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Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Message from Peggy Guckin State Regent

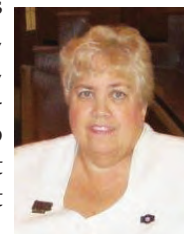
Dear Members,

On behalf of the state officers and members, I would like to thank Father Grimme for his dedicated time and service over the past two years as State Chaplain. I welcome Father Timothy O'Sullivan from Levittown, Pennsylvania.

It has been a busy summer. The State Board met May 30 – June 1. On Sunday, June 1, we had our first official duty as state officers by attending the 60th Anniversary of Court Rose Cecilia #1641, my home court. It was a pleasure to introduce my fellow state officers to my members and the members across the city.

In July, all the state officers attended the State Officers Conference at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, Illinois. Every morning and evening, we prayed together, whether it was Mass or Benediction. On Friday morning, we had early Mass and breakfast and then we boarded buses for a pilgrimage and toured three churches. On returning back to the bus after visiting each church, we had a prayer service. On Saturday morning, we celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick. It was beautiful as the priest went around to all the members and anointed us.

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of two of our Past State Chaplains Msgr. John R. Snyder and Bishop Anthony G. Bosco. Msgr. Snyder served as State Clergy Consultant 1976-1980 under State Regent, Rose Morgan. Bishop Bosco was no stranger to Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters. He served as State Chaplain from 1988-1992 under State Regent, Marie Davoli, and again, as Bishop Emeritus in 2005-2007 under State Regent, Letty Calvetti. What an honor for Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, especially the Greensburg Diocesan members, to be asked to be Honor Guard for the viewing of Bishop Bosco. This is the first time an honor guard was done in the diocese, and I hope to see it continue with a death of a CDA member.



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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.

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Message from State Secretary

As your new state secretary, I want to first say "thank-you" to Immediate Past State Regent Margaret Novak for all her hard work and loyalty to our organization. She had dedicated many years of service on the state board, and I know her devotedness to the mission of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas yet continues. Unity and Charity!

Next, I am grateful to the other members of the current board, Peggy, Peg, and Shirley—who continue to mentor me in my new role as State Secretary—and Lisa, who is now taking on my previous responsibilities. Communication is key, and I believe we all are gifted with the skills we need to communicate effectively to one another to make this the best board yet. All our strengths blended together seem to form a bond that is uniquely cemented for the stick-to-it-tiveness necessary for success. Unity and Charity!

Finally, I am appreciative of all of you, the members of the Pennsylvania State Court, who have given me this opportunity to serve as your new state secretary. As State Secretary, I aim to perform all my duties effectively and efficiently. Therefore, I also ask for your continued prayers, as all I do can be achieved not on my own, but "through Him, with Him, and in Him." Be assured that each of you, your courts, members and intentions are in my prayers, too. We are in this together. I look forward to visiting many of you at meetings, financial reviews, events and court celebrations, as well as the 2014 State Workshop and 2015 State Convention during these next two years. Unity and Charity!

May Mary, our patroness, always fill your heart with a kind and gentle spirit like hers! May God be with you and yours always and forever!

Margaret T. Giordano

Education Contest

I am pleased to accept the position of chairperson for the 2013-2015 Education Contest and thank State Regent, Peggy Guckin, for the opportunity. After hearing the previous chair, Jane McKenna, speaking of her experience, I am excited and anxious to see all the entries that will be coming my way. I hope that many courts will be able to participate.

Remember, the contest is open to all students, not just those in Catholic schools or those in your local parishes. I encourage you to reach out to all the Catholic, public, private and charter schools in your area. Don't forget the CCD students! The themes for the next contest are: **Jesus Loves Us. How Do We Spread that Love?** and **How Do I Promote Peace in the World?**

Education guidelines will be in your National Quarterly which will be out in September. Please go over them carefully because there are changes in the guidelines. In the meantime, get a court chairperson or committee, if you don't already have one. Contact school principals and directors of religious education and explain the contest. You can also advertise the contest in local papers and church bulletins and announce your winners the same way. If you have never participated in the Education Contest before, start slowly. You do not have to offer all the categories. Perhaps, just start with the essays and art categories to get your feet in the water. Pay attention to the rules and requirements; I am here to answer any questions that arise. I wish you all success in your local contests. God bless you.

