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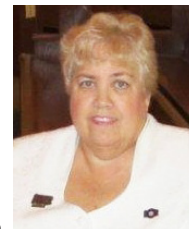
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Message from Peggy Guckin State Regent



56th Biennial National Convention **Pittsburgh, PA — July 17-24, 2016**

Will you be joining us? I hope so! The PA delegation will be wearing yellow shirts prior to the start of the convention. This will identify us as members from PA, and we will also be there to help direct, etc. I will take orders for shirts till the end of September. The cost is \$25. After September, the price goes up. Please contact Peggy, State Regent, if you are interested.

Volunteers needed. Did you sign up? We would like volunteers to wear white to give directions at daily Mass. If you would like to volunteer, contact any state officer. We will be assigning a chair and a co-chair in each area needed, and they will follow through with volunteers to take care of various assignments to ensure that convention activities run smoothly.

Our 51st Biennial State Convention is now a fond memory. On Friday, April 24, twenty-some members took a guided tour of historical Philadelphia. After a morning of sightseeing, they went to Reading Terminal for lunch and had time to buy items from Amish vendors. On returning to the hotel, it was time to get ready for 4:30 Mass at St. Ephrem Church. Leading the procession was CDA Color and Honor Guard and the K of C Color Guard. The main Celebrant was our State Chaplain, Father Timothy O'Sullivan; Concelebrants were Father D. Timothy Grimme, Past State Chaplain and Msgr. Kenneth McAteer, Pastor and Court Chaplain at St. Ephrem and Deacon Rich Napoli, who was our guest speaker at the opening banquet. We were led in song by our organist, Rosemarie Fallor, and our cantor, Johanna Leonard, and musical director, Theresa Shields, did a great job with the choir.

Afterwards, we had a delicious dinner followed by Deacon Rich's presentation, "Faith and Family." John Ramming, President of Courage Unlimited, then spoke about "Duffy the Lion"—one of our Pennsylvania State pro-life charities.

We were sorry to hear that our Catholic Daughter of the Year was not able to attend the Convention. Congratulations to Mary May from Court Erie #515. Mary, is a long-time member. Besides holding office in her court, she has held various offices on the State level and also as State Chairman.

Saturday's opening ceremonies saw the Color Guard lead the way to open our 51st Biennial State Convention, followed by Past State Officers, then current state officers, Sherry Nilles, National Representative and Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan, State Chaplain. Father led us in prayer and Johanna led us in song.

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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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Lost: The camera of Lisa McCann, State Treasurer, went missing at our opening Mass. If anyone knows anything about it, please contact Lisa or Peggy. Lisa would be happy just to receive the flash card. She has many family memories on it.

State Regent's Message

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After introducing the head table, I had the pleasure of introducing Margaret P. Novak, IPSR, Laraine McGinnis, Past SR and Letty Calvetti, Past SR and National Director. We thanked them for their continued time and talents to CDA. Sherry Nilles gave the keynote speech.

First order of business was to receive the report of the credential committee and to be sure we had a quorum. A quorum was declared. Jeanette Kitch, Nominating Chair, reported on the slate of officers for the term 2015-2017: Peggy Guckin, Regent; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice; Margaret Giordano, Secretary; Lisa McCann, Treasurer. Since there is no opposition, our bylaws permit us to have an election of State Officers by voice vote.

Nominations for Nominating Committee for 2017 was made from Roll call of courts. Nominated and elected on Sunday were: Mary Catherine Wydra, Chair, Johanna Leonard, Tina Dambach, Christine Surovec, Dolores Croyle and Sue Sharer (Alternate).



Nominating Committee 2017

Dolores Croyle, Johanna Leonard, Tina Dambach,
Mary Catherine Wydra, Chair, Sue Sharer (Alternate), Christine Surovec

Fr. O'Sullivan celebrated Mass at noon where we had a Memorial Service for the deceased officers who had passed away since the last convention. Also, remembered were all members and family who had passed away.

The ladies enjoyed a Philly buffet and the candidates went around and talked to the members.

When we returned to the meeting, we had a skit performed by the Membership team. Then we had financial and State Officers' reports.

On Saturday evening, the members were on their own, some checked out nearby restaurants, others went to the casino and others just chilled out at the hotel.

After the election on Sunday, we had a continental breakfast and continued on with the meeting. Sherry presented a CD prepared by Olga Samaniego, First Vice National Regent, regarding membership.

