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The Nativity
Federico Barocci (c. 1535-1612)

Message from Peggy Guckin *State Regent*

Dear Members,

Fall has been very busy with anniversaries and the celebration of Catholic Daughter Day.

I received a phone call from one of the counselors at St. Francis University as I was packing to leave for Loretta, PA to meet with Kara and prospective members to form a Campus Court. I was informed that no one showed up for the introductory meeting and to put Campus Court on hold for now. We were all disappointed, but we pray that in the near future it will be a reality.

I certainly enjoyed sharing in court anniversary celebrations: Blessed Madonna #2521 for 10 years, Court Washington #1651 for 60 years, Court Columbia #2 for 110 years and Court St. Joan of Arc #225 for 100 years. It was a pleasure meeting so many members.

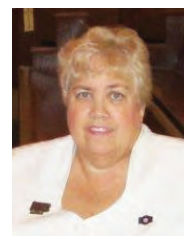
Please read your National preliminary Convention and delegate paperwork. Delegate forms must be returned to National with a copy to me. If you are not sure whether or not a member (s) of the court will be attending, still complete the form and send it. The court will not be held accountable if one does not go. To save paper and postage, the National office will not send the March Convention information to any court from which they do not receive a delegate form. Oops! Some regents might have received a delegate form that states "Omaha" on it. That is okay to use.

Mark your CDA calendars – PA State Workshop for officers and members will be held at the "sweetest place on earth," The Hershey Lodge, October 3-4, 2014 and the State Convention, at Crowne Plaza, Bucks Co., April 24-27, 2015.

Circle of Love Reports - They are on our website, cdapa.com, with the State Chairmen information under "forms" on the tool bar. If you are unable to download, please let me know and I will send the forms to you. Also, any member who would like a copy of the newsletter via email, just let me know.

Merry Christmas!

Peggy Guckin, State Regent



CDA Mission Statement

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

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Message from State Secretary Margaret T. Giordano

As your state secretary, I have found great reward in serving God and doing His great works through the Catholic Daughters of the courts of Pennsylvania. You are truly a gracious and generous people. The more I have contact with each one of you, the more I believe in our Catholic Daughter mission and the more I feel like chanting our motto, "Unity and Charity!"

Our motto—that brings me to share a little story with you. I am an adult education instructor at the CareerLink in Lancaster County. I am primarily a math teacher, but I also teach reading and writing skills and whatever my learners need to achieve their educational goals for college and career readiness.

Just two weeks ago, I was preparing a lesson on clarity and unity in paragraph writing. Clarity and unity sounded like charity and unity to me. I immediately thought of—and I love it—"Unity and Charity." Even at work, I am a Catholic Daughter!

As a little girl, I was truly blessed to be part of a good Catholic family and to grow up in a wholesome environment. It never took very much to make me happy.

In many ways, I guess that is still true today. I am very excited when I go to my mailbox and find envelopes from Catholic Daughters all over the state of Pennsylvania. I love to see all the different stamps, address labels, and sometimes even stickers. I enjoy the little notes I sometimes get and learning the names of the senders and of the cities where all the courts are located. Perhaps just as when I was a little girl, it still doesn't take much to make me happy. I am truly blest to be an officer of the PA CDA!

I always enjoy traveling throughout our beautiful state. Since the summer, I have had the pleasure of traveling to several dioceses for celebrations: the Philadelphia area to attend a diocesan luncheon in honor of State Regent Peggy Guckin, the Altoona-Johnstown area to attend the 10th Anniversary of Court Blessed Madonna #2521

in State College, to the Pittsburgh area to attend Court Washington's 60th Anniversary, and to the Erie diocese for Court Columbia #2's 110th Anniversary in Meadville.

It was wonderful to share in the joy of your celebrations and to say hello to so many faithful members of the Catholic Daughters, not just from the courts who were celebrating, but also so many visiting courts. I have truly witnessed the sisterhood of our organization at these events.

Although as a whole, most of you are remembering, I have a few reminders:

♦ Make checks payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

♦ Include two valid signatures with officer titles on the checks.

♦ Notate on the memo line why the check is written.

♦ If there is no court name or court number at the top left of the check, please include them.

♦ Unless otherwise noted, (10-Week Club ticket monies, for example), all checks are to be mailed to the State Secretary.

♦ Keep this list handy for reference.

