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"Here I am Lord! I Come to do Your Will!"

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Spring will soon be upon us and we will celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our dear Lord. May we hold God's love and peace in our hearts as we travel through this time.

There are several deadlines coming up this spring: membership contests, education contests, newsletter contests, electing delegates for the National Convention, and sending in your reports to the Circle of Love Chairman (the forms can be found on our website, www.cdapa.com.) Please, adhere to these deadlines, as your entries may not be considered if they are not on time. There is an article in this newsletter giving you the deadlines for each.

This month we elect our Nominating Committees. This is a very important committee for your Court, as they recommend members to fill the offices. It is good for the organization to have more than one person running for an office. It gives everyone a choice on who they want to lead the Court. Please, consider accepting a nomination, if you are asked. Be willing to share your talents for the good of your Court.

As your State Regent, I have been privileged to attend many meetings across the state and to receive newsletters letting me know what other Courts are doing. I very much enjoy hearing from our members and encourage you to either email me or drop me a line. Please, invite me to your celebrations. If possible, I will be there.

May Mary's smile shine down on you and the love of her Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, fill your hearts.

Margaret

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT

My dear Catholic Daughters, we have entered into the Season of Lent. Following the bleakness of winter, but before spring blossoms forth, we are asked to take some stock of our spiritual fortitude. Before entering into the plans of spring projects, readying ourselves for summer abundance, we want to prepare ourselves to face the temptations of the world fully armed with the values of our faith.

During Lent, we can promote our spirituality with the traditions of Christianity. Jesus taught us to pray. Prayer is a powerful force, aiding us in our daily efforts to live for God. During Lent, we sometimes pray more (perhaps adding a rosary,) or pray special seasonal prayers (like the Stations of the Cross,) or perhaps try a new form of prayer (reading from scripture for instance.) Prayer puts us in communication with God and raises our consciousness about God, leading us to include God more often and more directly in our lives.

Jesus told us that when the Bridegroom (referring to Himself) is gone, on that day we would fast. Fasting is a second Christian tradition fostering our spiritual life. By detaching ourselves from some worldly pursuit, we are then free to attach ourselves to some spiritual pursuit. We can challenge ourselves regarding whether we are being too involved in one or more earthly pursuits. Food is a common choice from which to fast. In fact, the Church obliges abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent and fasting (a moderation of eating) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But we might look at our lives and see if there are areas that are taking more of our time and energy that might be put to better use (entertainments tend to fall in this category.)

Jesus added the second great commandment to our Love of God, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Charity is the doing of good for others. Charity undoes the influence of evil and promotes good in the world. Charity helps make our world a better place, demonstrating the nature of God, which is Love. During Lent, we might start a practice of charity which will flow into the rest of the year. Or we may choose some special person to help. We can practice any or all of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Lent leads to Easter just as winter and spring lead to summer. We will awaken with Christ in spiritual resurrection on Easter and throughout the Easter season if we have turned to God; let go of attachments to this world; and, practiced the values of God's Kingdom. May your Lent be Blessed and your Easter Holy and Joyous.

STATE NEWSLETTER NOTES

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To the left of this article is the Newsletter Schedule and Information. Please note, the submission deadline is minimally 30 days prior to the actual publication. This will be important to you, as you write your article; by keeping in mind the actual publication month, you will be able to keep your article as current as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

COME ONE ... COME ALL TO THE
2013 STATE CONVENTION!

54TH BIENNIAL
NATIONAL CONVENTION

Your State Board is happy to announce that our 50th Biennial State Convention will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College (the home of Penn State University) from April 26 through April 30, 2013. Come and you might even get a chance to taste the famous Penn State Creamery ice cream. Penn State has been teaching how to make ice cream since 1892! Start your fund raisers now, so you can send even more members to this Convention. We were happy to see that all eight Dioceses were represented at the 49th Biennial Convention this year. Let's make this happen again in 2013!! More information will follow as 2013 approaches.

When doing your planning for 2012, please mark your calendars for the 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, July 18 – 22, 2012!