The Convention was adjourned and the flags were retired. Installation Mass took place at St. Ephrem's followed by a buffet dinner. Entertainment was provided by Mike the One Man Band. All had a good time. No one wanted the music to stop. Many said it was like being at a wedding without the bride and groom. If you were not present at this event, plan on being at National Convention PA Fun Night.

Closing Mass on Monday was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Gargotta, Chaplain, Court St. Rene #1868. A continental brunch followed where we said our goodbyes till we meet again, in Pittsburgh, July 2016, at the National Convention.

Peggy Guckin, State Regent



Convention Opening Mass

Margaret Giordano, Peg Rafferty, Sherry Nilles, Peggy Guckin, Letty Calvetti, Shirly Hall, Lisa McCann, Mary Catherine Wydra, Fr. O'Sullivan, Msgr. McAteer, Fr. Grimme, Deacon Napoli

Circle of Love—Top Projects Across the State

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bers were surprised and overjoyed. The Court keeps the members on their prayer list and also has a rotating baking team that bakes cookies for their meetings. The Court named their project "A Better Tomorrow" because they know the healing power of Our Lord and the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother. The Court members stand with these wounded brothers and sisters while they fight this dreadful addiction and pray that they become whole in mind, body and spirit once again.

Youth/JCDA Special Project

Dolores Croyle, State Youth Chair, Court St. Martin #418

The Youth/JCDA goal is twofold—to help fulfill the needs of our youth and to teach our youth to serve the needs of others. The project of Court St. Martin #418 addressed both of these aspects of our Circle of Love.

Several members of the court are youth group leaders. In this capacity, they worked with the youth group to build a beautiful area for Stations of the Cross and a grotto for prayer and meditation behind the local Catholic Family Community Center. The students, with their youth group leaders, cleared out brush, built paths, covered the paths with wood chips or stones, placed each Station of the Cross, installed concrete benches along the path, a bridge over a small creek, and a beautiful stone crucifix and statue in the grotto. The grotto was built in memory of a young man who was killed in a hunting accident at the age of 17 years. The property once belonged to his parents. They donated the land to the church in memory of their son who wanted to become a priest. This part of the project was an example of guiding the youth as they worked to fulfill the needs of others.

Members of Court St. Martin served lunch for the youth group members and their leaders during their longest work day on this wonderful project. Twenty court members worked on the lunch committee and another five members worked alongside the students on this project as their leaders. Here we have an example of court members fulfilling the needs of the youth.

Leadership

Letty Calvetti, State Chair, Court St. Theresa #562

The court answered Letty's challenge: "How to get your members involved?" Members would sit with a different officer at each meeting to observe and learn the duties of the office—thus preparing members to think about taking an office in the future.

Legislation

Michelle Russo, State Chair, Court St. Martin #418

Court St. Martin financially supports the cost of a bus for parishioners to attend the March for Life that takes place in Washington, DC in January. Several court members also participate in the March. Members are encouraged to write to their legislators in support of pro-life activities, to make their views known to legislators on State and National levels and to keep in mind the pro-life beliefs of candidates prior to voting.

Education

Tina Dambach, State Chair, Court Washington #1651

The outstanding project for education did not, however, involve children. It is a reminder that education is for everyone and that we adults need to continue our faith education. Court Washington #1651 sponsored a parish-wide presentation on the Church's view regarding the Affordable Care Act by the Director of the Pittsburgh Diocese, Department of Human Life and Dignity. An invitation was extended to the entire parish through the heads of various parish organizations and to the teachers of the parish school. About 75 people attended, and refreshments were provided and served by court members. The court felt this was an excellent opportunity to inform everyone about the reproductive rights of women, what is in the best interest of families, and the pro-life stance of Catholic Daughters.

Members of **Court Our Lady of Victory #588** gave the delegation an orange ribbon to wear and to pray the following prayer daily for all those who are being murdered and persecuted by ISIS. The color orange represents martyrdom because the prisoners being murdered are dressed in orange jumpsuits when they were killed.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Lord Jesus, we honor and pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters, children, women and men who have suffered and died at the hands of ISIS and other terrorists. We pray for all who are now being tortured and held in captivity by terrorists. We see orange as the color of martyrdom of our present day, and we will ask others to pray for all who are persecuted for their faith. Amen.