Finally, I thank for your continued prayers. Please remember that each of you, your courts, members and intentions are in my prayers, as well.

Thank you all for allowing me this distinctive opportunity to do God's work through the largest Catholic women's organization in the world.

Let us pray in the words of Pope Francis facing the Our Lady of Fatima statue at the culmination of the Marian Day celebration in Rome on October 13, 2013:

"Let us invoke Mary's intercession. May she help us to be open to God's surprises, to be faithful to Him each and every day, and to praise and thank Him, for He is our strength."

*With Love and Prayers,
Margaret Giordano*



*"O Mary, saint of saints,
abyss of charity, you are so dear
to God that He denies you nothing."*

~ author unknown ~



Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

The month of December is one of the most hectic—and joyful—months of the year! As Catholics, we begin this month with the beautiful Liturgical season of Advent: a relatively short period of four weeks where the Church implores us to “ready” ourselves to receive the Lord into our lives anew, when we celebrate His joyous birth on Christmas Day.

We will continue the month making many plans to celebrate with family and friends Christmas Day and the wonderful birth of our Lord Jesus two thousand years ago. Unfortunately, as we continue our Christmas plans, we will, sadly be confronted by a society that is becoming increasingly hostile to Christmas and all it celebrates.

Listen to the evening news and watch your local newspapers and you will hear and read of covert tactics aimed at sterilizing our society of religious references that might “offend” some people. Sadly, these efforts are full-swing in many (if not most) of our public schools where young children are being indoctrinated into embracing a mentality which purges this wonderful season of any reference to the Man whose birth defines this holy season.

Across our country, school districts are sending out memos and dictates warning teachers and parents of the need to be sensitive to those who might be offended by Christian references. In too many places Christmas decorations are sterilized into “holiday” decorations; Christmas concerts are now Winter concerts; stars and Nativity images are forbidden decorations in many public schools; public places are now displaying “holiday” trees, if they are permitted a tree at all; and, store clerks around the country are instructed to only wish their customers a “Happy Holiday”!

As people of faith, this effort to sterilize our society of any God and Christ-related references should greatly alarm each and every one of us!

What can we do? I do think each of us can do something! As individuals and as courts, we can make small (but important) efforts to “recapture” Christmas!

Firstly, make sure your home has a nativity set or scene to remind your visiting family and friends of the reason for this holy season. Secondly, decorate your home for Christmas. While colored lights on your home may not seem like a lot, it reminds all who pass your home that you are celebrating CHRISTmas. Thirdly, whenever you shop during December, whether it is Christmas shopping in the mall, grocery shopping in the supermarket, picking up a cup of coffee at Wawa, or stopping by the local newsstand for a paper, wish everyone a “MERRY CHRISTMAS!” (If it is weeks before the 25th, then offer hopes to them that they have a Merry Christmas.) You can be especially joyful in your tone when a store clerk wishes you a “Happy Holiday.”

While it may be too late this year (and if it is, perhaps you can start to plan for next year), I would encourage each court to speak to your pastor and ask him if he would allow your court to sell (or better yet if your court could afford to purchase and give them away free) “It’s OK to wish me a Merry Christmas!” lapel buttons. (They can be purchased at: www.wmamc.com.) If your court cannot organize this effort this year, please think of ordering a few buttons for yourself and family members and wear it wherever you go during the month of December! I have been giving these buttons away at my parish for the last three years, and each year I run out of them!

Whatever you do to help preserve Christ in Christmas, it will never go unnoticed. Remember the words of the Irish philosopher, Edmund Burke: “There is no easier way for evil to flourish than for good people to sit back and do nothing!”

May this coming year bring to all of us God’s most abundant blessings!

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



Chatter from Courts

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court St. Joan of Arc #225, Ashland, celebrated 100 years of service under our banner of "Unity and Charity" at St. Joseph Church at an 11:00 Mass celebrated by Chaplain and Pastor Father John W. Bambrick followed by lunch at the Country Inn.

Peggy Guckin, State Regent, presented to the court, on behalf of Anne Nelson, National Regent, a plaque in recognition of devotion and faithful service.



Court St. Joan of Arc: Rosanne Mills, Financial Secretary; Mary Cuthie, Recording Secretary; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Arlene Merritt, Regent; Rev. John W. Bambrick; Marie Madden, Vice Regent



Peggy Guckin visiting with Past State Regent Joyce Torpey. It was a good visit reminiscence of old times. Joyce is from the Allentown diocese and is in a nursing home.

