



# The Angelus

Pennsylvania State Court

*Peggy Witas, Pennsylvania State Regent*

Volume VII - Issue 2

*Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord*

Fall 2017

**State Officers 2017-2019****Peggy Witas****State Regent**

702 Garden City Dr.  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-372-9225; cell 412-983-5629  
[raffertypeg@gmail.com](mailto:raffertypeg@gmail.com)

**Shirley Hall****1st Vice State Regent**

901 West 15th St.  
Tyrone, PA 16686  
814-684-2043; cell 814-931-0657  
[shirleyhall901@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyhall901@gmail.com)

**Margaret T. Giordano****2nd Vice State Regent**

1530 Hollywood Dr.  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717-390-9035; cell 717-381-6742  
[mgjordano.sultzbach@gmail.com](mailto:mgjordano.sultzbach@gmail.com)

**Lisa McCann****State Secretary**

114 Hibiscus Dr.  
Wilkins Township  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145  
412-519-8762  
[ljmccann114@gmail.com](mailto:ljmccann114@gmail.com)

**Colette K. McCaffrey****State Treasurer**

3813 Dartmouth Place  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
215-331-7587; cell 215-901-4120  
[colettecda@gmail.com](mailto:colettecda@gmail.com)

**Peggy Guckin, National Director****Immediate Past State Regent**

203 Harmony Ct.  
Bensalem, PA 19020  
215-638-9217; cell 215-570-3574  
[mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com)

**Sherry Nilles****First Vice National Regent****National Representative**

711 25th Ave.  
Sheldon, IA 51201  
712-325-0125  
[ljnilles@nethtc.net](mailto:ljnilles@nethtc.net)

**Rev. Tony Gargotta****State Chaplain**

St. Bernadette Parish  
245 Azalea Dr.  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-373-0050  
[agargotta@stbrnadet.org](mailto:agargotta@stbrnadet.org)

[www.cdapa.com](http://www.cdapa.com)[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

## Message from Peggy Witas, State Regent

**F**our of your five State Officers attended the State Officers Conference in Belleville, Illinois. The theme was "You are the Joy in CDA." As Catholic Daughters, we bring joy to others by seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

National has a new set of books for officers to use. As these are the first print, there were suggestions made by State Officers at the conference to make the books more user-friendly. As such, there are to be revised editions, but encourage your court officers to use these books. They can be purchased on the National website.

A list of Pennsylvania Education Contest winners for the past year is found on page 2. Congratulations to all who entered. New Education themes are also listed on page 2. I encourage each court to participate in some aspect of the Education Contest. By encouraging 4th graders on up to use their God-given talents to share their views on the themes, we see their realities. It is also an opportunity for us to get our name out into the community and potentially obtain new members either thru our Senior Courts or by starting a Junior or Campus court.

I will have the list of District Deputies and State Chairmen in the next newsletter. If you would like to serve the State, please let me know.

Worthy National Regent Helene Shephard has a letter on page 6 regarding the recent natural disasters in Texas and Louisiana. The State of Pennsylvania has always been a generous giver in time of need. Thank you for your continued support of those in dire need. As a side note, Helene will be honored at the SOAR dinner, along with two others, for their work with SOAR.

Your State Officers will be presenting workshops this fall for all dioceses. Please avail yourselves and your courts of this opportunity to be educated.

Remember to wish the Blessed Mother a Happy Birthday on September 8th.

My theme of "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" comes from Psalm 34, verse 8. Psalm 34 is a song of Thanksgiving to God from David for God's deliverance from fear and trouble. David calls upon the people to remember that God is both Protector and Deliverer. By knowing God's goodness we can trust. How do we taste and see the goodness of the Lord? Before tasting, we must eat something. Before eating, we must see the food. God created us with not only a physical hunger, but a spiritual hunger as well. We are united to God in relationship to hunger to know Him better and love Him more. Through our Circle of Love Program, we see the food we are to eat. By participating in the Circle of Love, we taste others' sufferings and joys. As Catholic Daughters, I encourage everyone to see where your courts can go out to areas where there are no courts and be food for those who are hungry.

*Peggy Witas, State Regent*

### CDA Mission Statement

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.*



## Table of Contents

Regent's Message .....	front page
Mission Statement.....	front page
State Officers .....	front page
Newsletter Schedule .....	2
News from National .....	2
Joy & Spirituality Lead the Way ...	3
Court Chatter .....	4-6
Seasons of PA CDA Courts .....	6
Donation Request/Harvey .....	6
Message from State Chaplain..	7
Court Donations .....	7
Christian Persecution .....	8
Prayer for Those Persecuted.....	8
Thanksgiving Prayer .....	8
Membership Recognition.....	9
PA State Website .....	9
State Treasurer Message .....	9
Spiritual Intention Report ..	10-11
Holy Mary, We Implore Thee ..	12

## Newsletter Schedule Quarterly Publications

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

## Submission Deadlines

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

Marge Bradley  
Editor/Publisher State Newsletter  
[mkobradley@verizon.net](mailto:mkobradley@verizon.net)  
1400 Ted's Way  
Duncansville, PA 16635  
814-505-5025

# News from National



## 2017 National Awards Presented at State & Territorial Officers Conference

Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, Belleville, IL  
July 13-16, 2017

Once again, we would like to thank all the courts  
who support the Education Contest.