There was a large representation of Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters at the National Convention in Buffalo, New York in 2010. It would be wonderful to see many of you attend the Convention in Omaha as well. Please put it in your calendar. Come and see the goodness of the Lord through *Unity and Charity*.

NOTE TO REGENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH
MEMBERS OF YOUR COURT, IS SET INSIDE A DOTTED BORDER.

EDUCATE YOUR MEMBERS AT THE 2012 STATE WORKSHOP

Court Officers and *all members* are invited to the 2012 State Workshop. Expect some changes; look forward to different sessions; and, even a few games, which we learned at the State Officers Conference in July, at Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois.

When: September 28 and 29, 2012.

(Please, note the change of dates, originally scheduled for September 15 and 16, 2012.)

Where: The Penn Stater Conference Center, State College.

Why: To inform and educate our members about CDA.

What: Enjoy two days full of challenging sessions; innovative ideas; and, fun and fellowship.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

MARGARET P. NOVAK
COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

Remember that local Court officer elections will be held in May of 2012. Start now to check with your members to see who might be willing to take an office. They could talk with the current officer and see exactly what her job entails. If your Court does not have a full slate of officers, the current officer will continue in that office, until a new officer is elected (Bylaws, Page 51, Elections, Section C.)

At each monthly meeting following elections, the Regent should state that the office is open and ask for nominations from the floor. If the Court cannot get a member to step up and take the office, the Court will eventually be disbanded.

MESSAGE FROM OUR
SECOND VICE NATIONAL REGENT
LETTY M. CALVETTI
COURT SAINT BERNARD #339

I take this opportunity to once again greet you as we are preparing for Lent and the Easter season that we are about to enter in our spiritual lives. We look also at the changing of seasons, from the snow covered hills, to the beauty which will come as we approach springtime with new growth all around, and wonder at the beauty God gives us to enjoy. We are so blessed!

I once read about a woman who lived in a South American country; her journeys often took her over little traveled pathways. She would opt to take the long way through the lower areas and climb hills instead of crossing a stream by walking on a log high above the waters. She was barefooted and unsure of her ability to cross on the log. Her guide would offer her his hand and she related that the gentle touch of his hand would help her cross, surefooted and unafraid.

We have that same guidance and assurance from God, as we do the work as members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In Psalm 32:8 the Lord says: "I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with my eye upon you."

We need to trust that His gentle hand is there to lead us and that we need not be afraid to try new paths in working to keep the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas the vehicle it has been, through charitable works for untold numbers of people in need; leadership in the lives of women; and, for helping preserve our Catholic values in our communities throughout the Americas for over 109 years. Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania, I pray you will continue to work for the good of all humanity, trusting in God to guide your paths.

This spring your local Court will be seeking to elect new officers for the next two-year term of office. Please say "yes Lord, here I am, willing to serve" and keep the light of Christ shining bright in each of Pennsylvania's Courts.

The State newsletter keeps you abreast of news and happenings within your state. Your State Regent, Margaret P. Novak, leaves nothing to chance, reminding each of you of upcoming deadlines and events you should be actively participating in as members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Your State Board is there to guide you; they need your continued active participation.

I look forward to the future and the prospect of seeing some of you at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska in July. I wish you well with your local elections and send love and warm regards to all. Keep your lights shining brightly, let the Spirit shine through.

LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
CDA BYLAWS, JULY 2010
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COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. A. Nominating Committee of three to five members are to be **elected, not appointed** at your March meeting. The committee may select its chairman from the elected members.

Sec. 2. The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Regent the name of one candidate for each office. The Chairman shall report the Slate of officers to the Court at the April meeting. If there is a vacancy on the Slate, the committee shall report that office vacant.

ELECTIONS

Sec 3. A. **Written or e-mail notice** is to be given to all members of the Court at least **10 days in advance of the election**. The notice is to include the time, date, place of election, and the Slate of officers.