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Second Annual Patriotic Rosary

The Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament was the scene of the Second Annual Patriotic Rosary on Saturday afternoon, November 2, 2013. Presiding was The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown.

This special event is held on the weekend before election day to bring together the Catholic community for prayer that public officials will be elected who will uphold our moral values and assure that religious freedom is maintained. Each state, our nation's president, governors, the high courts and all government constituencies are named during the Rosary. Rosary decades are prayed by CDA officers and regents, special readings from early leaders of our nation are presented by elected public officials from PA counties—total of eight.

Beautiful and meaningful hymns to Our Blessed Mother and patriotic songs are interspersed during the rosary decades. A beautiful homily was given by Bishop Bartchak, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the bishop's blessing with the monstrance.

Over 200 people, including CDA robed officers, participated in the special rosary devotion to Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our Nation. Coffee, tea, cake, cookies and munchies were served in the Cathedral main foyer.

Plans are in progress for 2014! The committee is comprised of Chair Mary Ann Benins; Co-Chair Pat Gildea, diocesan officers and state officers in our diocese.



Patriotic Rosary at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

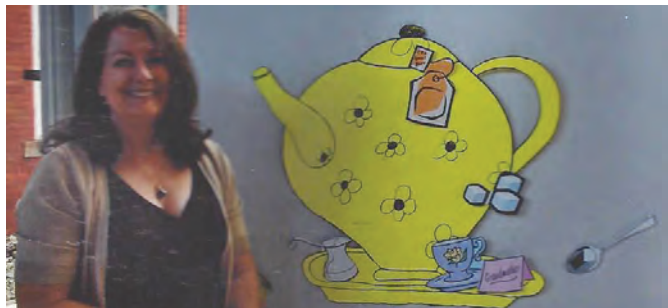
Garden Tea Party Honors Outgoing State Regent Margaret Novak

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan officers and members of its 13 courts recognized the superb efforts, time and actions of Margaret Novak, Seven Dolors Court, in Everett, who had just com-



pleted a two-year term as State Regent. She had been on the Pennsylvania State Court Board for 12 years, having also served as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Second and then First Vice Regent.

Around Our State



Tea, and representations of the tea theme in varied forms, really flowed during that sunny afternoon. A Tea Pot skit with all the accessories, hand-done by Dolores Croyle, was presented by Catholic Daughters. Coming out of another hand-painted tea pot by Danielle Fitch were three teen Chinese maidens doing a Nutcracker scene. Danielle Fitch and Donna Gildea, in period costume, sang joyous songs of the ages for and to Margaret Novak.

A huge pottery Tea Pot, overflowing with tea bags (one brought by each member), was one of the special gifts to Margaret. It was a special occasion for the Diocesan Catholic Daughters to show appreciation and to thank Margaret Novak for all she had done, with great expertise, to keep the PA State Court in the limelight. Host Court Patrick McArdle, Bellefonte, had elegant table decorations and favors. It was great fun for all!



*Induction and reception of new members in Court #1755
Our Lady of the Alleghenies, St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg,
September 22, 2013*



Court Blessed Madonna #2521 celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory Church, State College. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Neil R. Dadey, Pastor, followed by lunch at the Penn Stater.

Attending 10th Anniversary of Court Blessed Madonna #2521 were Letty Calvetti, past 2nd Vice National Regent; Very Rev. Neil R. Dadey, VF, Pastor; Janet Osterling, State Membership Chairman; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; and Pat Gildea, State Parliamentarian.



PA WINNERS OF NATIONAL CHARITY FUND RAISER

August 13, John Bartley, Butler, PA
September 12, Virginia Galway, Brownsville, PA
September 25, Ann Page, West Newton, PA
November 12, Sue Ward, Greeley, PA

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pennsylvania State Board

Sends Christmas Greetings!

You will be remembered in Masses on Christmas Day and every day for the next year at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, Germantown, PA. Behold the Graces I shed upon all those who ask me!



Our Blessed Mother Mary said these words to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830 when she gave her the Miraculous Medal. The Mother of God wants to hear your intentions and needs.