Tina Dambach, State Education Chairman

I would like to first thank our State Regent, Peggy Guckin, for giving me the opportunity to write a message to all of you. I enjoyed being Pennsylvania State Education Chairman. The children who have entered our past education contest were superb. All entries should have received an award. Honestly, when you consider their ages and what they enter, they are really excellent. I was thrilled to hear Pennsylvania had several winners in the National contest. What an honor for our state. I hope all the courts will continue to enter the educational contest—you can't go wrong. If you have no school to draw from, consider the members of your court. Good luck and God bless the Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania. Sincerely and Fraternally, Jane McKenna



The Pontifical North American College in Rome

This college was founded by Pope Pius IX in 1859 so that there

would be a national seminary in Rome for the formation of candidates from the United States stressing the unique lessons to be learned there: the universality of the Church, the traditions of the faith and the ministry of the successor of St. Peter.

American seminarians are nominated by their Bishops to go to Rome to study for their priestly ministry. The college also provides a residence in Rome for English-speaking priests pursuing graduate studies at Roman universities. There are approximately 400 seminarians and priests studying there now.

Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters supports our seminarians at the College by asking for special spiritual intentions to be prayed at Mass on the third Sunday of each month at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, in Altoona.

If you need request cards, contact **Margaret Novak, IPSR, 1187 Oak Grove Rd., Breezewood, PA 15533, cdamargaret@gmail.com, 814-735-3386**. You may send a personal check for whatever donation you wish to make. All donations go to the seminarians. Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

Power of the Keys

Are you familiar with the "Power of the Keys?" This is the authority of the Pope in ecclesiastical matters vested in him as a successor of Saint Peter.

Aside from the "Power of the Keys," there is a lot to be said about keys in general. Each key is unique, and can open locks to allow access to your home, office, car, safe deposit box and so much more. This small metal object can start a powerful engine. We'd be lost without our keys, and become frantic when we lose them. We care so much for them; we decorate them with little trinkets on our key chains.

As Quality of Life Chairperson, I like to think of each individual Catholic Daughter as a key. Each of us is unique, and each one of us can act as a key to unlock another person's loneliness, sorrow or problem and brighten their day. We are a small instrument in the big picture of life, but our small acts of kindness make a powerful impact on the people around us.

So whether you are a small suitcase key visiting the sick and elderly or you are a master key organizing food collections and fundraisers, you are a very important key that fits a particular quality of life lock. Don't become the forgotten key in the junk drawer that no one knows what lock it fits. Stay shiny and use your power every day to make another person's day brighter. We are the "Power of Catholic Daughter Keys."

Mary Catherine Wydra, State Quality of Life Chairman

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: _____

The CDA Olympic Torch

It seems to me that our State Regent, Peggy Guckin, is one who sees the light of CDA, catches the spark and passes it on. I experience her as the 'torch bearer' in the beginning ceremony of the Olympics. She holds the CDA flame and in turn, passes on the spark to many others including myself as Spiritual Enhancement Chairperson.

Since I am new to this position, I recalled previous "CDA Olympics." Two names, glowing with the fire of their dedication as PA State Spiritual Enhancement Chairpersons, came to my mind. Mary Moreau studied and initiated a new depth of CDA spirituality while Mary Anne Galonski implemented them further so the spark could be handed on to me.

Who am I? Sr. Mary Paul, DM

What do I do? I'm a woman of many hats: I teach spirituality to adults, I am part of the staff at our motherhouse, and I do lots more.

What religious order do I belong to? The Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy (DM). We were founded by St. Mary Joseph Rossello (SMJR).

How many years was I a CDA member? 10 +

Do I want to pass it on? From the bottom of my heart—YES!