Greetings from National

A warm spring day with sunshine and laughter to each of my Catholic Daughters in the great state of Pennsylvania! This is indeed the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Thank you to all who worked diligently for the wonderful state convention held in Philadelphia the weekend of April 24-26. It was a time filled with information, new programs and fun!

Congratulations and thank you to the women who accepted the call to leadership as officers for Pennsylvania. It is a joy to be in unison with women who are committed to working together in unity and charity for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 Corinthians 12.

Is God calling your name? The next question—to what is God calling your name? More questions will follow—how, when, why? Sometimes the next question is why me? Answering those questions takes the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told his disciples what to expect and look forward to with His words at the time of Pentecost. We are disciples of Jesus, so we must also be ready to listen to God's call and willing to answer.

As plans are made for hosting the National Convention in Pittsburgh, July, 2016, please be willing to say YES! when asked to help. Perhaps, by listening to God's word, accepting the gifts we have received and by experiencing the use of those gifts for others, we can see and appreciate God's plan for us.

May our Good Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

Sherry Nilles, National Representative for Pennsylvania

Tombola Winners - Convention 2015

Gift #	Donated By	Description	Winner
1	State Officers	Vera Bradley Beach Towel	Mary Corbett - Washington #1651
2	State Officers	Vera Bradley Clutch	V. Borontz - #998
3	State Officers	Vera Bradley Travel Organizer	Cas - #448
4	State Officers	Vera Bradley Cosmetic Trio	Marian - St. Matthew #1828
5	Diocese of Pittsburgh	Correspondence Galore/\$25 Hallmark Gift Card	Mary Ann Galonski - #998
6	PSR Laraine McGinnis	Time To Wine!	Eilene Meyers - #2222
7	Ct. St. Bernard #339	Fall Wreath/\$25.00 Cash	Rosemarie Fallor - #655
8	Ct. Allegheny #664	Lottery Tickets	Melody Yeardie - #1141
9	Ct. Bellevue #655	Coffee Pot/Mugs & Cream & Sugar Set	Pat G
10	Ct. Washington #1651	Lottery Tree	S. Jubec - #314
11	Vendor Eileen A. Myer	Spring Wreath	Bernadette Dillon - #722
12	Ct. Westinghouse #759	Vintage Madonna Crystal Paperweight	Mary Thomas - #358
13	SO Lisa Mccann	\$25 Panera Gift Card	Jeanette Kitch - #2
14	Ct. St. Francis De Sales #2617	\$25 Disney Gift Card & Coach Shoulder Bag	Lauren Krofcheck - #1651
15	Tina Dambach, Education Chair	Bed Quilt & Book	Bernadette Dillon - #722
16	Diocese of Erie	Sweet Tooth Basket	Mary Marzen - #911
17	Ct. Brownsville #1141	\$30 Starbucks Gift Card	V. Borontz - #998
18	Vendor Margaret Welch	J.R Watkins Condiments	B. Dillon - #722
19	Vendor Mary Corbett	Body Silk Lotion & Dusting Powder	Mary Marzen - #911
20	St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828	Patriotic Theme/\$25 Macy's Gift Card	Sara Mastrull - #1097
21	IPSR Margaret Novak	Hand Crafted Beauties	Mary Marzen - #911
22	Ct. Our Lady Of Victory #588	Lottery Tickets On Display Rack	Jackie Synsyn - #998
23	Isabella #959	Gardening Basket Galore!	Eilene Meyers - #2222
24	Ct. St. Ephrem #2230	Wine Basket	Mary Corbett - Washington #1651
25	Ct. Mystical Rose #2628	Lottery Ticket Box	Joann Lynn - #1097
26	Ct. Patricia #998	Handmade Items Galore!	Joy Stauffer - #2521
27	Ct. St. Dominic #2222	Lenox Picture Frame	Debbie Zakowski - #523
28	Parliamentarian Pat Gildea	Spring Has Sprung!	Heather Goldsmith - Ave Maria #650
29	State Regent Peggy Guckin	Tea Time! Kettle/Tea	Lorraine - #2628
30	Ct. St. Rita #523	Handbag/Umbrella/Scarf/Lotion, Etc.	Barb Mattucci - #2222
31	Ct. St. Mark #1097	Wine Cheese & Crackers	Deanna - #2617
32	Ct. St. Rene #1868	\$25 Darden Gift Card	Sally Lerch - Easton #358
33	Ct. Our Lady of Victory #722	Bath Basket	Heather Goldsmith - Ave Maria #650
34	Ct. St. Leo #356	\$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card	Marianne Reuter - St. Matthew #1828
35	Ct. St. Victoria #646	\$25 Gift Card Red Lobster	Pat Phillips - #35
36	Ct. Ryan #911	Gardening Basket	Sally Lerch - #358
37	Ct. Easton #358	Fern/\$25 Gift Card	Frances Rhoads - #722
38	Ct. Ave Maria #650	Gift Card to Marshalls	Deanna - #2617
39	Barbara Adams	Mary Kay Cosmetics	Peg Paulson - #664
40	Ct. Prince Gallitizen #2625	Gift Card to Dardens	Deanna - #2617
41	Ct. St. Joan of Arc #716	Pamper Yourself	Rose Medash - #2230
42	Ct. Lambing #314	\$25 Lottery & \$25 Cash	Mary Corbett - Washington #1651
43	Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448	Vera Bradley Bag	Nora Avellino - #588
44	Ct. Blessed Madonna #2521	Penn State Blanket	Barb Mattucci - #2222
45	Vendor Mary Corbett	Tupperware	Michelle Russo - #1097
46	Vendor Mary Corbett	Tastefully Simple	Dolores Croyle - #998
47	Ct. Rose Cecilia #1641	\$25 Gift Card to Olive Garden	Jeanette Kitch - #2
48	Ct. Holy Trinity #1336	Wine & Snack Pack	Mary Corbett - Washington #1651
49	Vendor Ernestine Daniel	Fragrance Candle	Peg Paulson - #664
50	Ct. Queen of Peace #1023	A Gift From Above	Dorothy Andrilla - #1641