Chatter From Courts

ERIE DIOCESE

Since July 2013, Court Erie #515 has been collecting school items for the House of Mercy, administered by Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM. The children range in age from 6 to 14, and Sr. Michele asked that we make the children "20 birthday bags"—since many of them do not celebrate their birthdays. On National Catholic Daughter Day, the court presented Sr. Michele with the requested 20 birthday bags, along with many school supplies, educational items and toys that will last them throughout the school year, totalling over \$800. We celebrated Mass at the Mercy convent, followed by brunch, and then the 18 Catholic Daughters recited the "glorious" mysteries in the Mercy chapel where the sisters had Eucharistic Adoration for the day. Sr. Michele wrote the following letter, "your gift will increase self-esteem by recognizing the childrens' birthdays with special gifts. So often, disadvantaged youth are not remembered on their birthdays."

The next weekend, on Saturday, October 26th, Court Erie members traveled to Meadville to participate in the celebration of Court Columbia's 110th anniversary, the oldest court in the order. On the next day, Sunday, October 27, the court attended Mass at St. Mark Seminary followed by brunch with the seminarians. The event was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. In the afternoon, the Erie Daughters then took a complete dinner and knitted hats to St. Patrick's Haven for the 23 homeless men who reside there overnight. During the month of October, Court Erie has certainly participated in activities showing our "charity," besides celebrating at our monthly court meeting on October 15th, our 93rd anniversary, indicating our "unity," thereby fulfilling our "unity and charity" motto.

In the meantime, we are recruiting members. From August 2013 to October 2013, we received three new members at our court meetings.

Mary E. May, Regent



Court Erie Celebrated its 93rd Anniversary

Court St. Thomas #1483, Franklin, PA, has been busy. We had a successful Braised Steak Dinner with the help of our local K of C members. It was a great team effort. Our next new and exciting project will be our sponsorship of the movie "Mary of Nazareth" at our local theater on December 8th. This is a new project that was

well researched by our Ways and Means committee; we are hoping not only to see a profit, but more importantly, to offer quality family entertainment during the holiday season. We will also take part in our local Light-Up night by having a bake sale / candy table at the K of C craft show. We will cap off our busy projects with a holiday party in December. The best news we have is that since the end of last year we have a total of eight new members and a few more that are showing interest ~ What a blessing!



Two of Court Erie's newest members: Cindy Srnka, left, Regent Mary E. May, center, and Martha Kaveney, right



The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie, giving a message to Catholic Daughters



Court Columbia #2, Meadville, Celebrated its 110th Anniversary!

More Court Chatter, pages 12-14



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"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

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New Frontier

The National Office has established a new category for competition—the 2014 National Website Contest for Local, Campus, JCDA Courts and State and Territorial Courts.

Information was released in August 2013 with the 2014 Educational

Contest rules and themes. Because this is a “new” area of competition, we request that you notify the State Chairperson, Mary E. May, if you presently have, or intend to set up, by March 1, 2014, a website and submit an entry. We would like the information for planning purposes.

PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 15, 2013.

Further information will be forthcoming after the State Regent and State Chairperson confer.

Send your response to Mary E. May, 957 West Fourth Street, Erie, PA 16507, or e-mail her: focus11@neorr.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mary E. May, State Chairperson, State Website Contest

Hello to all from your State Treasurer!

Well, I am six months into the position, and I feel I am finally settling in. I now have a working home computer and I am able to handle the responsibilities much better. I thank my fellow officers for their guidance and patience with me.

One of the biggest challenges I have faced are the outstanding checks. We, on the state board, are very aware that things get lost in the mail. This can very well be a factor in the outstanding check issue I am facing.

Ladies, if you are one of the lucky winners of the lottery calendar or Ten-Week Clubs, please cash your checks promptly.

You can view on our state website www.cdapa.com listings of all winners. If you see that your court has won—listen during your court’s treasurer’s report that your winning check has been deposited—if not, ask why! I am in the process of contacting those who have outstanding checks. If you have any doubt about a check, please contact me. All officer contact information can be found on page one of our newsletters or on the website.

Another concern I have as your State Treasurer would be that some checks are being received without two (2) court officer’s signatures. Also, please make sure checks are payable to CDA and they are mailed to the correct officer. Understandably, we ask that different fundraisers are to be returned to different officers which can be confusing. An extra moment, as you sign your checks and address your envelopes, will ensure smoother operations on your state level.