Sr. Mary Paul, DM, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman



After Mary has heaped her favors upon her children and faithful servants, and has obtained for them the blessing of the heavenly Father and union with Jesus Christ, she preserves them in Jesus and Jesus in them.

~ St. Louis Mary de Montfort ~



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*"I am the vine,
you are the branches" ~ John 15:5*

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Worthy State Regent and Dear Peggy:

It is with gratitude and thanks that we acknowledge your very generous checks designated for the National Projects:

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It is with much pride that we ask you to extend our sincerest gratitude to the Catholic Daughters in the State of Pennsylvania for their unselfish generosity and caring. You are all a credit to our wonderful organization and a great help to us in continuing this much-needed support.

With regard,

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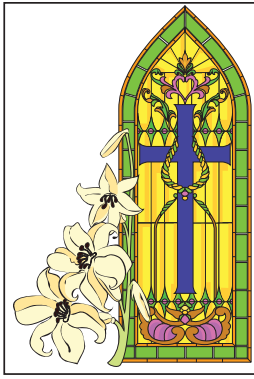
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Outgoing Message

Fr. D. Timothy Grimme, Past State Chaplain

It was a wonderful two years, with State Regent Margaret Novak. I attended the National Catholic Daughters Convention in Omaha, Nebraska and the Catholic Daughters State Convention in State College, Pennsylvania. Both were exciting events in which to see the workings of this wonderful organization of Catholic women.

At the National Convention, I met with chaplains of various states and shared experiences with them. I celebrated Mass with them. And I won one-third of a 50-50 drawing. The conclusion of most chaplains is to keep encouraging membership and activities within the courts.

At the State Convention, Mass was celebrated with Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. But then, personally, I took part in various Masses, including the impressive Installation Mass. Again the camaraderie among priests present was a way for us to share ideas and experiences. The friendship and fellowship of the Catholic Daughters membership creates ties that will bind courts and members of courts for years to come.

My closing thought is “keep in touch with each other” not only in your courts but beyond them. Dare to be active and take initiative. Working together, both within a court and with other courts, will help whatever endeavor you choose work out successfully with God’s help.

My blessings and prayers go with you as I reengage with the activities of my local court. ♦

Introducing State Chaplain, Rev. Timothy F. O’Sullivan

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

Greetings from Levittown, Pennsylvania! (*Located in Bristol Township in lower Bucks County in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*) In late May of this year, at the request of Peggy Guckin, Pennsylvania State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, appointed me as State Chaplain to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. I am delighted to join with you as we continue to carry out the work of the Lord throughout our Commonwealth.

By way of introduction, I was ordained a priest by the late Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua in Philadelphia on May 21, 1994. In my nineteen-plus years of priestly ministry, I have been stationed at Holy Innocents Parish (*in Philadelphia*), Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (*in Morton, Delaware County*), Saint Monica Parish (*in Philadelphia*), Saint Dominic Parish (*in Philadelphia*), Saint Ephrem Parish (*in Bensalem, Bucks County*) and Immaculate Conception Parish (*in Levittown, Bucks County*) where I currently serve as Pastor.

I had the opportunity to witness first-hand the good works of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in three of my assignments: Holy Innocents Parish, Saint Dominic Parish and Saint Ephrem Parish.

Last October, as you may recall, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI announced a “YEAR OF FAITH” which continues through this coming November when we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24, 2013. In his Apostolic Letter, “*Porta Fidei*” (which literally translates as “*Door of Faith*”) Pope Benedict reminded us, “*Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord’s invitation to adhere to His word and become His disciples.*”

I cannot help but think that these words which announced the “YEAR OF FAITH” are also very true in regard to the works of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas! Like so many of the wonderful Catholic organizations in our Church, the Catholic Daughters of the America exist to help the Church in her mission to carry out the gospel message. In so many of the activities that our Catholic Daughters of the Americas carry out on parish and Court levels, you truly allow the faith you love to radiate in your actions and activities.