B. **Nominations** may be made from **the floor** at the regular business meeting **in May** before the actual election.

C. Officers shall be elected at the business meeting in May and shall hold office for a **two-year term** (she may **only** hold office for **4 years in one office** page 44) or until her successor is elected. A member shall only hold **one office** at a time. If the Slate is unopposed, Regent may take a voice vote for the election. If all positions are not filled, the Regent should ask at each following meeting for nominations for the open office. If after three months no one steps forward, please contact State Regent, Margaret P. Novak. This could be grounds for disbandment of the Court (page 53).

D. Each officer shall **assume the office** to which she is elected with or without installation **within 30 days** following election.

VACANCIES PAGE 45

Sec. 6 B. Vacancies in the elective office of Regent **shall be filled** by the Vice Regent. This is the important reason that the incoming the Vice Regent must be willing to move up. It is best not to fill this position with a person unwilling to become Regent.

NEWS FROM PEGGY GUCKIN
COURT ROSE CECILIA #1641
FIRST VICE STATE REGENT
YOUTH/JCDA/CAMPUS COURT CHAIRMAN

If you are interested in having a Junior Court or want to know what it entails, please contact me.

Also, anyone who has college-age daughters or granddaughters could check if they might be interested in starting a CDA Campus Court at their school.

May the Child Jesus and His Sacred Heart help us to grow in this area again and watch over us.

Please remember to send your report to me, so that we can toot our horn at National. If your Court is in the process of starting a Junior Court, please let me know.

A DAILY OUR FATHER FOR VOCATIONS - THY WILL BE DONE

DOLORES V. CROYLE
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STATE LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As Catholic Daughters not only do we need to develop leaders for our organization, but we need to be concerned with the leaders of our church. As the numbers of priests and religious decline, we need to encourage vocations.

What can we do? Dedicate one sincere Lord's Prayer daily for vocations.

Why this prayer? It was given to us by Christ Himself. We learned it when we were very young. It is short and to the point. We can recite it any time — as we brush our teeth; as we walk to get the mail; or choose any other daily activity during which you can devote time for vocations.

Finally, it is the perfect prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. It begins with praising God.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. If we truly mean these words, we are opening ourselves to always following God's will in our lives. I believe that God has called many more to the priesthood or religious life, but they are not heeding His call.

Give us this day our daily bread ... If we believe these words, we are asking God to give us the talent, the knowledge, the courage, and whatever else we need to follow His Will.

... and forgive us our trespasses, We are not perfect and we turn away from the call. But then we ask for His forgiveness. And God does forgive us, over and over again.

as we forgive those who trespass against us, Other people may discourage us from heeding His call. Family, friends, and worldly concerns often interfere with our hearing God's call. For this, we must be willing to show them the same forgiveness that God shows us.

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. We then ask God to help us stay away from those who lead us astray.

This one prayer says it all. God will give us what we need to follow His Will. When all do as God has planned for us, what a wonderful world it will be. God's Kingdom ... will come.

Since we are not there yet, I ask all Catholic Daughters to devote one Our Father daily, for the ability of all to discover and follow God's Will in their lives — be it marriage and family, single secular lives, or a religious vocation. This can be followed by three Hail Mary's for peace in the world and an end to terrorism.

Other ways to pray for vocations are to hold prayer services in your community; sponsor a Day of Reflection for Vocations; recite the Rosary; and, many other activities on a larger scale.

May strong church leaders continue to guide our strong Catholic Daughter leaders, as through our *Unity* we continue to spread *Charity* to all in need.

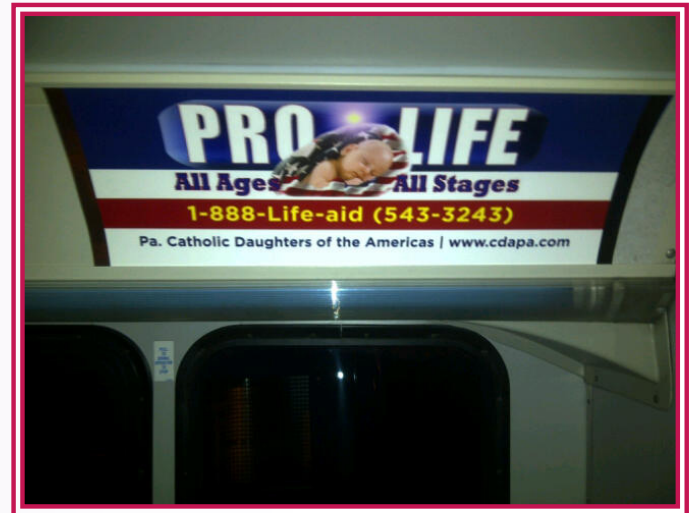
PRO LIFE ADVERTISING
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Your grateful donations for this worthy cause spreads the word of “alternatives,” while having our name in print promoting a stand that all life is precious.