Most importantly, I would like to express my thanks to you, Pennsylvania State Catholic Daughters. I am so happy and blessed to be a member with you of the largest

national Catholic women’s organization. I have had the extreme pleasure of attending four beautiful anniversary celebrations as your state officer in the past six months. I am also very saddened to have attended one disbandment meeting and will shortly attend another. Don’t let this happen to your court! Keep being enthusiastic about what we do! There are many tools and approaches available that your state board can put you in touch with to keep your courts alive and well. Ask for help! We are here for you.

Until we meet again, stay warm and well during this winter. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

PPP(Parliamentary Procedure Pointers)

Meeting Ultimate Goal* – a streamlined “one and one-half hour” (1 ½) meeting—45 minutes for business, 20-minute program, and 25 minutes for refreshments.

How To?

- ◆ All presentations—from lecturn and at microphone
- ◆ Regent follows prepared, customized agenda
- ◆ Opening and closing prayers read by Spiritual Enhancement Chair, or one assigned by Regent
- ◆ Officers prepared, use microphone, act promptly
- ◆ Chairs of committees have recommendations ready to present for court action (having met previously)
- ◆ Advise speaker of 20-minute presentation

Save Time

- ◆ Minutes are approved as read or corrected; NO motion
- ◆ Treasurer’s report is filed; NO motion
- ◆ Committee recommendations read, discussed, voted; NO second
- ◆ All motions—seconded, discussed, voted upon, with Regent announcing result of vote—“ayes have it, motion is carried”; nays have it, motion is lost.”
- ◆ If “chair” is needed for a project, seek ahead of meeting. Asking for a “chair” at the meeting (is deadly) and rarely gets results.

How Close to the Goal* Are We?

We Can Do It!!

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



*Catholic Daughter of the Year 2013
Karen Anstett
Plaque was presented by Pat Lutz
Congratulations, Karen!*



“The canticle of Mary silenced the wailing of Eve.”

~ St. Augustine ~

Leadership: Take Hold of It!

Leadership, just how do you see it? Well, take it from the inside and work toward the outside—what outcomes are you looking to see from your efforts with leadership.

Do you want to see your officers improve their skills and communication with their courts?

Or, do you want to see your members become more willing to become leaders by assuming chairmanships of a committee or perhaps try for an office when election rolls around?

Or, are you a member who is interested in becoming a leader?

Once you have determined what it is that you want to do, set your sights on bringing about the desired results.

State officers will need to plan a workshop and invite all to come who are officers, chairmen or active members of the various courts. If you send a general invitation, you may be surprised how many “just members” may show up, ready to learn more about leadership. This is a good way to strengthen your local court leadership and help build strong members who will run for court and state offices.

Plan to have a speaker who will talk on leadership and have break-out sessions where the members attending can ask questions and learn. Then go back to a full session with perhaps another speaker with a motivational message or one who will speak on an area that will interest and motivate those in attendance.

Try it—your attendees will like it and you will get to know the ones who are truly interested in becoming a leader.

If you have any questions or want help, my cell number is **724-388-8484**. Listen, learn and love.

Letty Calvetti
State Leadership Chairman

Fundraising for a Good Cause

Iwould like to thank all who, so promptly, sent in their returns for the 10-Week Clubs. Your financial support of the state court is much appreciated. We have been able, after expenses, to place over \$6,000 in a savings account for the Convention in 2016. As you know, our goal for that fund is \$15,000.

At the last Workshop, we presented a program on Communications. Many of you have been GREAT in this area, returning calls and emails in a timely manner. This says to me and all our State Officers that communication is going very well in Pennsylvania. For this we thank you.

Finally, this time of year we have an opportunity to share with others the blessings that we have been given. May you also be blessed with Joy, Love and Peace this Christmas season and throughout the coming year as you continue to live our motto of Unity and Charity.

Shirley Hall
2nd Vice State Regent

Thank You for Being You

How can I be me during the holidays coming up? The consumer society we live in is constantly putting demands on us. It becomes a matter of the survival of the fittest in the fast lane, or getting nowhere on the hamster’s treadmill. Instead of enjoying Thanksgiving and Christmas, we tend to get caught up in the web of a subculture calling us to frantic doing.

