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“Here I am Lord! I Come to do Your Will!”

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The organization of our State Workshop is well under way. We are hoping to have members from all of our eight Dioceses. If you haven't already made your reservations, please do so immediately. We would not want anyone to miss out on the information and the fun that we will be having. Please look for the articles on the State Workshop in this newsletter.

Our new officers have settled into their positions and are working hard to develop new programs; motivate our members; and, increase membership in their Courts. We do hope that you are having a minimum of one membership drive each year, in each parish that is represented in your Courts. New members are the life blood of the organization. If we want to bring energy into our Courts, we need to campaign to bring fresh people and ideas to strengthen our groups. Please look for the article on the National Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska in July. A wonderful time was had by all. We hope that you will strive to attend the next National Convention in Montana in 2014. Now is the time to start a Court fund to help members who are able to go.

Many of our Courts are just resuming their meetings, while many met during the summer and had picnics and outings. This is the time to rejuvenate your treasury by trying new fundraisers. Attend the State Workshop to hear new ideas about this.

We hope that these next two years will be good ones for your Courts: bring in new members; educate your present members; develop spiritual programs for your members; and, become more visual in your communities. Be proud to be a CDA sister and inform people how satisfying it is.

May Mary hold your hands and warm your hearts,

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

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STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT'S THOUGHTS

SUBMITTED BY: REV. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME, STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT

As summer comes to an end, many Catholics start their autumn routine. As Labor Day becomes a memory, with perhaps the last picnic of the season, we start sending our children back to school; we start anticipating upcoming holidays like Halloween, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. We do things together as families and communities. We decorate our houses, sometimes wear costumes, or gather to view or be viewed in parades. In other words, we demonstrate our pride and gladness at being the people who we are.

We are also Catholic Daughters. We should also show our pride and gladness at being part of this wonderful organization. In our Courts, we try to participate in the activities decided upon by the Court members. These can be formal Court functions like installation of officers; or receiving and welcoming new members; or celebrating Court anniversaries. These can also be less formal, joining the charitable works of the Court or participating in fundraisers to help fund and run the Court activities. Each Court is so unique, there is no telling what they may be involved in; but, the point is, to *be involved*.

Courts do not exist in a vacuum; they are part of Districts and Dioceses. Meetings with your District Deputy will help each Court realize what else is going on in the area around them and perhaps give them some good ideas of further activities in which they can be involved. Each State Court tries to guide and direct the local Districts and Courts, as well as help them realize they are part of a larger organization. Support of the State Court shows, that with the little efforts of each Court and member, great things can be brought about.

As I write this article, I have just returned from the National Convention of the Catholic Daughters in Omaha, Nebraska. While not everyone can attend National or even State Conventions, it is good that many do. My impression is that our organization is well worth the effort that individual women put into it. I was also impressed with Pennsylvania's participation. Did you know that our State Newsletter won a third place prize in one of the eleven divisions? Did you know our student entry in photography won a third place prize in over 60 sections? Or in participation in National Projects and Charities, Pennsylvania was never lower than fifth in the nation and as high as second in four charities. Overall we placed third in total contributions from 46 states and territories. *Well done!* Attending National or State Conventions help us be aware that more goes on beyond the local Courts. That local Courts may get some ideas of and assistance on how they may be better involved. And we can gain a sense of the dynamism of Catholic women joined together can bring about a better world, not just for our organization, but for all human kind.

Peppered Quotes: ...

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

"Do It Anyway" based on the original version: "The Paradoxical Commandments" by Dr. Kent M. Keith.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

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

55TH BIENNIAL
NATIONAL CONVENTION — 2014

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 last year. Let's make this happen again in 2013!! More information will follow as 2013 approaches.

When doing your planning for 2014, please mark your calendars for the 55th Biennial National Convention in Billings, Montana, July 16 - 20, 2014!

We had 30 Pennsylvanians plus our State Chaplain, Father Grimme, at the 54th National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. It would be wonderful to have more members come to Montana. Please put it on your calendar. Come and see the goodness of the Lord through *Unity and Charity*.