New State Court Pro-Life Program

I was most pleased (actually ecstatic!) that the delegates to the State Convention voted to add the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative as a new State Pro-life Program. This program provides ultrasound machines to pregnancy care organizations that advocate LIFE instead of abortions. Statistics show that over 90% of abortion-minded women choose LIFE when they have seen their babies on an ultrasound display.

The program is intended to help raise funds needed for an ultrasound machine by providing 50% of the funds needed through the help of the Knights Supreme Council and the other 50% through the participation of local councils. Ultrasound machines range in price from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and the mobile units cost \$200,000 which includes the cost of the motor homes to transport them. The Pennsylvania State Council voted to fund the project so that each council in Pennsylvania should be working towards donations.

Court Washington #1651 learned of this project last fall through one of our members, whose husband is a member of the Washington Council #1083, and we adopted it as our own pro-life project. Using the monies collected in our baby bottle over the past year, we were able to donate \$150, which was then matched by the Washington council. That \$300 was then matched by the Supreme Council, translating into a \$600 donation. These monies will be used to purchase a mobile machine for Washington and Greene Counties.

Just think what Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters can accomplish if all of our courts participate in this extremely important and worthwhile project!

Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent, Court Washington #1651 Regent

Congratulations to State Newsletter Winners

Court St. Dominic #2222

First Place Category 1 – Division II

TIE

Court Bellevue #655

Second Place Category 1 – Division II

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617

Second Place in Category I – Division II

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

First Place in Category II – Division I

Thank you to State Newsletter Chairman Gloria J. Kissel and her judges for a job well done. This has always been a difficult task for the judges. We thank all the courts who have submitted their newsletters and we encourage all courts to consider entering in the future.

Duffy Courage Lion

On behalf of the State Officers, a \$50.00 donation was made to Courage Lion in honor of all our District Deputies and State Chairman. We sincerely appreciate your time and talents. I apologize to our District Deputies for failing to recognize you at the convention. You are all special—without your help in meeting with the courts, it would be very difficult for Pennsylvania to have the smoothly-running State Court that we do.



State Officers Margaret, Peggy and Peg receive Duffy Courage Lion from John Ramming, President, Courage Unlimited



#95 St. Marys +4

#443 Butler +6

#505 Uniontown +4

#588 Our Lady of Victory +4

#759 Westinghouse +4

#1755 Our Lady of the Alleghenies +7

#2625 Mystical Rose +5



Congratulations to these courts for increase in membership!