God gives us a way to enjoy our work. “God looked at everything He had made and found it very good.” (Gen. 1:31) Like God, who created all things, we need to savor the work we’ve accomplished so far before moving on. “Evening came and morning followed.” (Gen. 1:31) We need the gift of the Sabbath rest day by day and moment by moment.

Instead of berating ourselves for not doing this or that, we need to change our focus. I did this and that, and I am not finished. Now is the time for me to thank God for creating me as I am and giving me this moment of Sabbath rest in Him. “Evening came and morning followed.”

Sr. Mary Paul, DM
State Chairman Spiritual Enhancement

<p><i>Catholic Daughters of the Americas</i></p> <p><i>Pennsylvania State Court</i></p> <p><i>Spiritual Intention</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>For: _____</p> <p>From: _____</p> <p>Intention: _____</p>

Spiritual Intention Cards

From July to November, 2013, the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas have donated \$242 to be sent the Pontifical North American College in Rome. This money came from 10 donors who asked for 40 Spiritual Intentions to be remembered at the Mass said by Father Grimme at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church in Altoona on the third Sunday of each month.

Please encourage your members to remember their loved ones with a Spiritual Intention card where all proceeds go to help the seminarians attending college in Rome.

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.

Margaret Novak
Immediate Past State Regent

Chatter from Courts

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Court Our Lady of Victory #588 attended a Mass in honor of National Catholic Daughter Sunday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, followed by a breakfast in the senior center.



Celebrating Catholic Daughter Sunday, October 20, 2013

Attending were, from left, front row, Judith Hooper, vice regent; Rosemarie Koronkiewicz, financial secretary; Mary Snyder, honor guard; Nora Avellino, treasurer and Mary Catherine Wydra, regent. Second Row: Patricia Shihinski, Amanda Horan, lector; Donna Sassani, Elizabeth Sassani, Helen Marie Pasierb, Lois Sejuitt, Christine Conner, Eileen Andes. Back Row: Deacon Martin McCarthy, Mary Jane Bradley, Alma Coroniti, Loretta Cuff and Father Frank Karwacki, chaplain



Three new members joined Court Our Lady of Victory Susan Horan (new member), Father Frank Karwacki, chaplain; Mary Catherine Wydra, regent; Mary Rowland and Roseann Chesney (new members)

Court Queen of Peace began the CDA Day celebration Saturday evening, October 19th, with officers robed at the Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Lancaster. After Mass, members of the court and guests proceeded to the William H. Bolger Conference Center located in Gordinier Dining Hall at Millersville University to conclude the celebration with a special dinner.

PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE

National Catholic Daughter Day was observed in the Philadelphia Diocese on Saturday, October 19, 2013 with a Mass at St. Matthew Church in Philadelphia. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward L. Rauch, O.S.F.S., Chaplain for Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828 with co-celebrants Rev. Edward T. Kearns, Pastor and Chaplain, Court St. Dominic #222, State Chaplain Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan and Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA. Sixteen new members from courts in the region were accepted as members in a ceremony where the oath was presented by State Regent



Peggy Guckin. They were then presented with yellow silk roses and the official CDAPennsylvania State pin. Members were Laura Nimmons from Court Ave Maria #650, Mary Silvestri, Mary Ann Decree, Mary Grace DiGirolano and Doris Kitt from Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Barbara Mattacci, Jeanette Cardinal, Marianne Hathaway, and Cathy Galen from Court St. Dominic #2222, Liz Rafferty from Court St. Frances DeSales #2617 and Margaret Blinebury, Michelle Guilaiano and Charlotte Bant from Court Mystical Rose #2628. After Mass, a luncheon reception was held at Rosewood Catering in Philadelphia. At the luncheon, Publicity Chair Marie Brophy (Court St. Mark #1097) presented the combined courts with a proclamation from The Honorable Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia. Combined Courts Chairperson Marleen Duley and the regents accepted the proclamation on behalf of the order. The luncheon concluded with pulling winners for door prizes and chances as well as prayer and reflection.



Crowning of Blessed Mother by Mary Lou Borawski Court St. Dominic #2222

PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE contd.



Marie Brophy reading proclamation from Mayor to present to Marlene Duley



Reception given by Philadelphia Courts to State Regent, Peggy Guckin.