### Pennsylvania National Winners Education and Newsletter

Court Blessed Madonna #2521	Essay Division 1	3rd Place	Max Clement
Court Sharon #507	Essay Division 2	1st Place	Maria Matesich
Court Queen of Peace #1023	Music Division 2	3rd Place	Lizbeth Stephan
Court Queen of Peace #1023	Poetry Division 4	1st Place	Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

### Newsletters

The PA State Newsletter *The Angelus* tied for Second Place with Iowa State.

### News from National

The National Board voted to make National Center on Sexual Exploitation a National Project and Smile Train a National Charity.

October 29 – November 4th



### 2018 Education Contest Themes

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." —Psalm: 126  
"Finding joy in my life."

The Education form will be in the upcoming National Fall Quarterly and will also be on the National website ([catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org)). Please note there is an additional rule that affects adult entries only.

### 57th Biennial National Convention!

Save the Date! The 57th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, July 17-22, 2018. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar and start raising funds so you can join your CDA sisters from far and near at this wonderful gathering.

### National Office Contacts

Phone 212-877-3041  
Office Manager—Martha: [cdofanatl1@aol.com](mailto:cdofanatl1@aol.com)  
Orders, State and Local Court Officer Lists—Martha: [cdaorders@aol.com](mailto:cdaorders@aol.com)  
Rosters, Financial Reviews, Gold/SS jewelry orders—Gloria: [cdaroster@aol.com](mailto:cdaroster@aol.com)  
Invoices/dues questions—Alyssa: [cdadues@aol.com](mailto:cdadues@aol.com)  
Membership info, additions, deletions—Gigi: [cdafiles@aol.com](mailto:cdafiles@aol.com)  
Handles all new courts, reprieves and disbandment and banners—  
Kelly: [cdofanatl@aol.com](mailto:cdofanatl@aol.com)  
Shipping questions—Joe: [cdashipping@aol.com](mailto:cdashipping@aol.com)  
Share Magazine—Tom Panas: [cdashare@aol.com](mailto:cdashare@aol.com)

### Publicity

Are you doing your share to spread the news about "CDA" and, more importantly, to tell your court's story? Share your news in your local paper and church bulletins. Advertise your court meetings every month in your church bulletins in your area. Announce the date, time and place. Welcome ladies to come. Advertise fundraisers and special functions. After each function, follow up with a thank you.

### State Newsletter (Court Chatter)

Submission deadlines for *The Angelus* are Fall: August 1st; Winter: November 1st; Spring: February 1st; Summer: May 1st. Send your information and photos to Peggy Guckin, IPSR by email: [mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com).

### Share Magazine

There are five sections in court news: Anniversaries, CDA in Action, Youth, News & Notes and People. Write your story in 125 words or less: Who, What, When and Where regarding the event. Include a photo, identify people from left to right (if in rows, start with the first row) and include full names and titles. Remember to include your court name, number, city and state.

Send your information for *Share* to Tom Panas via email: [cdashare@aol.com](mailto:cdashare@aol.com). Write your story in a Word document attached to the email or in the body of an email. Send your photo as an attachment in JPEG format. NO hard copy photos will be accepted. You can also just email a photo with a caption of your special event or anniversary.

USE THE ABOVE GUIDELINES FOR ALL YOUR PUBLICITY NOTICES.

Submission deadlines for *Share*: Spring Issue, January 15th; Summer Issue, April 15th; Fall Issue, July 15th; Winter Issue, October 15th.

### National Catholic Daughter Day—Sunday, October 15

Consider celebrating this day at a regularly scheduled Sunday Mass. Officers can show their colors by way of wearing their robes and members can sit in a group. Don't forget to publicize and to send your court or diocese celebration news to be highlighted in Court Chatter in the Winter issue. Please keep in your prayers those who are participating in the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pilgrimage**. We wish you all a spiritual retreat as you visit the Shrines and Abbeys in Ireland from October 22nd to November 3rd.