#95 St. Marys, #443 Butler, #505 Uniontown, #588 Our Lady of Victory, #759 Westinghouse, #1755 Our Lady of the Alleghenies, #2625 Mystical Rose. Pictured are: Mary Snyder, Regent #588; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Maryann Voystock, Regent #2625; Pat Gildea, representing #1755; Melody Yeardie, DD representing #443; Janet Oesterling, Membership Chair and back right Sherry Nilles, National Representative.

Don't Forget National Contest BOGO!

Message from State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

A not well-known, but long-standing tradition in our Church is the dedication of each month to a particular devotion. All Catholics know that the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother; many Catholics know that during the month of November, the Church implores her members to pray for the faithful departed; and, some Catholics know that the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But each of the other nine months also have a dedication to be fostered throughout that particular month.

The month of June is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord. (There was an actual feast day of the Precious Blood of the Lord celebrated in the Liturgical calendar of the Church on July 1st, but it was suppressed in 1969.) Devotion to the Precious Blood of the Lord was propagated by Blessed Casper Buffalo, who was also the founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Although there is no longer a feast day to honor the Precious Blood of our Lord, the month of July is still dedicated to honor His Precious Blood. We hear of the Precious Blood of our Lord several times in Sacred Scriptures; most especially during the accounts of the first Holy Week. It is the Precious Blood of our Lord that was shed for our salvation. It was the Precious Blood that completed the sacrifice of our Lord on Calvary—a sacrifice that restored

our wounded relationship with our Heavenly Father.

The month of August is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. The Church, in her wisdom, hopes that this monthly devotion will foster a greater devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Many parishes across the state of Pennsylvania have times and days of

exposition to help foster the faithful spending time in prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. (Some

Catholic websites also claim that the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, the month being dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament is a more-widely accepted devotion.)

The month of September is dedicated to The Seven Sorrows of our Lady; sometimes called the Seven Dolores or Dolours.

These seven occasions accounted in the gospels remind us of occasions that brought sorrow into the heart of our Blessed Mother; a sorrow that was tempered with her complete trust in the providence and power of God. The Seven Sorrows of our Lady are: The Prophecy of Simeon in the temple, announcing to Mary that a sword of sorrow would pierce her heart; The Flight into Egypt, when Joseph and Mary fled in haste when an angel announced to Joseph that the Christ Child was in danger; The Loss of the Child in the Temple, as Mary and Joseph searched for three days to find Jesus, who was found in the Temple, conversing with the Jewish elders; The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary (we commemorate this Sorrow in the Fourth Station of the Cross); Mary Standing at the foot of the Cross, witnessing Jesus's crucifixion; Jesus being taken down from the Cross and laid in Mary's arms; and, Mary watching as Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Like so many of the beautiful devotions of our Church, the monthly devotions are intended to aid each of us in our spiritual journey. We are called to use everything we need to be—and remain—close to the Lord in this life, so we might be with Him in life eternal. And isn't that why we do what we do as Catholic Daughters?

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



The title of this artwork by Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1617-1682) is Latin for "Mother of Sorrow." It's an expression of the Virgin Mary in a sorrowful state, on the verge of tears, as she contemplates the suffering her son endures for the human race.
—Restoredtraditions.com



Jan Davidsz de Heem (1606-1684) created this beautiful artwork of the Holy Eucharist in the 17th century. The Host and Chalice are surrounded by flowers, while light emanates from the white Host in the center, which is imprinted with the words IHS.
—Restoredtraditions.com

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, March - June 2015. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future.

Special thanks to Margaret P. Novak, IPSR for her time and talent for being the Spiritual Intention Chairman these past two years. Send future Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter.

Congratulations on 95th Anniversary

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Given by: State Officers and Margaret Novak, IPSR