Michelle Russo, State Legislative Chair and Recording Secretary, Court St. Mark #1097, presenting roses from all the regents

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Washington #1651 has had a very busy six months! In an effort to recruit new members, we passed out business cards at the Knights of Columbus picnic in July and then again at each of the five Masses during the weekend of August 24-25. These cards included a brief description of Catholic Daughters and an invitation to our September meeting where we had a "meet and greet." Five new members joined our Court at the meeting.

On August 20, Parochial Vicar Lou Pascaszi celebrated our annual Memorial Mass for those members who died during the past 12 months, followed by an enjoyable covered dish dinner at the American Legion Pavilions.

We celebrated our 60th Anniversary on Sunday, September 23 at the 12:15 Mass in Immaculate Conception Church. Father Pat Barkey, celebrant and parochial vicar, gave a special blessing to the Catholic Daughters at the Mass. We were honored to have the K of C Council #1083 Color Corp, State Regent Peg Guckin, 1st Vice State Regent Peg Rafferty, State Secretary Margaret Giordano, State Treasurer Lisa McCann, Past 2nd Vice National Regent and Past State Regent Letty Calvetti, current DD Rosemary Biskup, past DD Loretta Forte and members from five Pittsburgh courts at this celebration. Parochial Vicars Father Lou Pascaszi, Father Don Chortos and Pastoral Associate Sister Margaretta also joined us for the luncheon that followed at the George Washington Hotel.

Except for the Financial Review, October was a quiet month. On November 5, we held a Formal Reception of New Members at the 6 p.m. Mass, where 13 of the 18 new members who have joined the Court since our last Formal



*Seated: Peggy Guckin, State Regent;
1st row: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; Jean Mucowski, Diocesan Treasurer; Letty Calvetti, Past National 2nd Vice Regent; Marlene Duley, Diocesan Chairman; Colette McCaffery;
2nd row: Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, State Chaplain; Tina Dambach*



*Peggy, with her mother, Catherine, her sister, Anne Albertson;
Standing: Denise Voisard, Pat Pilkington*

Reception in 2007 were formally received. Mass was celebrated by our Chaplain Father Bill Feeney, assisted by our two permanent deacons, Jeff Hirst and Barry Krofcheck. (Barry's wife Robin and daughter Lauren were among the new members received at the reception!) From May through October, nine new members have joined our Court, with at least one new member joining at each meeting.

On November 9 we had our 4th annual Vendor Show—a successful event that raised over \$1,150. We had 23 Vendors, 41 Chinese Auction gifts and sold a superb luncheon.

Our Christmas party was held on December 3 in the Elks. In lieu of a gift exchange, a collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society was taken up. And finally on December 6, we are having a Bob Evans' Community Fundraiser where the Court can earn 15% of the receipts from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Court Washington is active and involved and, with our Blessed Mother's help, we hope that our ongoing recruitment efforts continue to bring in new members who will contribute to our success, but more importantly that they receive the blessings and benefits of their membership in Catholic Daughters!

Laraine McGinnis, Regent

Chatter from Courts

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE contd.

The Pittsburgh diocesan courts held a luncheon benefit for the seminarians at St. Paul's Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh's Bishop Zubik attended the event along with eleven seminarians. The seminarians introduced themselves and spoke a bit about themselves. The Bishop, along with three of the seminarians, stayed for the luncheon. The other seminarians went home for the weekend.

All the courts in the Pittsburgh diocese sponsor this event by attending or contributing a basket for the Chinese Auction raffle.

Along with the Chinese Auction, there is also a bake sale, Pot of Gold raffle, Prize-O-Rama and table prizes. This year, over \$3,000 was raised for the Pittsburgh seminarians.



Officers and members of Court McKeesport #221 celebrated 100 years on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at St. Patrick Church



CDA Pittsburgh Diocesan Board
and Bishop Zubik at Luncheon for Seminarians
Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent & Diocese Secretary;
Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent; Bishop Zubik;
Mary Ball, Vice Regent, Pittsburgh Diocese; Sandra Rhoden, Regent;
Lisa McCann, State Treasurer and Treasurer of Diocese



Jean Nowicki, Financial Secretary; Agnes Chronowski, Regent;
Rev. Vincent Velas, Pastor, St. Patrick Church; Bernette Bonnet,
Vice Regent; Betty Leech, Treasurer; Elizabeth Romick, Recording
Secretary; Lisa McCann, District Deputy and Knights of Columbus,
Thomas Schmitz and Daniel Gribble

55th Biennial National Convention

2014 is just around the corner. Mark your CDA calendars now for July 16-20 for the 55th National Convention in Billings, Montana. It will be here before you know it.