As we welcome these last months of our “YEAR OF FAITH,” may we never lose sight of why we do what we do—whether we are a parish, a family, individuals or a CDA Court—and for whom we carry out our evangelization efforts!

Over these next few months, I invite all of us, perhaps as a Court spiritual exercise, or simply as committed Catholics, to:

+Reflect on the gift of faith you first received in Baptism and which you nurture through participating in the life of the Church.

+Deepen your knowledge and understanding of the beauty of the teachings of our Catholic faith.

+Read, reflect and pray with the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptures are an intimate account of the way God has blessed His people. By virtue of your Baptism you ARE a member of His people.

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The Rosary Points Us to the Mysteries

By Fr. Richard Veras

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established by Pope Saint Pius V in 1573 to give thanks for a critical victory won by Christians in the Battle of Lepanto. That God's intervention in a pivotal moment, when the Church was threatened with hostile forces, is attributed to this simple prayer recalls for me the pivotal role that the rosary has played in my own life and in the lives of many devotees I have had the grace to know.

In my high school and college years, I can say that the rosary kept me Catholic. My fourth-grade teacher, Sister Callista, prayed a decade every day with my class. This must have made an impression on me, because when I later went to public high school and had a desire to somehow keep God in my life, I took to praying the rosary every day. Sister Callista's impression was a bit faded, because I had forgotten about the mysteries of the rosary. I would just say my Our Fathers and Hail Marys each night without meditating on any mystery.

Mary and the truth

In college I met some Catholic students who met to pray the rosary once a week. It was then that I was reminded of the mysteries, and became a bit concerned as to whether all my high school rosaries "counted." In hindsight, I recognized that Our Lady used those rosaries to draw me closer to her Son through her motherly love. For in my college, the fundamentalist Christian influence on campus was very strong and quite anti-Catholic. When these students would assault my Catholicism with their prefab scriptural arguments, I was often brought up short and might have succumbed to their efforts to get me out of what they called the "whore of Babylon." What stopped me? When I discovered that they didn't pray the rosary. Worse still, they scoffed at Catholics' devotion to Mary. At that point, their lack of love for Mary convinced me that they were not following the fullness of truth, regardless of their arguments. Mary was there for me in a pivotal moment of my religious and human development.

A bond forged

I have noticed that I am not alone among those that Mary has protected and preserved for her Son. When I speak to others who survived the secular forces of growing up, I frequently find that somehow the rosary has been in their background. There are three families I know, one from New York, one from New England and one from California. All three are large and all of the grown children in the families continue to live their faith in a very lively way. Many have had the grace to meet lay movements in the Church which have enabled them to recognize Christ as an active presence in their lives. All of these families prayed a family rosary with regularity, whether nightly or weekly or on long car rides. Many of them did not particularly like praying the rosary as children. One friend recalls dreading it when, during a long ride, one of his parents would recommend the prayer. As partial as their younger devotion was, it still seems to have forged a bond with Our Lady which never allowed them to stray too far from her Son.

Fostering a relationship

What is it about the rosary? Perhaps it is the fact that Christ is seen in relationship to his mother who loves him with such a human love. Through Mary, it is impossible to reduce Jesus to a mere religious icon or to an abstract God. You pray to Jesus in a personal, intimate way because you see him from the human and intimate point of view of his mother. In later years, when Christ himself or his Church is mocked or insulted, somehow the insults don't ring true, they don't take root. Because on some level, you know Jesus as a real person who is somehow familiar. Even if the rosaries were not prayed with perfect knowledge or devotion, they still fostered a relationship and a knowledge of Christ that stands against whatever fashionable opinions are circulating in the current climate.

I still pray a rosary every day. And I have to admit that sometimes I just don't feel like it, but I am convinced that this mysterious prayer continues to deepen my bonds with our Lord and continues to keep me praying to the person of Jesus who became flesh in Mary's womb, and not to the current abstract interpretation of him that might be circulating in my head which continues to be bombarded by the secular and hostile forces of our culture.