As of January 19, we have two posters (11" h x 28" w), as shown on the right, in 75 buses in the Harrisburg area.

Also, please continue to use your baby bottles for the collection of our Pro Life Activities.

Please remember to send your report to me, so we can toot our horn at National, for all to see. Even if you do nothing in a particular area, please report that.



SAD NEWS

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STATE REGENT

I am sorry to inform you that the following Courts have been disbanded: **Court Seton #306**, Greensburg, **Court Woodlawn #565**, Aliquippa, and **Court Saint Agnes #1317**, Bridgeville were disbanded in November, 2011. **Court Transfiguration #955**, Monongahela was disbanded in January. We have one Court on reprieve which will end in March. This brings the number of Courts in Pennsylvania to 81. If you do not want your Court's name to appear here, please work on Membership Drives and on filling your local offices.

... so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

MARCH FOR LIFE

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STATE REGENT

I traveled on a bus with the Bedford County Concerned Citizens for Human Life on January 23rd. The head of the organization was very knowledgeable. Below are some facts I learned while on the *March for Life* in January.

1. The woman who brought the *Roe vs. Wade* case to the Supreme Court, never had an abortion. As a matter of fact, she is now against abortion.

2. Our Federal government strongly supports *Planned Parenthood*. This organization distributes free condoms to teenagers and strongly urges young women to get an abortion immediately — not talking to her family or friends first. In an audit, it was recently discovered that \$1.3 million the federal government had given them, is missing.

3. He explained that if the 55 million abortions had not taken place in the past 39 years, our Social Security would not be close to bankruptcy, since there would be many more people putting money into the fund.

4. Pennsylvania is number three in the country, in supporting pro-life laws.

You will not regret attending a *March for Life* in the future. God's love will fill your heart.

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knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

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85TH ANNIVERSARY OF COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1023

OCTOBER 17, 2011 IN LANCASTER

Pictured Left to Right: Banner Bearer Nicole Kreider, Recording Secretary Agatha Gertz, Treasurer Mary Selway, Financial Secretary Margaret T. Giordano (State Treasurer), Regent Rita Smith-Wade-El, Bishop McFadden, Ordinary of Harrisburg, Second Vice National Regent Letty M. Calvetti, State Regent Margaret P. Novak, First Vice State Regent Peggy Guckin. In the back row: Spiritual Advisor Sister Mary Paul Giordano, Father Frank Karwacki, Chaplain of Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Regent of Court #588, Mary Catherine Wydra with members: Mary Snyder, Lois Sejuitt, and Jean Dowling.

... if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

LOCAL COURT ANNIVERSARIES IN 2012

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100TH ANNIVERSARY – 1912

October 18
Court Annunciation #175
Shenandoah, Allentown Diocese

95TH ANNIVERSARY – 1917

May 20
Court Lambing #314
Scottsdale, Greensburg Diocese

90TH ANNIVERSARY – 1922

February 12
Court Joan of Arc #716
Cresson, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese

February 26
Court Our Lady of Victory #722
Northern Cambria, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese

July 16
Court Westinghouse #759
Turtle Creek, Pittsburgh Diocese






85TH ANNIVERSARY – 1927

May 19
Court Regina Pacis #1055
Upper Darby, Philadelphia Diocese

May 22
Court Bishop Gannon #1059
Emporium, Erie Diocese

ITEMS TO PURCHASE

We had an enthusiastic response to items we sold at the 2011 State Convention, so we are making the following items available to your Court members. Postage will be added to your bill, when your order is shipped.