NOTE TO REGENTS

Please, share as much of this Newsletter with your Court as you can. Important articles you should share with your Court, are set inside a dotted border.

If this Newsletter is printed in color, these specific articles are also noted in the Table of Content in this **DEEP PURPLE** color.

Without color, you should easily see a difference, as they are also in **SMALL CAPS**.

NATIONAL DUES INCREASES

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

After 12 years, a National dues increase was passed at our National Convention in Omaha this July. National Regent Joann Tomassi explained that to continue to support the wonderful charities that Catholic Daughters embrace, her Board had no choice but to ask for an increase in dues. Several cost cutting programs have been implemented during her term, but the increase is still necessary to provide for the less fortunate in the world. After the first motion to increase dues to \$20.00 per year was defeated, the motion to increase these dues to \$15.00 a year was passed. Past National Regent Libby Ramirez moved that this not go into effect until the Spring 2013, giving our Courts a little time to raise the extra money. This motion passed. The National Chaplain suggested that we start putting two cents a day into a jar to cover the additional cost. Perhaps your Court could have a special fundraiser to help defray the dues. Please do everything possible not to lose any of your wonderful members.

STATE NEWSLETTER NOTES

SUBMITTED BY: PATTIE FROMKNECHT, WEBSITE CHAIRMAN

EDITOR/PUBLISHER STATE NEWSLETTER

On page two 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.





INSTALLATION MASS AT ST. CECILIA'S
OMAHA, NEBRASKA FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS JULY 22, 2012
 IMAGE SUBMITTED BY: PEGGY GUCKIN, FIRST VICE STATE REGENT

2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Well, the National Convention is now over. Attending from Pennsylvania were a total of 31 people, your five State Officers, Immediate Past State Regent Laraine, our State Chaplain, Father Grimme, 21 delegates, one alternate, one member, and one spouse. We all had a wonderful time in Omaha, Nebraska. Two of our members had the pleasure of seeing the countryside on the train, while on the way to Omaha. I took advantage of the preconvention tours, to see sights that I probably wouldn't get to see otherwise in my lifetime. Of course, the best part of going to the National Convention is getting reacquainted with friends from past conventions. We look forward to visiting with each other on the tours, sharing experiences, and family stories. Our State Dinner was an outstanding success, thanks to Peggy Guckin and Pat Gildea. We even had friends from Arkansas and New Jersey come to our State Dinner. We learned much at the Workshops we attended, which were presented by the National Officers and Directors. But Wednesday came along and it was time to work. Opening the Convention with Adoration was spiritually moving and set the pace for the following liturgies. We attended each session to vote on new National Officers, Bylaw changes, New Business, and listen to the speakers. This is the "meat" of the Convention and the real purpose of going to the Convention. What is decided at the sessions, will affect all of us in the future. If you want a say in how our organization is run, come to the National Convention so your voice can be heard!

PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL COURT
NEWSLETTER CONTEST

SUBMITTED BY: SARAH MASTRULL
 STATE NEWSLETTER CONTEST CHAIRMAN

CATEGORY I – DIVISION I:

100 or less members / 10 or more issues per year

CATEGORY I – DIVISION II:

100 or less members / 4 to 9 issues per year

CATEGORY II – DIVISION II:

101 to 200 members 4 to 9 issues per year

CATEGORY I – DIVISION I:

- First Place – Court Saint Dominic #2222, Philadelphia
- Second Place – Court Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh
- Third Place – Court Saint Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia

CATEGORY I – DIVISION II

- First Place – Court Brownsville #1141, Brownsville
- Second Place – Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia
- Third Place – Court New Kensington #860, New Kensington

CATEGORY II – DIVISION II

- First Place – Court Patricia #998, Kittanning
- Second Place – Court Saint Bernard #339, Indiana
- Third Place – None



STATE WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 28 – 29, 2012
PENN STATER CONFERENCE CENTER
SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

The time is fast approaching for us to join together at the Penn Stater Conference Center, in State College, to listen and learn “who we are; what we do; and, how we do it.” If you have not already made your reservations at the Conference Center, we urge you to do so without delay. There still is room for you at the inn!