A preliminary packet has been sent out by National to the Regents. Therefore, ladies, you can start making your plans. Come early. On Sunday and Monday registration will open and there will be optional tours. They are not finalized as of yet. Tuesday and Wednesday there will be workshops.

Can we count on seeing you there and top our attendance from Omaha? Please inform a state officer if you are interested in going so the State Board can make plans.

National News

Donations to the 1903 Society are fixing up our National Headquarter in New York. Work is in progress all due to supporters of the 1903 Society. Roof work has begun. They have removed the asbestos and are now repairing the leaks, skylights and then replacing the roofs. We have a lovely scaffold in the front, encased in netting.



The roof minus the asbestos tar paper



Membership Message

Membership should be your courts "number one" priority. Without new members, your court will begin to weaken. New members bring in new ideas. Courts that are increasing their membership are finding that the younger ladies are interested in joining Catholic Daughters as well as retirees. Below are the results from a survey taken by Catholic Daughters members.

How did they first learn about Catholic Daughters?

1. Friend
2. Personal Invitation
3. Family Member

Why did they join?

1. To become active in a Catholic women's organization
2. Deepen their Spiritual Life
3. Provide Social Group

From your experience what are the three most satisfying aspects?

1. Deepen Spiritual Life
2. Provide Social Activities
3. Active Catholic Women's Organization

Parish activities that they are involved in:

1. Church Societies, Altar, Rosary Societies
2. Parish Council
3. Eucharistic Ministers

Programs that were important to them:

1. Regular Monthly Meetings
2. Renewal
3. Circle of Love Programs

What is the Uniqueness of Catholic Daughters?

1. Spiritual Support
2. Charitable Works
3. Half held professional, managerial positions, other half were retired

Questions to discuss at a membership committee meeting:

1. How does the survey result reflect your court's make-up, participation and interests? How does your court differ from the survey results?
2. What are the similarities and differences in the survey report and your own court? What are the primary implications you see for your court's future?
3. What strategies do you need to peruse as a local court to respond to these implications?
4. What support do you need from the Diocesan Membership or State Membership teams to peruse local strategies?

Janet Osterling, State Membership Chairman

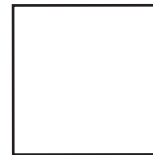
Haiti Birthing Center

The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word are preparing for their annual trip to Haiti in January. Financial contributions are needed now. While in Haiti, the sisters will evaluate the needs and send out a list in February. Items are gathered and shipped to Haiti each October. Please give your monetary donations to your court treasurer who will send a check to our state treasurer.

Mary Grunthaner

State Chairman for Haiti Birthing Center

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, State Regent
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Rich in What Matters to God

Down what paths might I stray if I gave myself over to bigger and better and more possessions—all the choices available to me in a consumer-oriented society? I doubt that I would be free to make the choice I once saw my mother make. Nor would I ever experience the joy she experienced as a result of it.

My mother didn't work outside the home, and when my father lost his job, money was very, very tight. There were five of us under the age of ten—I was eight years old—and Christmas was approaching. My mother had all of five dollars to buy something for our Christmas stockings. Instead, knowing the need of the cloistered Carmelite nuns who lived in a monastery near our home, she sent it as an offering to them. Less than an hour after she returned from her trip to the mailbox, a friend came to the door. Her brother had just died and left her a portion of the estate. "Here's fifty dollars," she said matter-of-factly. "I'd like to give this to you for your children for Christmas."

My mother, unencumbered by a spirit of materialism, knew the things that really mattered. She gave freely—and not just from her surplus—and God rewarded her generosity and trust in him ten times over.

Her example has helped me to grapple with my own approach to possessions and money, not rejecting the world and the beautiful things in the world, but striking a balance between what my family and I need versus simply accumulating a pile of goods. Occasionally, I like to assess how I'm doing on the subject of "things"—beautiful things, expensive things, inexpensive things:

- ◆ Is this (clothing, car, furniture, home) the goal of my life? Is this what I live for?
- ◆ Do I possess my things, or do my things possess me?
- ◆ And if I'm considering buying an item: Do I need this? What difference will it make in my life?

Mary Hallan FioRito

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