Congratulations on 90th Anniversary

Court Isabella #959

Given by: State Officers and Margaret Novak, IPSR

Thank You

Philadelphia Diocese Members

Given by: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary

Tony Sabol

Louise Kolonay

Kathleen O'Rourke

Given by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

*Sherry Nilles, National Representative
and National 2nd Vice Regent*

Given by: State Officers

Happy Birthday

Peg Rafferty

Given by: State Officers and Margaret Novak, IPSR

Happy 23rd Anniversary

Tracy and Alan Mongelluzzo

Given by: Margaret Novak, IPSR

Special Intention - Successful Convention

Pennsylvania State Court

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Special Intention

Rosina Volpe

Given by: Kathleen Byron #776

Get Well Wishes

Margaret P. Novak

Given by: State Officers

Charlotte DiCola

Carol Weitzel

Rita Smith-Wade-El

Ellen Yates

Elizabeth Wijtyk

Charlie Sultzbach

Given by: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary

Leona Haag

Given by: Court St. Rita #523

Lorraine and Kaitlyn Fello

Given by: Christine Surovec #448

Jane McKenna

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Get Well Wishes continued

Jack McCann

Uncle Bob Miller

Given by: Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

Georgianne Beresynak

Jane McKenna

Given by: State Officers and Margaret Novak, IPSR

Vickie Fiest, National Secretary/Treasurer

Given by: State Officers

In Sympathy/Repose of Soul

Sheldon Ford

Given by: Margaret Novak, IPSR

Dolores Eckman

Mary Jane Schmitt

Given by: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary

Mother of Fr. Luther Raymond

Given by: Court Isabella #959

Linda Morrison

Given by: Court St. Rita #523

Richard Spargo

Mother of Judy Poltanis

John and Emma Paluselli

Given by: Margaret Novak, IPSR

Mother of Judy Poltanis

Given by: State Officers

Carol Ribar

Given by: Lisa Fellner #1868

Frank Bercin, Jr.

Frank Krol

Given by: Court Washington #1651

Sandy Schultz

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Susan Wascak

Given by: State Officers and Members

Rose Cardamone

Given by: Peg Rafferty #1868

Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

Olga Verost

Given by: Peg Rafferty #1868

With Love - Happy Father's Day

Joe Dombrosky

Jack McCann

Given by: Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

Prayers for God's Blessings

Court #1023 Living and Deceased Members

Living and Deceased Giordano Family Members

Given by: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary



Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358 Members Collect Socks



The members of Court Easton #358 have collected over 2000 pair of socks from local parishes in Easton. Because the parishioners of those churches were so generous, and the project has been so successful, the Court will be continuing their efforts again this year. This is a project that is not costly for anyone. Socks are fairly inexpensive, and donating one pair or even a dozen pair is usually not a hardship for anyone.

Pictured are: Sally Ann Lerch, Patricia Bleam, Mary Marzen, District Deputy, Mary Strucko, Deborah Starace and Marianne Williams. All members pictured are current or former officers of Court Easton.

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

95th Anniversary, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448



Theresa Riglin receiving Catholic Daughter of the Year Award

State Officers with Officers of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448. Attending also were District Deputies and other Court officers and members.



Janet Oesterling receiving Life Time Membership Award



HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Womens' Retreat



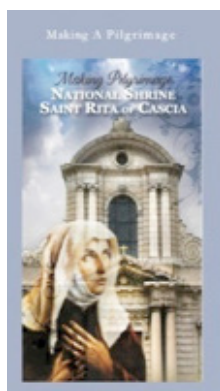
Pictured at the retreat from left to right are members and officers of Lancaster Court, Queen of Peace #1023: Nicole Kreider, Treasurer; Elizabeth Wijtyk; Sr. Mary Paul, Spiritual Advisor and State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman; Janet Kreiner; Theresa Hauck; Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary; Louise Beighley; Rita Smith-Wade-El, Regent; and Mary Selway, Financial Secretary.

Because we live in circumstances where we need to make choices, and these choices beckon us to believe, a women's retreat on the theme of "Choosing and Believing Lead to New Life" was hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Lancaster Court, Queen of Peace #1023. Spiritual Advisor, Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, Daughter of Our Lady of Mercy and CDA PA State Chairman of Spiritual Enhancement, presented the three-hour retreat on March 22, 2015 at St. Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Lancaster after participants enjoyed a light lunch provided and served by members of the court. Women from nine different parishes in Lancaster County participated in this spiritually-enhancing event.

Tour of Philadelphia Catholic Shrines

Court Queen of Peace #1023 sponsored a day-long spiritual pilgrimage to four Catholic shrines in the Philadelphia area on Sunday, May 17, 2015. A total of 54 attendees participated in the excursion: first to the Miraculous Medal Shrine, next, to the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (or St. Katharine Drexel) Shrine, then to the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia and finally to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann. The \$45 cost per person included the cost of the bus, breakfast and afternoon snack on the bus, admission for guided tours, a shrine donation and tip for the bus driver.