Also, please follow the directions on the Registration form which your Court received in May and send in your Registration form and Court check to me as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we are prepared for all who plan on attending. If the Workshop packet has been misplaced, please let me know and another one can be sent to you. If you have any questions, please contact me by Email or telephone.

One of our exciting sessions will be announcing the State and National winners in the Newsletter Contest, Education Contest, and Membership Contest. Did your Court sponsor a lucky winner! We encourage all Courts to participate in these contests next year.

Does your Court have an interesting money maker? We have a session on Friday which will reveal these ideas, so that all can benefit from this information. Contact me to save time to present your idea to the attendees during this segment. Fundraising doesn't have to be difficult as you will hear.

Are you a home party demonstrator? We invite you to reserve a table to show your wares to our members. So far, we have three companies represented. See Laraine's article below, our Immediate Past State Regent, on this new idea.

This Workshop is to help educate you, our members, in the benefits of being member of this wonderful National, State, and local order.



STATE WORKSHOP — VENDOR TABLES

SUBMITTED BY: LARAINE MCGINNIS, IMMEDIATE PAST STATE REGENT

In the June 2012 Newsletter, your State Regent announced a new feature to the State Workshop, which will be held in State College on September 28 and 29, 2012, which is the “Vendor Tables.”

Any members who are representatives of a home party company may set up their products to sell during this time. The following information is being provided for your information, so that you might take advantage of this offer:

- Each vendor will be assigned one 8-foot table.
- The tables will be set up in the same room where the workshop will be held. This room will be secured overnight, so you do not have to put your products away.
- You may set up your table anytime after 8:00 AM on Friday, but before the workshop session convenes at 1:00 PM. You can take down your table after the workshop is over, at 4:00 PM on Saturday. You may take down your table sooner – however, we ask that you do not do so while the workshop is in session.
- Your registration fee for the workshop will be \$15.00 – rather than \$25.00. Please be sure that your Regent notes on the Workshop Registration Form, that you are a vendor.
- There is no charge for the table.
- We ask that you split your profits 50/50 with the State Court.

Since we will not duplicate companies, this is on a *first come / first serve* basis. So far we have Tupperware, Jafra Skin Care, and Avon signed up. If you are a representative of these companies and wish to participate, please let me know and I will put you on a “waiting list” should there be a cancellation.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact me at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net. I will send you a *Vendor Response Form* to complete and return to me, so that we know who is coming and how many tables are needed.

We hope that you will benefit from the workshop presentations, as well as the vendor tables.



DID YOU KNOW ...

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK
STATE REGENT

The **Daughters of Isabella** was the original name of our Order. It was named after Queen Isabella of Spain.

There are five **National Projects**: Disaster Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross Ministries (Father Peyton), The Smile Train, and SOAR.

A person can only serve two terms / four consecutive years in one office. She must then change offices or leave the local Board.

The insignia on the local Regent's robe is the **Crown and Cross**, which is the insignia of the Order.

The Recording Secretary is the **Historian of the Court** since she keeps the Court minutes.

The Tools of the Trade II now directs that all officers of the Court sign the **bank card**, even though only two people actually sign a check. The Regent and the Treasurer are not the only two people permitted to sign a check.

Dues are overdue if they are three months past the due date. At that time, the Financial Secretary should send out letters reminding the member that her dues aren't paid. If their dues is still not paid in six months, she could be removed from the Court roster.

A **Life Member** is one who has served 50 years in the CDA. Life membership is transferable to another Court. The Local Court may pay her National and State dues, but this is no longer mandatory unless previously voted on.

The first Sunday in June is **Priest Appreciation Sunday**.

Financial Reviews are done twice a year, in the months of April and October.