—Peggy Guckin, IPSR, Publicity Chairman

### Let Joy and Spirituality Lead the Way in CDA

My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,  
Ahhh, the warmth of summer! Maybe a few weeks have been a little too "sticky hot," but the summer picnics and cookouts, family and church outings, Fourth of July fireworks displays, fresh garden fruits and vegetables, swims or dips in the pool, spritzes with the garden hose or sprinkler, outdoor concerts and movies, hikes, bikes, strolls and rides by the lake, river or stream, through the valleys and farmlands, in the park or mountains, or even by the bay or the beach can be so refreshing and rejuvenating. Summer has been going by so quickly. I do hope you have had some time to enjoy whatever aspect you like most. Each season is a gift in the cycle of life.

And so my season as State Secretary is done and now I have begun my season as Second Vice State Regent. I am still responsible for the State Spiritual (Mass) Intentions. I will be sending them to Father Grimme about a week before the Mass of the third Sunday of each month, so please remember to send your intention requests and payments directly to me.

You can easily access the spiritual intention cards:

1. Visit our PA Court website at [www.cdapa.com](http://www.cdapa.com).
2. Select the Resources tab at the top right-hand side of the page.
3. Choose Forms from the drop-down menu and look for Court Forms.
4. Click on Show Court Forms and look near the bottom of the list.
5. Select Spiritual Intentions Card and print. Spiritual Intentions Enrollment Forms can also be selected and printed.

For those of you who have no way to access the cards and forms through this technology, please call me at 717-390-9035 and let me know via voice mail; I will get back to you, and we will work something out.

Courts checks must have two valid signatures. Personal checks are also accepted. All checks must be made payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

Mail spiritual intention checks and intentions directly to me:

Margaret T. Giordano  
2nd Vice State Regent  
1530 Hollywood Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Let us all remember who we are as Catholic Daughters of the Amer-

icas. This quote from our national website reminds us that we "donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive 'to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.'" All we do matters. Remember that each member is important. Each one of us is full of promise. Let us pray together and ask Mary our Mother and our Patroness to continue to be our model. Let us be open to the call of God, our Heavenly Father. As His children, we are here to do His Will, not ours, just as our Lord and Savior showed us. Let us pray with open hearts and minds that we can hear the guidance of our Holy Spirit at our meetings, our CDA events, and in our daily lives. Let us, as Catholic Daughters, continue to make a difference through our Unity and Charity.

I look forward to seeing many of you at an upcoming workshop, at anniversaries and other court functions. You are in my thoughts and prayers each and every day, and I ask you to please pray for me, too. May God be with you.



—Margaret T. Giordano  
Second Vice State Regent



# Court Chatter

## ERIE DIOCESE

*Court Erie #515, Erie  
"At the Opposite End of the State"*

So what have we been doing in Court Erie #515 for the past year, other than shoveling snow from October through April?

We are still fulfilling our commitment to attending an hour at First Friday Adoration, praying the rosary with the intentions for an end to abortion and euthanasia and an increase in vocations and membership along with the "Prayer for Persecuted Christians," followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. After this, the members direct their own personal prayers and meditations as they determine. We continue these intentions mentioned above when we recite the rosary prior to each of our business meetings.

Since our purpose to exist is to also act charitably, we have continued to supply school supplies to the House of Mercy where disadvantaged and immigrant children ages 6-14 meet after school. On August 31, 2016 (\$987.25) and August 14, 2017 (\$958.00), school supplies, amounting to what is indicated, were delivered, and Sr. Michelle was delighted to receive them since they will need to last for the entire year.

On June 7, 2017, we packed and delivered \$1,300 worth of personal items to Mercy Center for Women where abused women and children are taken in until they are rehabilitated for a job and their own residency, and St. Patrick's Haven where homeless men stay overnight. Each agency received 20 personal bags, and each one received the extra supplies that remained.

Due to our successful bake sales in November 2016 and May 2017, the Court was able to donate \$500 to St. Mark Seminary in Erie for the expensive textbooks seminarians need in order to progress in their studies for graduation to the priesthood.

Since our monthly meetings are held in St. Andrew Parish Center, the women support bringing items for the food pantry which services two inner-city parishes. Over 100 families avail themselves of these items. In our monthly newsletter, we specify particular items to bring for the month. From August 2016 through August 2017, we donated \$969.84 worth of various supplies.

And we have not forgotten the National and State offices either. To the 2016 National Convention, held in Pennsylvania, we donated a \$100 tombola basket, along with 35 dozen cookies for distribution to registrees and \$100 to the newly-established Court Kenya to purchase

their bus/tractor. We also contributed \$105 to National Projects and \$100 to the National Charities, besides \$106 for Masses celebrated at Catholic University for Priest Appreciation Sunday.

In addition, we gave \$100 to the Pennsylvania State Office for pro-life activity in the eight dioceses in the state and supported their administrative fund by selling 27 State Lottery Calendars and took part in their 10-week raffle drawing.

There were also smaller donations made throughout this time to other organizations in the Erie area.

Although we may not be extremely busy in the winter months, we go "full-speed-ahead" during the other months.