The rosary points us to the Mysteries of the life of Christ, and it is itself an efficacious mystery of Jesus' and Mary's love for us.

Father Richard Veras is the pastor of the Church of St. Rita in Staten Island, NY. He is the author of Jesus of Israel: Finding Christ in the Old Testament and a regular contributor to Magnificat.



In July, the Diocese of Greensburg called the Greensburg Diocese Chairman of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and requested us to stand as Honor Guard for The Rev. Bishop Emeritis Anthony G. Bosco for his funeral on July 10, 2013.

There were three women who stood. Standing to the left of the Bishop was Amy Henigin, Court St. Theresa #562, Blairsville. To the right is Elanor Chodelka, Court New Kensington #860, New Kensington. Not pictured was Georgeanne Beresnyak, Court St. Francis #1726, Yatesboro.

We stood with honor for 90 minutes prior to the funeral services. Many bishops and lay people commented on how well we presented ourselves that morning—such an honor for the three of us.

Georgeanne Beresnyak, Greensburg Diocesan Chairman

Catholic Daughters Serve as Honor Guard



Junior CDA / Youth

Every Catholic Daughters of the Americas court should find some way to become involved in a youth activity. One activity could be a Junior CDA. However, if your court is not able to organize a Junior Court to meet monthly, there are many other options in order to fulfill the goals of the youth program.

The goals of the youth program are:

- ♦ To promote personal and spiritual growth
- ♦ To promote opportunities for youth to experience service to others
- ♦ To develop an awareness and appreciation of diversity

Any of these goals can be met through a variety of activities. The National CDA encourages courts to participate in the Education Contests. If your court does this, how do you present the awards? You could have a special meeting (a breakfast, an ice cream social, etc.) or you could invite the winners and their parents to your meeting.

Does your court have activities for graduating high school seniors or for your First Communion recipients?

Here is another opportunity to work with the youth of your parish. You could provide a scholarship or an award to encourage academic achievement.

How can you involve the youth of your parish in service to others? Toy drives, food collections and other ways to help the needy can be established in your schools or CCD programs to emphasize the needs of those less fortunate.

Some type of recycling program will develop awareness of our environment and the need to preserve our resources.

Can you develop an awareness of the diversity found in our world? Sharing ethnic traditions and foods—especially around the holidays—can help perpetuate the rich heritage found in our nation. Special needs people, nursing homes and Women's History or Black History all provide opportunities to develop programs dealing with diversity.

Does your court have to address all of the goals of the youth program? Of course not. The *Tools of the Trade* provides suggestions on types of programs that can be

organized to respond to the needs of today's youth. Each court and each community is different. Use the *Tools* to guide your court and the creativity of your members to develop programs unique to you.

Dolores Croyle, State JCDA/Youth Chairman

Getting the Story Straight

Welcome to the page of the media transformer, the printer of the news of the CDA of Pennsylvania. I wish to bring before you a number of items that may help you get your news available to your members. So, here goes. Collect the story, write the story—then after writing the story, send the story to your readers.

Sounds simple, but you never know where it will take you. You must ask the questions that give you the answers to the questions. When you get the answers, you write them as accurately as you can and so the story takes shape. It is very simple and easy to do, but you must keep it honest and let the story unfold, let it be true. If you have that in mind, your ability to transfer the interview into reality should be true. I take this opportunity to greet you, and I hope you will have many stories to share with me in the months ahead.

Letty Calvetti, State Leadership Chairman

55th Biennial National Convention

Although 2014 seems far in the future, the time will pass quickly. 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. The theme for National Regent Anne Nelson's term will be "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5). May the fruit of your good works, bring justice and peace to all of God's people. Can we count on you!?

Learning Catholic Daughters of the Americas

This spring I so looked forward to attending State Conventions in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Vermont (Connecticut was the same weekend as Pennsylvania) to "Learn Catholic Daughters of the Americas." Yes, we all have the same Bylaws and Circle of Love program under the banner of UNITY and CHARITY, but we all have our uniqueness in attaining our Catholic Daughter goals.