BUDGETS/LOCAL COURT GUIDELINES (STANDING RULES)

MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

Second Vice State Regent Peg and State Secretary Shirley will educate you in how to write Court Guidelines and a Budget for your Court. Here are some reasons why each Court should have Standing Rules:

1. Five years from now it will be difficult to recall what was done in 2012 and in 10 years even more challenging.
2. It gives you a listing of Court activities:
 - a. How much to give your Chaplain and when to give it (birth day; Ordination date; Christmas; Easter; Priest Appreciation Sunday; or none of above.) Will you give him a State Lottery Calendar?
 - b. What stipend should you give to your District Deputy, on what occasions (for the Financial Review; Installation of Officers; or Christmas; when she goes to a Convention; or just because you like her!)
 - c. The day, time, and location of your meetings. List how much rent you pay; who is responsible for refreshments (how much does your committee donate, is there to be a free will offering.
 - d. Will your new members pay an initiation fee?
 - e. What expenses will the Court cover for the Regent (Diocesan lunches, anniversary banquets, State events, gas money,...)
 - f. What amount are the officers permitted to spend in a pressing situation between meetings?
 - g. When will the Court go to mass as a group?
3. Why should we have a budget, we don't spend much money during a year?
 - a. The budget will help you to see where your money will come from (dues and fundraisers) and where it is intended to go.
 - b. Money can be set aside to help your Regent/Officers to go to a State Workshop or Convention.

These and many other items will be discussed during this session. If you Court does not have guidelines or a budget, you will want to pay special attention to this information to help your Court in the future.

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self centered; Forgive them anyway.



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Be honest and frank anyway.*

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If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.



OBSERVATIONS FROM OMAHA
SUBMITTED BY: DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

MARY ANN GALONSKI, COURT PATRICIA #998

The convention in Omaha brought with it wonderfully informative workshops, moving liturgies, and the fun and fellowship of being with sisters in Christ from all over the country!

ELEANOR CHODELKA, COURT NEW KENNSINGTON #860

Reflections of the 2012 Convention

1. It was exciting
2. It was inspirational
3. It was inspiring
4. It was bitter-sweet

PAT GILDEA, COURT OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES #1755

The opening with Adoration was magnificent.

Fr. Jim, the keynote speaker, had an exhilarating and inspirational message for awesome stewardship:

1. Be an internal anchor
2. Always show gratitude "Just say thank you."
3. Be a Keeper of Vision
4. Go forward in the community
5. Know that small things count

ROSEMARY BISKUP, COURT GREENE COUNTY #1923

My favorite gem from the 54th Biennial National Convention is that on Mother's Day (or other appropriate holiday) expectant mothers be asked to come forward and bless the baby in the womb. The personhood of the baby is reconfirmed.

DOLORES CROYLE, COURT PATRICIA #998

Liturgies held at the National Conventions are beautiful, spirit-filled, well-planned celebrations of God's love. Though meetings are filled with non-stop information, presentations, and CDA business, evenings allowed time to renew acquaintances with members from other states, make new friends and share ideas.

PEGGY GUCKIN, 1ST VICE STATE REGENT

Thank you to all who helped me to campaign for the Nominating Committee and for those who voted for me. I am sorry that Pennsylvania will not have a say for the 2014 candidates.

"It's Not About Me." As you can see with my words, I found the keynote speaker, Fr. Jim, to be outstanding. The convention opened with Adoration, which was beautiful and all the Liturgies to follow were as well. It was nice to see so many Chaplains present, including our very own Fr. Grimme. Thank you to Pat Gildea for the wonderful "Safari trip" that she took us on, after our State dinner. It was the best ever ... The Pennsylvania delegation did our best in voting, thinking of all the members in our state. If you don't like what happened, perhaps you will consider attending our 55th Biennial National Convention in Billings, Montana, July 16 – 20, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana.

PEG RAFFERTY, 2ND VICE STATE REGENT

Pennsylvania delegation has it together. We are movers and shakers! When the National Board suggested raising dues, Pennsylvania was strongly against it. A member of the Pennsylvania delegation addressed the National Board and suggested a raffle be held, with tickets being \$5.00 each. The winner would get a weekend in New York and stay at the National Office, which has an apartment within it. The entire delegation loved the idea. Now it's up to National!

