow

Karen Mastriana

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Niece of Marcie Brubaker

Son and Brother of Judy Plaza

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

With Sympathy

*Essie Walker, 2nd Vice National Regent
and PA Supervisor,
on the loss of her mother, Crettie Lou Jones*
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023
Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Court

With Sympathy on Loss of James' Brother, Arthur

James and CarolAnne Ferreira
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Rest in Peace/Happy Repose of Soul

*Crettie Lou Jones,
Mother of 2nd Vice National Regent, Essie Walker*
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
Joe and Pattie Fromknecht
Peggy Guckin, IPND
CDA PA State Court

Belinda Swager, North Carolina State Regent
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Marie Minor
Requested by: Barbara Minor, Court St. Bernard #339

Arthur Ferreira, Brother-in-law of CarolAnne Ferreira
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Susan Clarr, friend of Pam Harker at Altoona Mariott
Gerry Walters*

Father John Schmalhofer

Bill Nissley
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Annette Lamp,
Mother of Fr. Ed Lamp, IP National Chaplain
Frank Sagan
husband of Marialice Sagan, IP National Director
Daniel Malik,
husband of Carolyn Malik, National Director*
Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IPND

Rest in Peace/Happy Repose of Soul

*O'Leva Shaulis, Mother of Rhonda Yahner,
Regent of Court Roses of Mary #2766
Brian Novak, son of Margaret Novak
Bill Good, Cousin of Margaret Novak*
Requested by: Margaret P. Novak, Past State Regent

In Memory

*Dolores Leath
Charlotte Meck DiCola
Joe Lebano*
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Mary Painter
Agatha Gerz
Jerry Liebeck
Marie Sawyer
Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck*
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Teresa Kroker, Mother of Member Beth Endres
Kelly Alderson, Sr., Husband of Recording Secretary
Andrea Alderson*
Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Special Intentions

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Prayers for a Safe and Successful Convention

State Officers, Delegates, and Members
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers
Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

"Show Love to One Another"

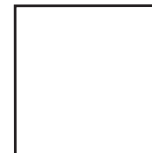
*Words of love are just a fraction;
To represent the whole, our love needs action.*

*To utter caring words is a very good start,
But then carry them out from deep within your heart.*

*Not just saying, not just praying,
Not just observing, but selflessly serving.*

*Always share, always show how much you care,
Always give your best, and you will forever be blessed.*
—Margaret T. Giordano, February 1, 2021
Note: Margaret won First Place for PA in the National Poetry
Contest, Adult Division.

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



Return Service Requested

What we give is what we get...

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



We just celebrated the joyous season of Easter. Throughout it we have heard a number of stories that told us how the early Church transformed or translated the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection into their daily lives. We know that many of the early followers encountered resurrected Jesus. Some, of course, on Sunday, the first day of the week and some on the following days. During this time, they experienced many feelings such as fears and doubts but also joy and hope. What we can find inspiring is that the world around them got to see that they truly believed that their Master and Savior was risen from the dead, that it was not just a dream or their imagination. The world saw it by the way they conducted their lives on a day-to-day basis and because they did, their numbers kept increasing.

One of the words we heard frequently as we listen to the post-Resurrection stories is witnesses. That is who Jesus' followers became. We know how important witnesses are in a court of law. They can powerfully impact the outcome of the trial. Jesus's disciples understood and were aware of what they had to offer. The world around them, just like we sometimes see today, was cruel, unjust, violent and dark. But seeing the reality of it all, they didn't say: *Look what the world has come to, but look what has come into the world; Christians, i.e., Christ people.*

Today, we may feel discouragement and be disappointed at what we see in the world around us. We can become sarcastic or pessimistic. We may have questions, such as: Jesus, if you're really the Son of God, why aren't you doing more? Why isn't your Church attracting more people, especially young? Where's the glory you promised, Lord? Why are there still wars and poverty and injustice? Why aren't we more effective in proclaiming your message? What are we as Jesus' disciples to do? And Jesus responds with his life-giving words: *Love me. Keep my word. My Holy Spirit is with you, strengthening, protecting and guiding you.*

We can't imagine the early followers of Jesus doing any of the work of continuing His mission without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He made them strong and courageous with his manifold gifts. He transformed them into resurrected people, Easter people, that brought the new life that Jesus promised into the world, whether it was convenient or inconvenient. This is the gift the Church and all its members must offer now and always. How?

I once heard a story of a little boy who, in an outburst of anger, shouted to his mother: "I hate you! I hate you! I hate you!" Then, fearing punishment, he ran up into the hillside where he shouted into the valley: "I hate you! I hate you! I hate you!" And back from the valley came the echo: "I hate you! I hate you! I hate you!" This terrified



The Church's First Witnesses
The Pentecost
Fray Juan Bautista Maino 1581-1649
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