Instead of attending conventions, I spent the time either in the hospital or at home recovering from surgery. During this time, I "Learned Catholic Daughters."

I learned that being a member of the Catholic Daughters was not doing only for others, but remembering and doing for each other. I was encircled with prayers, get well wishes, and happy thoughts from Catholic Daughters from everywhere! Through these many greetings I have met so many wonderful Daughters. To the Daughters of Pennsylvania, I thank you for your prayers and get well wishes. God heard them as I am doing well.

Congratulations to the 2013-2015 State Officers. I offer you this prayer:

Leading the Way

Lord, inspire the officers today
with the qualities of good leadership.
Give them insight to make wise decisions,
integrity to face the truth,
courage to make difficult choices,
and compassion for the needs of others.
Make them a model of justice and honor to the world,
and let them never forget that their job is to serve,
both you and others. Amen.

Arline Rich, National Director



Philadelphia Diocesan Committee

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and Tina Dambach, Secretary*



Above all others is the holiness of the Virgin Mary.

~ St. Vincent Ferrer ~

Message from State Regent

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One of the courts received fifteen (15) new members. Keep up the good work in increasing your membership and remember to give the new members a job.

In looking over the Financial Reviews that I have received, there are many courts that have not given any donations to our National Charities. As I finish this message, I have just received, from Margaret Novak, the packet containing the financial report. The donation form shows 16 courts that have not given to any National or State Charity. We all belong to a National Organization—this is what makes us unique. So we must all do our part to show that we belong and to donate to the various charities. On page 4 of this newsletter you will see the amounts that were donated by the courts to the various National Projects and Charities.

National Has New Brochure #167

Unity and Charity lists six National Projects and ten National Charities. It also contains a brief history of our donations. One of our National Charities is now known as Missionaries of Charity, formerly known as Mother Teresa. Our donation form was updated in July 2013 with these changes and can be found on our web site: www.cdapa.com under "forms." If you do not have a computer, you may contact our State Secretary Margaret Giordano.

2013 National Education Contest Winners

The 2013 contest winners were presented at the State Officers Conference this past July at Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. It was a great pleasure as I received these awards on your behalf. Regents, please be sure that your treasurers deposit the checks as soon as possible and to take care of the students. Congratulations to the following:

Computer Art Div. 3
1st Place Colleen Malley
Ct. St. Rene #1868

Computer Art Div. 4
1st Place Christina F. Bell
Ct. St. Theresa #562

Poetry Div. 4
2nd Place Kathleen Byron
Ct. Monessen #776

Photography Div. 3
3rd Place Lanie O'Brien
Ct. Sharon #507

Thank you to these winners and all our State winners and to all the students who shared their imaginations and their talents with us. You are all winners in our hearts. Continue to grow and to share your talents.

Also, I would like to thank the courts who offer the contest to the students. This is a great way for students to get involved and to grow and to learn to share their talents. Keep up the good work.

2013 Newsletter Contest

Once again, our own **Court Patricia #998 from Kittanning takes 1st Place in Category 11 Division 11!** Congratulations to Mary Ann Badura, Regent. I challenge all the courts to submit their newsletters in 2014.

On behalf of Margaret Novak, Immediate Past State Regent and your State Officers, we would like to thank all of our ladies who have served as District Deputies and State Chairmen. Your time and dedication to CDA was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Margaret who agreed to send out the 10-week tickets. To all those who brought a ticket, we wish you luck, and on behalf of our "Convention Fund," we thank you.

Margaret will be sending out the Winter 10-week tickets in October which will benefit our treasury.

The State Officers would like to thank all the regents who meet deadlines. It makes things easier for those who are in charge of finalizing the project. This is important on all levels—COURT, STATE AND NATIONAL.

Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Rev. Timothy F. O'Sullivan, State Chaplain

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+Continue to nourish and strengthen your faith through the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments regularly.

+Open the "Door of Faith" to others. We do this in many different ways. However, the best way to invite people to learn more about our Catholic faith is to be a 'living advertisement' for our faith.