From "the opposite end of the State,"

—Mary E. May, Regent

## HARRISBURG DIOCESE

*Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel*

The members of Court Our Lady of Victory #588 attended a picnic in the park to spread the news of Our Lord and CDA. We had information on CDA; we sold religious items, jewelry and had games for the children.



Front row: Bryn Strausser, granddaughter of Chris Joraskie; Judy Hooper, Recording Secretary; Christine Seidel; Mary J. Snyder, Regent; Middle row: Barbara Puketza; Christine Connor; Back row: Kathleen Peeler, Vice Regent; Margie Cowless; Mary C. Wydra, Treasurer; Claudia Seidel, daughter of Christine and granddaughter of Mary Snyder

## PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE

*Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem*

Officers and members of Court St. Ephrem #2230 purchased breakfast items valued at over \$160.00 and made up 100 bags for distribution to those in need by Aid for Friends.



Colleen Keating, Vice Regent; Barbara Walsh; Barbara Jackson, Treasurer; Joanne Hayes; Phyllis Arora; Carol Parsons, Regent and Dorothy Mankowski, District Deputy

## Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia

Officers and members of Court Rose Cecilia #1641 attended Mass to Celebrate Priest Appreciation Sunday followed by a fundraiser for CYO children's Pancake Breakfast. The food and service was great and enjoyed by all.



Sitting: Peggy Guckin; Rose Marie Webster, Secretary  
Standing, first row: Christine Moncrief, Sandy Bilinski  
Second row: Rose Malaczewski, Treasurer; Doris Kitt, Regent; Shirley Wybranski; Dorothy Andrilla; Henrietta Estrada, Vice Regent

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

*Court Westinghouse #759 95th Anniversary, Turtle Creek*

Many attended the 95th Anniversary Celebration of Court Westinghouse #759.



Center front, seated: Joyce Hunter  
First row: Eileen Ketler; Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer; Margaret Giordano, 2nd Vice State Regent; Peg Witas, State Regent; Peggy Guckin, National Director and Immediate Past State Regent; Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Secretary; Betty Dombrosky, Banner Bearer and Ann Malarkey, Color Guard  
Second row: Rosa Luciano; Susan Knoedl, Color Guard; Margeurite Crokus, Recording Secretary; Donna Egan, Treasurer; Rev. James E. Kunkel, Pastor and Chaplain; Christina Seese, Regent; MargaretMarie Gowaty, Vice Regent; Mary Catherine Edgar; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent and Letty Calvetti, Past 2nd Vice National Regent  
Third Row: Jane Brosius; Carol Davis; Terry Gojkovich; Patti Connelly; Denise Simpson; Nikki Bruni  
Fourth Row: Knights of Columbus Honor Guard

## Court Chatter contd.

### PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

#### Court Washington #1651 City Mission Project

"You put a smile on everyone's face." How much does a smile cost? On August 2, members and friends of Court Washington #1651 learned the value of a smile, the power of a smile, the importance of a smile.

For the past two years, our court has supplied a meal once a month to the Washington City Mission. Each month we deliver enough food to feed 120 individuals. Sloppy-joes, ham barbeque, meatball subs, homemade soup, pepperoni rolls, various sides and dozens of cookies, brownies and cakes. The meals are prepared and delivered, for the mission staff to serve.

This summer the ladies who help prepare the meals decided it was time to do more than just deliver food—it was time to volunteer at the mission. But what to serve? Deacon Barry Krofcheck suggested grilling ribs. Our members have been very generous over the past two years with monetary donations, so we were able to buy 53 slabs of baby back ribs. Members pre-cooked the ribs and Deacon Barry grilled and sauced them at the mission. Our members also donated cornbread, coleslaw and brownies. Each person who came through the line greeted us with a smile and thanked us for such an amazing lunch.

After lunch, staff told us we put a smile on every face. Why? Perhaps because we went the extra mile, we fixed a special meal and then took the time to meet everyone. As if we need more proof that God always has a plan—the Mission lost many donated items during a recent flash-flood—this meal was a great 'pick me up,' reminding the staff and residents that the local community does care what happens.

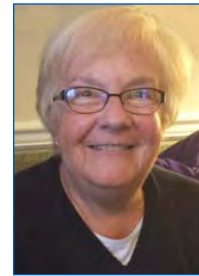
Just as important as the smiles we saw, is the love we were filled with. From the very beginning we have used St. Matthew as our inspiration: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:35, 40)

—Submitted by Robin Krofcheck & Laraine McGinnis



Left to Right: Mary Silbaugh, Peggy Pizzi, Mae Hunter, Nancy Marchesi, Laraine McGinnis, Robin Krofcheck, Elizabeth Meade, Deacon Barry Krofcheck and City Mission employee

### SEASONS of our Pennsylvania Catholic Daughter Courts



The lazy, hazy days of summer will soon be behind us, and as I am writing this, it REALLY feels like fall. We, in Pennsylvania, are very fortunate to enjoy all the seasons in ways that many parts of our country and world are unable to do. It gives us an opportunity to see God's handiwork in the beautiful changing of the colors of the leaves in the fall; to see the "beauty" of the snow that decorates our landscape in the winter; to welcome new life as spring breaks thru the earth; and to nurture that new life through the summer months as warm days and rain bring out the beauty of our gardens, etc.