ITEM	IMAGE	COST
PENS Catholic Daughters of the Americas 1911 – 2011		\$1.25
MAGNETS 5 ½" Round Celebrating our 100 Years. This is impressive looking on the back of our cars.		\$5.00
PENNSYLVANIA CDA BADGE HOLDER Great item to carry your keys and money under your robe. Also good for money when traveling; wear inside your blouse.		\$2.00
YELLOW T-SHIRT Sizes: Large, XLG, XXLG. Very comfortable; nice to be able to identify other members from Pennsylvania when traveling.		\$20.00
LOCAL COURT OFFICER ROBES We have used robes in good condition for the Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer.		\$5.00

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDERS TO:

CDA; Margaret P. Novak, State Regent; 1187 Oak Grove Road; Breezewood, PA 15533.

AN INVOICE WILL BE IN YOUR PACKAGE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE SHIPPING.

A COURT CHECK (WITH TWO (2) SIGNATURES) SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO CDA AND SENT TO:

CDA; Shirley Hall, State Secretary; 901 West 15th Street; Tyrone, PA 16686.

PRAYER GOES A LONG WAY ... BUT MONEY HELPS!

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FIRST VICE STATE REGENT

For many years now our parishes have been seeing a decrease in Priests and Religious. Therefore your State Officers have come up with a new project, which through prayer and financial support, will help those seeking the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Father Grimme, our State Clergy Consultant, has agreed to offer the 10:30 AM Mass, on the third Sunday of each month, for the intentions of relatives and friends of the Catholic Daughters. Your donations will go to North American College in Rome to educate our priests. Many of our members have known someone who has attended this college. We must continue to pray that men and women will enter the Religious life. Encourage your children and grandchildren to consider Religious life.

At the present time, you may call or email myself or any State Officer and we will send the card for you. You can find the form online at: www.cdapa.com/forms/spiritual-intentions.pdf. We will need the recipient's name; address; the intention (examples: anniversary, birthday, get well, congratulations, years of service or sympathy); and, who is sending the card. Your donation can be sent to me by a personal or Court check. The card is white card stock with an imprint of the Blessed Mother.

We're looking forward to hearing from you and receiving your support for our new endeavored.

NATIONAL NEWS
MARGARET P. NOVAK
COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

The 54th biennial National Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from July 18–21, 2012. There will be many interesting pre-convention tours highlighting historic Boystown; the Holy Family Shrine; and, a riverboat tour on the mighty Missouri. The post-convention tour will include the Black Hills; a visit to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monuments; a steam train ride; and, a visit to the Mistletoe Ranch. There are several tours planned for the men that are coming as well.

It is an eye-opening experience to attend a National Convention. There are usually between 600 – 900 delegates, plus alternates and members. The workshops held are very informative and there is time to learn more about Catholic Daughters. As your Court's delegate, this is your chance to cast your Court's vote on issues which will affect the future.

Our First Vice State Regent Peggy Guckin, is planning our Pennsylvania State dinner for Thursday evening. This will be our opportunity to share experiences and good times. Peggy is hoping that we will have more attendees than we did in Buffalo, New York, at the 2010 National Convention. Try to come and share the fun!

You can learn more by reading the *Share Magazine* at www.catholicdaughters.org/.

NEWS FROM
JEANETTE KITCH
COURT COLUMBIA #2
STATE CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PROJECTS

I am very happy to be in charge of the National Projects. I hope that we can still count on all the Catholic Daughters to continue with our *Unity and Charity* motto, to keep the National Projects alive and thriving.

The Diaster Fund: This is for any natural disaster, no matter where in the world it happens. It is nice to know people care who don't even know you. www.catholicdaughters.org.

Father Peyton (Holy Cross Family Ministries): We have been giving to Father Peyton since 1977. We donate money and some make rosaries to be sent around the world. Remember a family who prays together, stays together. We may have this in our own family, but there are lots of families who don't and we could help. www.hcfm.org.