+Make a pilgrimage to a holy place. (Each of the Dioceses across our state has designated Churches and Shrines as "YEAR OF FAITH" pilgrimage destinations.)

+Give thanks to God that He has called you to be His own and has blessed you and your family in so many ways!

May the Lord continue to bless all our efforts offered in His name, and may His Mother, Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our nation, watch over us and intercede for us!

Mary Immaculate, pray for us!

Rev. Timothy F. O'Sullivan, State Chaplain of CDA



Membership

The State Membership Team has met or will soon be meeting with the District Deputies of each diocese. The District Deputies are to be an integral part of the Membership Team in their respective dioceses and are to work with the Diocesan Membership Team in ensuring that membership drives are held at least annually in each court.

Each court is responsible for holding a membership drive at least once a year using the Diocesan Membership Team as support. Local courts are to report to the diocesan membership team the date(s) and times of their planned membership drives. A report detailing the outcome of the membership drives will ensure that each court is actively working on recruiting new, active members.

An example of the types of information to put in the report include how many local churches were included in the membership drive, how many women signed up to inquire further about the CDA, the date of the planned "Tea" for potential members, and the outcome of the "Tea." Also include how many court members participated. Holding the membership drive at the same time each year will help to make certain its success. The court will know to plan for it in its yearly budget as well as potential members will, in time, know that the CDA is having its membership drive. (They may very well get "sick and tired" of hearing the speech and join out of local court persistence!) As membership in our state has declined each year, it is imperative that we strive to put membership recruiting as a top priority.

National has recently published new and updated brochures for members to use in the recruitment efforts. These can be purchased online through the National website. Also, keep in mind that National awards are presented to courts whose membership increases the most. With fall approaching and the new Education Contest themes being known, use the opportunity to recruit new members (and possibly junior or campus court members).

Let's not hide our light under the basket, but let it shine for all to see! Be proud of the work your courts do and let your court activities be known.

Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent

I hope you all had a good summer, but now it is time to turn our thoughts to Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It is time to think about getting new members in our courts. Some of our courts have decreased in numbers because of ill health; women entering nursing homes or moving in with their children who live a great distance and cannot come to meetings. Sometimes, there are not enough members to take a vote on business. We also should be thinking about the fundraisers we have to do in our courts, and we need plenty of volunteers to do this important work.

September is a good time to start membership drives. The weather is still warm and people are back from vacation. May is also a good month for membership, because the schools are still open and vacations have not started yet. We also can talk to people on our own whenever we meet people we know who might be a good candidate for court.

If you would like me to come to your court and speak at the Masses, I would certainly do that for you, but if you want to do this yourself, that is fine also. I would like a report or a phone call from the courts who want to do this on their own. Please let me know if you have any questions or need information on doing this. Thank you.

Letty Barnes, Diocesan Membership Chairperson for Philadelphia

Mark the Date

The 51st Biennial State Convention will be held at Crowne Plaza Bucks County, 4700 E. Street Rd., Feasterville-Trevoze, Pennsylvania, April 24–27, 2015.

Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to Thy protection,
implored Thy help,
or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, My Mother!
To Thee I come; before Thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful. Oh, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but, in Thy mercy,
hear and answer me. Amen.*

For our new members, or as a reminder to all—a few years ago, National asked us all to say daily the Memorare for an increase in membership. This is our priority and many courts are having membership drives. Your District Deputy and the membership team are willing to help you.

Take time, say three Hail Marys for the end of terrorism.

Membership Contest

Is your court digging in for new members! If so, your Court could win \$500.00 and also your Court will have photos in *Share* magazine. The CDA contest for membership runs from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014. The theme is “I am the vine, you are the branches.” We are looking for 5,000 new members. The award will be given at the 55th Biennial National Convention held in Billings, Montana in July. Will you be there to collect?

Recruitment Posters are available through our National store. Let the women in our area know who we are and why they should join us.