Perhaps we can identify our Pennsylvania seasons with our courts as we begin our new year. This fall, some courts will be changing leadership of some officers; in winter, we will be working together to bring about the beauty of our organization thru Unity and Charity to others; next spring we will see how our winter deeds have helped us and others to bring new life in our courts; and last, but not least, we will, in the summer, nurture the new life that our courts have enjoyed over the year.

Please remember—workshops are being offered in ALL dioceses this fall for officers and DDs and we hope that you attend one. If not in your diocese, seek out one close to you. We are hoping to get 100% attendance so that our "seasons" will all be fruitful!!

"And let us not grow weary of doing good. For in due season, we will reap if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9

—Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent

#### URGENT REQUEST

Dear Catholic Daughters,

In the past few weeks, we have sent Disaster Funds to Arkansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Iowa, Peru and others. We normally send \$2,000 to the Bishop in states requesting Disaster Funds, but in the case of Harvey, they are in need of much more help and so we may have to send more in this case.

Our Catholic Daughter Sisters in Texas and Louisiana are in need of our prayers and, at this time, they also need our financial support as a result of Harvey.

If you are able to contribute to this worthy cause, please send your donations to Lisa McCann, State Secretary, who will then forward them to the National Office. Remember to make checks payable to *Catholic Daughters of the Americas*. No donation is too small. Indicate "Disaster Fund" in the memo of the check.

May God bless and reward you for your generosity. No kind deed goes unrewarded.

In Unity and Charity,

—Helene Shepard, National Regent

## Message from State Chaplain

On June 10 of this year, I had the honor of becoming your new Pennsylvania State Chaplain for the next two years. I have served as local chaplain for Court St. Rene for the past six years. I have had the great opportunity to meet many of the Catholic Daughters throughout the state.

I am honored to be your chaplain because you truly live what Pope St. John Paul II spoke about passionately. That every woman, married or not, is to bring her motherly and wifely characters into practice for all people. You are also women who reflect our Blessed Mother's heart: hearts of joy, love and compassion.

On Calvary, shortly before He died, Jesus gave Mary, His Mother, to all as the Mother of all His disciples, who were represented by John as he stood there with Mary.

In the book of Revelation, chapter 12, John writes that the Woman Clothed with the Sun (Mary) becomes the mother of all the living who believe in Jesus Christ.

If she is the Mother of all who believe in Jesus, this makes us all brothers and sisters. We are a family. Families celebrate the birthdays of the family members. On September 8, we celebrate the birthday of Mary, our Mother.

Mothers' birthdays are special in a unique way. When a mother thinks of a birthday, she usually doesn't think of her own, but those of her children. Moreover, mothers on their birthdays, give more presents than they receive by their love and care. Even on their birthdays, they take care of the family and assume all the responsibilities needed for their children. They don't stop caring or loving, they do not focus on themselves.

Mary's birthday is the same. She gives us more than we give her. She intercedes for us in front of the Throne of God with Motherly love. She guides us and cares for us constantly. As we contemplate this, let us give our Mother Mary the present she wants more than anything else, that is, obeying what her Son Jesus tells us, which she stated at His first public miracle, changing water into wine: "Do whatever He tells you."

Let's also tell her we love her and thank her for being such a great Mother. She will continue to give us more presents than we are able to give her. She will intercede for us to give our whole lives to Jesus and receive the most precious gifts of salvation, repentance, forgiveness, life in the Spirit, healing, freedom, peace, etc. Give her the gift of doing all that Jesus tells us, and receive her prayers and help for everlasting life. —Rev. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain

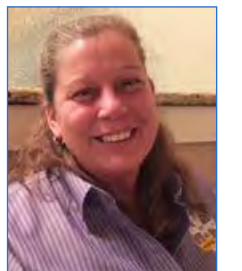


The State Officers attended Mass at St. Bernadette's Church on June 10th and Peggy Guckin installed Fr. Tony as State Chaplain; Peggy Witas presented Father Tony with the State Chaplain pin.