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR): We started SOAR in 1986 with \$25,000.00. It is a good program, because it helps support our retired priests and sisters receive necessary items, such as special tubs, showers, transport, repairs, ect. The priests and sisters have given us their all and I think giving a little back is nice, but giving a lot is great because they gave 100%. www.soar-usa.org.

Habitat for Humanity: We started building houses in 1995 and since we have built over 25 homes. Any woman can do it, all you need is a little faith, a hammer, a saw, a paint brush, or cooking skills. If you can't physically do it, you can cook and feed those that can or you can send money and good wishes to those who are able. No matter what your age is, you can help build a home for the less fortunate. www.habitat.org.

Smile Train: We began helping Smile Train in 2006. All one child needs is \$250.00 and 45 minutes to turn their life around. Here in the United States we have the Shriners Hospital for help, but in other countries around the world, they only have the Smile Train to help. Please, help a child in need, to have a good life; and, who knows, they may be a National Regent or future priest someday. www.smiletrain.org.

The National Office asks each Court to donate \$20.00 to each of the five National Projects. (Example in the money raised from June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2010 we helped 207 children get a nice smile.) Thank you! Keep up the good work ladies and continue to keep Mary, our Mother, in your prayers.

SUGGESTIONS FROM SHIRLEY

SHIRLEY HALL
COURT SAINT RITA #523
STATE SECRETARY

1. Make sure your checks have your Court name and number on them. If the bank sends you checks with the wrong spelling or information, return the checks. It is important that this information be correct.
2. Make sure that there are TWO signatures on your checks before sending them out. One of these signatures should be the Regent or Vice Regent. The second signature should be either the Treasurer or Financial Secretary.
3. Insert the purpose of the check in the memo line on the bottom of the check. This will ensure that the payee knows why you have sent them the check.
4. When sending in spring dues, please make a copy of the invoice and include it with the check.
5. Please use updated Local Court Donation Forms. These can be found on our website at: www.cdapa.com. Please destroy outdated forms.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE TREASURER

MARGARET T. GIORDANO
COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1023
STATE TREASURER

If there are little emergencies that come up in your lives, or in your Courts, remember that they are only temporary and that with God's divine help, you can weather the storm.

Since I have become State Treasurer, I have done some traveling in our fine state of Pennsylvania. The views I took in a while driving have reminded me of God's magnificent and bountiful creation – bare but splendid deciduous trees, reaching their fingerlike branches toward the heavens; radiant beams of sunshine, warming the frigid earth; glorious mountains and flowing waterways; icicles which have frozen on the grandiose rocks, hewn on the sides of highways; scenic farmlands; and quaint little towns. It's absolutely breathtaking! All seasons of the year have a wondrous beauty, in which I so delight!

As a State Officer, I have been honored and privileged to attend Ct. St. George #1575's 60th Anniversary Mass and celebration in Glenolden and the Allentown Diocesan Meeting in Ashland. What lovely events! It's enchanting to meet so many of my Catholic Daughters sisters; to see where you are from; and to learn about what your Courts are doing. My Court, Queen of Peace #1023, celebrated its 85th Anniversary in October. We were graced by the support of His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg and visiting Catholic Daughters from our sister Court in the diocese, Court Our Lady of Victory #588, as well as state and national representatives from our organization. All of this truly warms my heart and fills it with a sense of CDA purpose. It is genuinely inspiring to see so many of God's Catholic Daughters unified together for various charitable causes, which truly emulates our motto of *Unity and Charity*.

Local Court treasurers are doing a good job of writing checks to the State Court payable to “Catholic Daughters of the Americas” or “CDA,” bearing two signatures on the checks! Thank you! Please be sure both your Court name and number appear on your checks. In addition, please write what the check is for on the memo line. All this will ensure that the monies you send, will go to the proper accounts. This keeps your local books and the state books aligned.

I am so happy to serve all the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, and as I “learn the ropes” as State Treasurer, I am learning that I really do enjoy the job! Thank you for your continued prayers, so that I may do all that is necessary for the good of the order!