The Pennsylvania State dinner at Casio's, organized by Peggy Guckin, was a huge success. New Jersey and Arkansas delegates also attended. The steak was delicious and melted in the mouth. Camaraderie and sing-alongs made the night very enjoyable. Nebraska fun-night was a blast! Dancing was great fun. Pat Gildea had everyone beat with her non-stop dancing. It was nice to socialize with delegates from Kansas and New Mexico. The need for delegates to attend the Convention is crucial. It makes a difference in the voting and who wins the elections.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM OMAHA — CONTINUED

SUBMITTED BY: DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

PATTY ONDASH, COURT WASHINGTON #1651, WASHINGTON

The Pennsylvania delegation did a wonderful job. One of our ladies fell and got a black and blue eye. Thank God she was okay.

SISTER MARY PAUL AND MARGARET T. GIORDANO, STATE TREASURER, COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1023

We had a wonderful time and took lots of pictures. We are going to make a power point presentation about our trip to Omaha.

SHIRLEY HALL, STATE SECRETARY

CDA members attending National Convention for the first time were called “first timers.” That was me. We were given “first timer” badges so “old timers” could help us along. There was even a workshop to tell us how to find our way around and to have fun.

However, I was already having fun when I walked into the Convention hall for the first time, where approximately 700 delegates, alternates and guests would be seated. I was truly taken back by the vastness of the room, tables, state signs, (like our political conventions), etc. To add to this, music, *Hail Mary Gentle, Woman*, was playing in the background, in preparation for the Adoration and Benediction which would serve as the opening for the 54th Biennial National Convention. The opening procession, you know we do everything with pomp and circumstance, included the National Degree Team; our National Officers dressed in white with purple jackets; and, the priests attending followed by the National Chaplain, Fr. Ed Lamb carrying the Blessed Sacrament. I was touched deeply by this sight; the solemnity of all in attendance; and, the fact the spirituality of CDA would be ever present. This was a very moving moment, as I began my first journey into the workings of a National Convention.

Meeting new people, especially a lady from Massachusetts who has connections in my home parish in Tyrone; having the opportunity to get to know the women from Pennsylvania better; seeing young ladies voicing their opinions; and, participating in the professionalism with which the business part of the convention was handled made this whole trip a memorable experience, for which I feel truly blessed.



WONDERFUL AWARDS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Pennsylvania won four awards at the National Convention.

COURT OUR LADY OF VICTORY #588, MOUNT CARMEL, won first place for receiving 39 new members into a Court with 31-50 members.

COURT PATRICIA #998, KITTANNING, won a first place ribbon for their local Newsletter in Category II (101-200 members,) Division II (4-9 issues per year.)

OUR STATE NEWSLETTER received a third place ribbon in Category II (more than 100 but less than 1,000 copies per issue,) Division I (4 or more issues per year.)

KRZYSZTOF WASIELEWSKI, ENTRY FROM COURT SHARON #507, Sharon, won third place for Photography, Division III, grades 9 through 12.

Congratulations to all who spent much time and talent preparing these entries.

Besides the above, I would like you to know that Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the Order in number of members (4,381); fourth in the number of Courts (80); and, third in the amount donated to the National Projects and Charities (\$22,962.05.) Keep up the great works, ladies! Unfortunately, we were first in the number of Courts disbanded in the past two years (11.) We are hoping that this has turned around now and at the next convention, we won't have any disbanded courts!



COURT NEWS

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK
STATE REGENT

I am very happy to report that no Courts were disbanded during the past three months. We do have one Court on reprieve and several Courts without a full slate of officers. A membership drive is in progress for the Court on reprieve, but the outcome doesn't look good since there is only one parish in the community. We should do our best to attract new women into becoming members. We are hoping that members will step up soon for the Courts without a full slate of officers. If a Court does not have a full slate by December 31, 2012 they could be disbanded. We pray that everyone will do what is best for the Court.