Left to right: Shirley Hall, Lisa McCann, Peggy Guckin, Father Tony, Peggy Witas, Margaret Giordano, Colette McCaffrey

**Court Donations** The National Board has decided to switch two of the charities courts are requested to support. As you know, there are five National Projects and 10 National Charities. The two that are being switched are: National Center on Sexual Exploitation (formerly titled Morality in the Media) and Smile Train. National Center on Sexual Exploitation is now one of the five National Projects and Smile Train is a National Charity. Our PA State Donation form reflects this change. Where do you find this form that is to accompany your Court's donations? PA website! [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) - Resources - Forms - Court Forms - Donation Form. Please Remember: 1) One check for all combined donations; 2) Payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas; 3) Two Court Officers' Signatures; 3) Use the current Donation Form.

—Lisa McCann, State Secretary



## Christian Persecution

The following statistics may amaze you concerning persecuted Christians. "Every day, 200 million Christians live with the threat of physical harassment, arrest, torture and death for their religious beliefs." According to the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, which cares for the largest Christian population still in Iraq, and the largest community of displaced Christians in the country (12,000) families, "the Archdiocese now faces a shortfall of \$600,000 a month in food aid. In 2003 the Christian population was 1.5 million, today there are approximately 200,000."

These affected Christians are located where Christianity was first proclaimed. Many still speak the Aramic dialect of Christ, and have faithfully practiced their faith these many centuries. Much longer than we have! These people are unable to return to their ruined homes due to lack of money, and Christian services are limited. Churches, vessels, statues, crosses, vestments have been destroyed, and they are unable to be replaced. Much Christian history and many artifacts have been lost and destroyed. To quote Chaldean Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, "Having to decide between rebuilding homes and feeding the displaced is not a choice; it is a potential death sentence for our Christian communities."

According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Christians are the most persecuted group in the contemporary world. Of the 100-200 million Christians under assault, the majority are persecuted in Muslim-dominated nations." (Wikipedia) Also Pope Francis, on June 20, 2014, stated "Nowadays, persecution against Christians is stronger than it was in the first centuries of the Church, and there are more Christian martyrs than in that time..."

### Prayer for All Being Persecuted for Their Faith

**Lord Jesus,** we honor all our Christian brothers and sisters, children, women and men who while keeping their faith in you have suffered and died at the hands of ISIS and other terrorists.

We pray for all who are now being tortured and held in captivity by them or are experiencing the hardships of migration to escape their evil deeds. We see orange as a modern color of martyrdom since ISIS dresses their victims in that color. We pray that ISIS and all terrorists would experience a true conversion of heart and we will ask others to pray for all who are being persecuted for their faith. Amen.

—Rev. Francis J. Karwacki, Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Chaplain, Court Our Lady of Victory #588

### Prayer

We pray in thanksgiving for God's help and love. Each prayer comes with a commitment to service as we serve one another in the name of Jesus.

A quote from Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941): "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

We discover a unique joy in helping others. Service takes us out of ourselves and puts us in contact with new people who may add joy to our lives. This is also a wonderful way to find a new member for our court! Share your joy in praying for and serving others in Jesus' name. We are Sisters in Christ who pray and support each other. We are the Catholic Daughters of the Americas! Enjoy the fall season as we prepare to give thanks for all God's gifts.

—Sherry Nilles, National Representative for Pennsylvania

So who is assisting them? Since 2014 the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$12 million for Christian refugee relief. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated, "Three years after ISIS rolled through their country, **these minority communities of Christians could face extinction without our help,** (emphasis added) and if they disappear, the chance for a pluralism and tolerance of minorities will be increasingly lost in that country." In addition, the Knights are urging Congress to pass H.R. 390, which would ensure American government aid dollars reach Christians and other religious minority communities that face **genocide** (emphasis added) in Iraq and Syria.

Generally, our organization lacks the financial ability needed to assist in promoting such a wide-sustaining effort to assist our brothers and sisters in the faith (Corinthians 12:12, 25-26), but **WE CAN CERTAINLY STORM HEAVEN WITH PRAYER.** "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams" (Alfred Lord Tennyson). Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen truly believed that only through the Blessed Mother can there be reconciliation with the Muslim world since both Christians and Muslims believe in her Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth (*Mary, the Woman the World Loves*).

At both the PA 2015 State and 2016 National Conventions, a prayer card was distributed, and it directed us to pray for "Persecuted Christians." Hopefully, courts and members add "Persecuted Christians" to your prayer list, and recite the prayer at your gatherings. We, in this country, are very fortunate to benefit from "Freedom of Religion," so we can actually practice our religion freely. We should appreciate this and be thankful for it. —Mary E. May, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman



The following courts were missed in *The Angelus* Summer issue for **Receiving Membership Recognition for Taking in Five or More Members for the Two-Year Period, March 2015 – March 2017:**

Court Columbia #2  
Court Washington #1651  
Court St. Francis #1726  
Court St. James the Greater #2180  
Court Immaculate Conception of Clarion #2454  
Court Blessed Madonna #2521

### Pennsylvania State Website

I'm excited to report that cdapa.com has been redesigned! May you "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" within her pages!