Charity Fundraiser

In the Spring, National sent tickets for the FUN“D” calendar to all the members. Winners are drawn from a website in Dublin, Ireland—www.random.org.

Winners are posted on National’s website: www.catholicdaughters.org. Final drawing will be in Billings, Montana in July. Will you be there?

National has added a new Charity—Misericordia. It is a residential campus for persons with developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. Misericordia offers a continuum of care for each individual to live as independently as possible. Sr. Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M., is the director and she was chosen “Catholic Daughter of the Year” 2012 at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. There was an article about her in *Share* magazine, Fall issue 2012, and in the Spring issue 2013, an article on Misericordia.

Circle of Love Program

Thank you to the ladies who said “yes” and are ready to work as CDA State Chairmen for 2013 - 2015.

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Pittsburgh District Deputies

OOPS! Good friends are like stars...You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. This photo was inadvertently missing from the album of Convention photos in the Summer 2013 CDA *Angelus*. So here you are...Pittsburgh District Deputies: Loretta Forte, Regent, Court Dolores 1675; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent & Regent, Court Washington #1651; Sandra Rhoden, Regent, Court Price #849; Rosanna Mielcarek, then Regent, Court Isabella #959; Peg Rafferty, now 1st Vice State Regent.



May They Rest In Peace

Within a few months, Catholic Daughters of the Americas lost two dedicated priests who “went home to God.” The first was **Monsignor James W. Peterson**, who had been Clergy Consultant and Study-Club Moderator to Court Erie #515 from 1952-1965.

(During this period of time the Court’s Chaplain was Archbishop John Mark Gannon.) At that time, the Court held two meetings a month, one to address the business concerns of the Court, and the other one held as a “social function,” where dinners and study-club topics were discussed. Monsignor Peterson seemed always to make time for these meetings, while teaching English at Gannon College (now university). He became involved with prison ministry and served as Chaplain at the Erie County Prison and also Diocesan Vocations Director.

In 1975 he was named pastor of St. Teresa Parish in Union City, and he founded Maria House, a non-profit corporation which continues to provide small group living for men in need of growth in community for healing from drug and alcohol addiction. Today, there are six houses with 30-35 residents. He also helped to establish the Avila House retreat center in Union City. He was extremely involved in these two projects until his death on May 13, 2013.

He authored several books including “The Leisure of the Holy Spirit,” “More I Could Not Ask,” and “A Sweep of Saint John’s Gospel”—members may be interested in reading his spiritual direction and guidance. Many people within the Erie area looked on him as having “saintly qualities.”

The second priest who passed away was **Monsignor John R. Snyder** on June 22, 2013. Archbishop John Mark Gannon assigned him to study philosophy and theology, and he received his degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University and later pursued graduate work at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Initially, he was assigned as assistant pastor and taught in parish high schools. When St. Mark Seminary opened in 1959, he became a member of the first faculty and still served as an assistant pastor.

In 1975 he was appointed as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he remained for twenty-one years. It was during this time that he became acquainted with Rose Morgan and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Rose Morgan served in the various local offices of Court St. Thomas #1483, and proceeded up the line in State offices to become State Regent from 1976-1980. It was during this time that Msgr. Snyder became the State Clergy Consultant to the Pennsylvania State Board. At that time Bishop Alfred Watson from Erie was the State Chaplain.

When Msgr. Snyder was contacted by this author for information and his picture to enter into the State’s history book, he was delighted to comply with the request. In his final years, he stayed at the Mercy Terrace apartments, and acted as the Sisters of Mercy Chaplain from 2000-2010. In 2010, he resided at the Sisters of Mercy Health Care Center. Whenever you met him at the brunch following Mass on Sundays at the Mercy Chapel, or you stopped and talked with him when the Sisters held their annual June retreats at the Motherhouse, he was always approachable and happy to talk with you. He will be missed by many.

Mary E. May, Regent, Court Erie #515



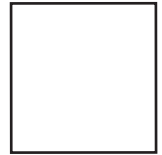
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Court Rose Cecilia #1641 - 60th Anniversary

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