MOCK MEETING

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK
STATE REGENT

Ever wonder how to set your Court room up according to the Tools of the Trade? Join us at our Mock Meeting to see the right way to place your officers at the head table and to run your meeting. Would you be interested in participating in the meeting? We are looking for eager, enthusiastic members who would like to take part in this fun meeting. We will give you a script to follow and even highlight your speaking part. Come one, come all to the Mock Meeting of the Year! Contact State Regent Margaret to get hired for this exciting job.



2012 STATE EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS

SUBMITTED BY: E. JANE MCKENNA, STATE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Division I – Grade 4-5
Division II – Grades 6-7-8
Division III – Grades 9-12
Division IV – Adult CDA Members

ART – DIVISION I

First Place: Anthony Bevevino; Court Saint Bernard #339
Second Place: Valarie Hood; Court Lambing #314
Third Place: Erika Goss; Court Doyle #932

ART – DIVISION II

First Place: Julia Nagle; Court Queen of Peace #1023
Second Place: Barto Ferrara; Court Monessen #776
Third Place: Sarah O'Brien; Court Mystical Rose #2628

ART – DIVISION III

First Place: Marina Wareham; Court Sharon #507
Second Place: None; None
Third Place: Hannah Stiller; Court Saint Thomas #1483

ART – DIVISION IV

No Entries

POETRY – DIVISION I

First Place: Gillian McComeskey; Court Saint Dominic #2222
Second Place: Halle Saf; Court Callistus #66
Third Place: Elizabeth White; Court Saint Mark #1097

POETRY – DIVISION II

First Place: Isabelle Schroeder; Court New Kensington #860
Second Place: Jessica Baker; Court Saint Dominic #2222
Third Place: Kilian Dunphy; Court Queen of Peace #1023

POETRY – DIVISION III

First Place: Megan Joseph; Court Easton #358
Second Place: Jonathan Hudson; Court Sharon #507
Third Place: None; None

POETRY – DIVISION IV

First Place: Antoinette DeAngelis; Court Sharon #507
Second Place: Sabina Fiala; Court Saint Bernard #339
Third Place: Patricia DeTtore; Court Saint Theresa #562

ESSAY – DIVISION I

First Place: Madison Phillips; Court New Kensington #860
Second Place: Chelsey Streich; Court Doyle #932
Third Place: Gabriella Spadaforce; Court Saint Bernard #339

ESSAY – DIVISION II

First Place: Gianna Vitelli; Court Queen of Peace #1023
Second Place: Shelby Guckert; Court Bellevue #655
Third Place: Julia Rayburg; Court New Kensington #860

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2012 STATE EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS — CONTINUED

SUBMITTED BY: E. JANE MCKENNA, STATE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

ESSAY – DIVISION III

First Place: Angelica Kaszowski; Court Sharon #507
Second Place: Haley Krug; Court Ebsenburg #680
Third Place: Ann Marie DeCarolus; Court Queen of Peace #1023

COMPUTER ART – DIVISION I

First Place: Maggie Heller; Court Queen of Peace #1023
Second Place: Ryan Dixon; Court Saint Bernard #339
Third Place: Kennedy Moody; Court Saint Mark #1097

COMPUTER ART – DIVISION II

First Place: Neela DeLillia; Court Queen of Peace #1023
Second Place: Taylor M. Dziekeisasz; Court Saint Thomas #1483
Third Place: Michael Elder; Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755

COMPUTER ART – DIVISION III

First Place: Clarice Orteza; Court Saint Theresa #562
Second Place: None; None
Third Place: None; None

COMPUTER ART – DIVISION IV

First Place: Christina Bell; Court Saint Theresa #562
Second Place: None; None
Third Place: None; None

MUSIC – DIVISION I

No Entries

MUSIC – DIVISION II

First Place: Kyle D’Alessia; Court Monessen #776
Second Place: Cassie Coleman; Court Joan of Arc #716
Third Place: None; None

MUSIC – DIVISION III

No Entries

MUSIC – DIVISION IV

No Entries

PHOTOGRAPHY – DIVISION I

No Entries

PHOTOGRAPHY – DIVISION II

First Place: Madison Baker; Court Prince Gallitzin #2625
Second Place: Dean Guiliano; Court Saint Dominic #2222
Third Place: Sabrina Hamiti; Court Mystical Rose #2628