The website continues to be responsive, adapting to the various-sized devices used today. New with this redesign is a one-page layout; everything (except the privacy statement and local courts) is on one page. You can scroll down the page to view the content or you can use the navigational menu, which is now fixed at the top of the page, to go directly to what you're looking for.

The court and anniversary lists are now combined into one list. Thanks to the suggestion of our wonderful Second Vice State Regent, Margaret Giordano, the list is sortable by diocese, court name, court number, location, institution date and anniversary. The court regent and her email follows, but its column is not sortable. You can access a local court web page by clicking on the court name from this list.

Images from the 2017 State Convention are forthcoming, as are the 2017-2019 District Deputies and State Chairmen assignments. They will be added to the convention and contacts sections respectively.

Courts who would like to add information to their web page are asked to contact me for instructions. When you email me for your instructions, please place CDA and your court number in the subject line of your email.

It is my sincere hope that you find the Pennsylvania State website informative, beneficial and user friendly! If you should find anything amiss, please let me know so I can make the necessary correction.

—Pattie Fromknecht, State Website Designer  
[cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) / [web@cdapa.com](mailto:web@cdapa.com)



**9-11 is Patriot Day...Let us not forget.**

### Message from State Treasurer

Greetings to all Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters. I hope your summer has brought you relaxation and joy.

I would like to share with you my first experience as State Treasurer representing you in Belleville, Illinois at the State and Territorial Officers Conference. This Conference was held at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on July 13 to 16. I joined my fellow State Officers for a weekend of Prayer, Enlightenment and Inspiration to continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Our National Regent, Helene Shepherd, Officers and Directors did an outstanding job presenting the many topics that make Catholic Daughters an organization to be celebrated. Awards were presented for Education, Newsletter, Website, JCDA and Campus Court Scholarship. Presentations were given on our National Headquarters in New York 1903 Society, duties of State and Local Officers, Training requirements, Circle of Love, National Projects and Charities, Court Development and Membership, Parliamentary Procedures and, most of all, the importance of Spirituality, presented by Fr. Maurer, our National Clergy Consultant.

The theme of the Conference was "You are the Joy in CDA." I say to each and every one of you, our members, please remember, YOU ARE THE JOY IN CDA. You bring the goodness, the kindness, the sharing of your talents so that we can help those less fortunate in Our Lord's name.

Let us make a commitment as we start our new season of fall to work together, to do what we can no matter how small it may be and to do it with joy in our heart. Be an example of a Catholic Daughter. That will bring new membership. Make other women notice your joy and say, "I want what she has."

Wishing you Joy, Prayers and Blessings,  
—Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer



Sherry Nilles portraying the Grand Old Lady at State Officers Conference

Support the upkeep of our National Headquarters with 1903 Society. Make a pledge of \$1903.00—pay over time. You can also support the Windows of Opportunity for \$1000.00. See National website for more information: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org).

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

100th Anniversary - Court Lambing #314

Requested by: Dolores Croyle (Court Patricia #998)

Congratulations on 95th Anniversary - Court Westinghouse #759

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis (Court Westinghouse #759)  
 CDA PA State Officers and Members

Happy 60th Anniversary

**Carol & Lawrence Bogacz**  
 Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Happy Anniversary

**Vickie & Lynn Feist**  
**Rose & Richard Holschlag**  
**Olga & Sam Samaniego**  
 Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Happy 6th Birthday

**Nolan Gillespie**  
**Jaymir Rivera, Great Grandson**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

**Margaret T. Giordano**  
**Christine Bousigard**  
**Patti Boley**  
 Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Peggy Guckin

**Caron Susanne Leath, lifelong friend**  
**Nicholas Christian, nephew**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano  
 Fromknecht Family

Helene Shepard

**Essie Walker**  
 Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Congratulations

**All My Lancaster IU13 HSE Graduates**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**State Spiritual Intention Report**

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

In Appreciation

**Sr. Margaret Marie**  
**Sr. Monica Marie**  
**Sr. Mary Andrew**  
 Requested by: Sandy Owens (OLV #722)

Father Daniel O'Brien, pastor

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Father D. Timothy Grimme

**Father Daniel Powell**  
**Our "Men's Auxiliary"**  
**Father Lawrence Sherdel**  
 Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

CDA Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

In Thanksgiving

**Pennsylvania CDA Members**  
 Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Gratitude, Love and Prayers

**All Armed Forces and their family, friends and pets**  
 Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Thank you for 35 Years as Chaplain of Allentown Diocesan Court

**Rev. Floyd Caesar, Jr.**  
 Requested by: Allentown Diocesan Committee  
 Courts Easton #358, Ryan #911 and St. James #1029