God bless you always in always!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you Worthy Regent, Margaret P. Novak and all the members of our Pennsylvania State Court for your patience and understanding with my recent plight ... computer failure ... which delayed this issue.

In peace, Pattie Fromknecht, Editor/Publisher State Newsletter

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
ROSEMARY BISKUP
COURT GREENE COUNTY #1923
STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Author Unknown (Often attributed to Edmund Burke)

Let's include women in that quotation, although it is probably implied. We women must also do something, now. Today, in America, Christian values are under attack. Abortion; pornography; medical rationing of health care for the elderly; federal funding of *Planned Parenthood*; women dying of breast cancer, because they took oral contraceptives; and, ... the list of evils goes on and on.

In America the most effective way of doing something is to contact your elected officials. Do not underestimate the power of a phone call. Other effective ways of communicating with public officials are letters, e-mails, personal visits, and letters to the editors.

In Pennsylvania there are 50 State Senators and 203 members of the State House of Representatives. If you are not sure who represents you, our friends at the Pennsylvania Family Institute are willing to help. Contact them at www.pafamily.org or call 717-545-0600. They will identify your elected official.

When writing to the Governor of Pennsylvania, letters should be addressed to:

The Honorable Tom Corbett, 225 Main Capitol building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 717-787-2500 or email: governor@state.pa.us. The proper salutation is Dear Governor Corbett.

Here are some tips for writing a good letter. Limit your letter to one specific legislative subject. Write in your own words. Be brief. Refer to bills by number or popular title. Be courteous. Say "well done" when deserved. Keep copies of correspondence. Make contact as an individual citizen, using your own name and address, *not* as a member of CDA, which would violate our not-for-profit status.

Here is a suggestion to get you started. Contact Governor Corbett and thank him for signing into law SB732 (HB 574) which requires abortion clinics to comply with safety standards and be subject to unannounced inspections.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is the largest Catholic women's organization in America. If we don't speak out to defend our Christian values, who will?

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Honorable Robert Casey, Jr
United States Senator, PA
393 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510
1-866-802-2833
www.casey.senate/contact/

The Honorable Pat Toomey
United States Senator, PA
502 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510
1-202-224-4254
www.toomey.senate.gov/contact/

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W
Washington, D.C. 20500
1-202-456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov/webmail/

There are 19 members in the U.S. House of Representatives from Pennsylvania. In writing to them, they should be addressed as The Honorable (full name.) The proper salutation is: Dear Representative (surname.)

If you do not know who your representative is, you can call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Your State Regent, Officers, and Chairmen ...

Wish you a Reflective and Prayerful Lent

And a Very Joyous Easter!



DEADLINES
MARGARET P. NOVAK
COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

- **Membership Contest:** Should be mailed to Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman by March 15, 2012.
- These entries are to be mailed to the National Membership Chairman by April 1, 2012.
- **Education Contest:** Should be mailed to E Jane McKenna, State Education Chairman by March 15, 2012.
- Entries for the National contests are to be mailed by April 1, 2012 by the State Chairmen.
- **Newsletter Contest:** Should be mailed to Sarah Mastrull, State Newsletter Chairman by March 15, 2012.
- National entries are to be sent to the National Chairman by April 1, 2012.
- **Circle of Love Reports:** Should be mailed to individual Circle of Love State Chairman by March 15, 2012.
- **Forms for the individual State Chairman** can be found on our website, www.cdapa.com/, under Forms. State Chairmen are to send their reports to the National Chairman by April 1, 2012.
- **National Delegates Election:** You are to have your National Convention delegates elected by March 15.
- You are to return the form that you received from the National office (with your Fall dues invoice) after your elections, one to National and one to the State Regent. This form does not ask for names only the number that is elected. This number does not require that you attend the convention, but if you do not elect delegates, your Court will have no vote at the Convention, even if your members do go.
- **Ads for National Convention Booklet:** If your Court wants to place an ad in the booklet for the National Convention, the deadline is May 15. You may find the form on the national website, www.catholicdaughters.org/, under Events, National Convention, Journal Ads.



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