PHOTOGRAPHY – DIVISION III

First Place: Krzysztof Wasielewski; Court Sharon #507
Second Place: Alexis R. McConnell; Court Saint Theresa #562
Third Place: Krzysztof Wasielewski; Court Sharon #507

PHOTOGRAPHY – DIVISION IV

First Place: Peggy Guckin; Court Rose Cecilia #1641
Second Place: Mary Ann Galonski; Court Patricia #998
Third Place: Marianne Warner; Court Saint Thomas #1483

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK
STATE REGENT

From Seminar held by Olga Samaniego, National Chairman and Father Edward Lamp, National Chaplain

The Spiritual Enhancement Chairman is to *educate* our members (to seek God daily); be involved in *liturgies* (giving back to God what God gave to us); and, developing our *spirituality* (our personal relationship with God).

When your Court needs a Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, instead of asking who would like to do it, ask if anyone has an idea who would be a good Chair. Your youngest members have new ideas and your older members have history in the Court. Together, their ideas should come up with a person who will fulfill the spiritual needs of your Court. The job description of this leader includes someone who can: lead opening and closing prayers; organize prayer services (memorials, thanksgiving, Marian); plan retreats; and, be a spiritual speaker. She is: respected; prayerful; wants to bring the Court together; and, provides opportunities to find God.

Your Chair could pray over a new committee before new a project starts; use scripture in services; work closely with your Chaplain or priest to understand why we were created (to know, love, and serve God.) She would help with fundraisers to do the work that God calls us to do (our charities.) Remind people to watch not what you do but how you do it. Remind people that the outcome of the project is up to God (whether it is the result we would like or not) after we have done our work. She would help us to know each other better; support those who are hurting (from a death or health issue); check why a member was not at the meeting; and, should foster positive attitudes. Negativity can shut a Court down and is contagious; your Spiritual Enhancement could encourage positive thoughts.

Fr. Roy Oggero, CSB says, “We do good because of our faith in God, not because we are an organization of do gooders.”



ITEMS TO PURCHASE

The following items are available to your Court members to purchase. Postage will be added to your bill, when your order is shipped.

ITEM	IMAGE	COST
<p>PENS Catholic Daughters of the Americas 1911 – 2011</p>		\$1.25
<p>MAGNETS 5 1/2" Round Celebrating our 100 Years. This is impressive looking on the back of our cars.</p>		\$5.00
<p>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.</p>		\$2.00
<p>YELLOW T-SHIRT Sizes: Large, XLG, XXLG. Very comfortable; nice to be able to identify other members from Pennsylvania when traveling.</p>		\$20.00
<p>LOCAL COURT OFFICER ROBES We have used robes in good condition for the Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer.</p>		\$20.00
<p>Banners We have used banners available.</p>		\$20.00
<p>Gavels We have used gavels available.</p>		\$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.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and "them" anyway.



2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION
SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK, STATE REGENT

We are still being considered as the site for the 2016 National Convention. After the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, National Officers will make a visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We will let you know when an official decision has been made.

We will run a Ten Week Ticket Raffle in September, as we did last year, to increase our funds for this event.

SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD!
SUBMITTED BY: PEG RAFFERTY, SECOND VICE STATE REGENT

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Plans for a State Choir for our 2013 State Convention are being developed. The Committee consists of myself, Peg Rafferty; State Cantor, Johanna Leonard; Regent, Mary Catherine Wydra; and, State Organist, Rosemarie Faller. Any Pennsylvania Catholic Daughter member interested in being a part of the choir, is encouraged to come and meet us at the September 2012 State Workshop in State College, for a briefing on songs to be sung at the 2013 State Convention. Also, let me know if you are a Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass. If you don't know, we will decide at the State Workshop. If you're unable to attend the State Workshop, please contact me. See the cover page for contact information. We're looking forward to raising the rafters and making a joyful sound unto the Lord.

*“Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love.”*
— Mother Teresa



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*“Live simply
so others may
simply live.”*
— Mother Teresa