Thank You for All Your Help and Support

**To all our CDA Men**  
 Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Complete Healing ♦ Complete Recovery

**Christine Bousigard**  
**Rita Smith-Wade-El, Past Regent**  
 Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Rita Smith-Wade-El, Past Regent

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Alice Bock

**Rita Smith-Wade-El**  
 Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Get Well ♦ Get Well Soon ♦ Get Well Wishes ♦ Good Health  
Healing ♦ Improved Health

**Gilda Burns**  
 Requested by: Sandy Owens (OLV #722)

**Nancy Anna**  
**Tillie Link**  
 Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

**Patti Boley**  
**Rita Smith-Wade-El**  
**M. Joan McKenna**  
 Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Shirley Wybranski**  
 Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

**Theresa D'Angelis**  
**Mary Kowalski**  
**Leona Lanzendorfer**  
**Connie Montler**  
**Margaret Novak**  
**Father Carl Spishak**  
**Judy Wood**  
**Family and Friends**  
 Requested by: Fromknecht Family

**Unborn baby of Tiffany and Abel Silveira**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Audrey Albaugh**  
 Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Father Godfrey Torac**  
 Requested by: Opal Kunz (Isabella #959)

**Bishop David A. Zubik**  
 Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

**Rich Witas, husband of State Regent Peggy Witas**  
**CDA Members**  
 Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

**Pat Gildea**  
 Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Special Blessings ♦ Special Intention

**Rita & Pat Bigley, Cousins**  
**Bob Sultzbach, Husband**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

World Peace and Harmony Amongst All God's Peoples

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Rev. D. Timothy Grimme's mother, Lucy Grimme, went to her heavenly reward on August 17. May she rest in peace. Condolences may be sent to Father Grimme, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Rectory, 2301 Fifth St., Altoona, PA 16601.

Rest in Peace ♦ Happy Repose of Soul

**Patty Ondash**  
 Requested by: Rosemarie Faller (Bellevue #655)

**Patty Ondash**  
**Amy Ramsey**  
 Requested by: Lisa McCann

**Stephenie Duley**  
 Requested by: Colette K. McCaffrey

**Carola, Bella, and Noah Arnau**  
**Waltraud Sorgius, Cousin**  
**Helen Hahn, Mother of Father Peter Hahn**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Patty Ondash**  
 Requested by: Rosemarie Faller (Bellevue #655)  
**Laraine McGinnis**  
**Peggy Witas**

**Carol Brosnahan's husband, Bob**  
**Patty Ondash**  
 Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Donna Thompson (Mother of Sally Lockhard, Court #2625)**

**Marian Airhart**  
 Requested by: Fromknecht Family

With Deepest Sympathy & Prayers  
**Mary Ann Kernan**  
 Requested by: Opal Kunz (Isabella #959)

**Marian Airhart**  
 Requested by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

**Robert Brosnahan, husband of Regent Carol Brosnahan**  
**Judy Cholak, sister of member Cindy Greco**  
 Requested by: Court Washington #1651

In Memory  
**Julie Holtz**  
 Requested by: Nancy Anna (OLV #722)

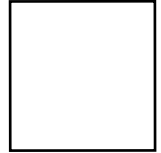
**Margaret H. Giordano, Past Regent, Past DD**  
**Agatha Gerz**  
 Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Margaret H. Giordano, Mother**  
**James A, Giordano, Sr., Father**  
**Barbara Tyndall, Colleague**  
**Margaret H. Giordano, Past Regent, Past DD**  
 Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Unity and Charity  
**All Catholic Daughters**  
 Requested by: Fromknecht Family



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



Return Service Requested

## *Holy Mary, We Implore Thee...*



*Holy Mary, we implore thee,  
By thy purity divine;  
Help us bending here before thee,  
Help us truly to be thine.  
Thou unfolding wide the portals  
Of the kingdom in the skies,  
Holy Virgin, hast to mortals  
Shown the land of paradise.*

*Thou, when deepest night infernal  
Had for ages shrouded man,  
Gavest us that Light eternal  
Promised since the world began.  
God in thee hath showered plenty  
On the hungry and the weak;  
Sending back the mighty empty,  
Setting up on high the meek.*

*Teach, oh teach us, holy Mother,  
How to conquer every sin,  
How to love and help each other,  
How the prize of life to win.  
Thou to whom a child was given,  
Greater than the sons of men,  
Coming down from highest heaven,  
To create this world again.*

*—Omni die dic Mariae, Bernard of Cluny 12th cent.,  
tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Public domain.*

*Our Lord bids His mother, the Virgin Mary, goodbye, sorrowfully no doubt, as He departs to embark on the three years of His public life of teaching and miracles. In this scene also appear Sts. Peter and John and Mary Magdalen.*

*Lorenzo Lotto, 1480-1556/57*

*RestoredTraditions.com (reprinted with permission)*