This is the third annual trip Court Queen of Peace has sponsored. In 2013, the court went to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. In 2014, the court traveled to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, Pennsylvania.



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90th Anniversary, Court Isabella #959

First row, left to right: Shirley Kunz, Recording Secretary; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Etta Darer, Treasurer; Mary Ann Turkovich, Financial Secretary; 2nd row, left, Opal Kunz. Also pictured are court members.



2015 PA State Education Contest Winners

Worthy Regents,

On behalf of the State Officers, I would like to thank all the courts who supported the Education Contest. Twenty-two courts had winning entries in this year's contest. I would like to thank Tina Dambach and her judges for a job well done. Checks will be made out to the court and sent to the regents as soon as possible. Please cash them as soon as possible and take care of your students. Certificates will be presented at the workshop / conference in October. Congratulations to all!

Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Category

Name of Winner

Court and City

Art Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Danielle Mueller
Logan Ruter
Scott Anthony Clemmer

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
Doyle #932, Coudersport
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

Art Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Allie McCormac
Gina Nguyen
Delia Morchesky

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Rose Cecelia #1641, Philadelphia
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Art Division 3

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Alexis Marshall
Emily Miller
Gabriela Titus

Doyle #932, Coudersport
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria
Sharon #507, Sharon

Art Division 4

No Entries



Poetry Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Hannah Laskowski
Mara Presley
Kody Krug

New Kensington #860, New Kensington
Patricia #998, Kittanning
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Poetry Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Jessica Grace Kowalkowski
Trenten Murphy
Patrick Bush

New Kensington #860, New Kensington
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson
Monesson #776, Monesson

Poetry Division 3

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

April Bocian
Thomas Edward Freidhof, Jr.
Nolan Turco

Sharon #507, Sharon
Ebensburg #680, Ebensburg
Patricia #998, Kittanning



Poetry Division 4

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Patricia Dettore
Patricia A. Godla
Margaret T. Giordano

St. Theresa #562, Blairsville
Monesson #776, Monesson
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Essay Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Talia Morgenstern
Julia Noelle Naser
Maxine Rann

Sharon #507, Sharon
Washington #1651, Washington
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Category

Essay Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Name of Winner

Glenn Spath, Jr.
Zion Harris
Alaina Fawcett

Court and City

New Kensington #860, New Kensington
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia
Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek



Essay Division 3

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Anya Hong
Tina Delbo
Clarice Orteza

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel
Sharon #507, Sharon

Computer Art Division 1

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Isaac Marshall
Ian Durbin
Jayden Jenkins

St. Bernard #339, Indiana
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven

Computer Art Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Zachary Dodson
Natalie Janidlo
Kayla Heilman

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
St. Thomas #1483, Franklin
Monesson #776, Monesson

Computer Art Division 3

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Austin Higgins
No Entry
No Entry

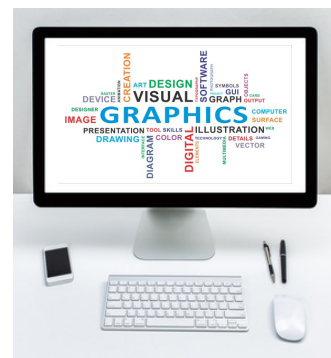
Sharon #507, Sharon

Computer Art Division 4

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Christina Bell
No Entry
No Entry

St. Theresa #562, Blairsville



Music Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Lizbeth Stephan
Emily Marshall
No Entry

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster PA
St. Bernard #339, Indiana PA

Music Division 3

No Entries

Photography Division 2

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Kyle Ruggery
Olivia Layne Hanna
Marisa Stabler

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven
St. Francis De Sales #2617, Philadelphia

Photography Division 3

First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Gabriella Hong
Emily Simpson
Stephanie Salmento

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Sharon # 507, Sharon
Easton #358, Easton

Photography Division 4

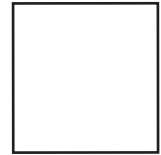
First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Marianne Warner
Christina Bell
No Entry

St. Thomas #1483, Franklin
St. Theresa #562, Blairsville



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Circle of Love - Top Projects Across the State

As Catholic Daughters, we answer to and live up to the words of Pope Francis, "You are the hands of God in the world," with our participation in the Circle of Love Program. I know all courts participate in many of the programs, and you were asked to report on the projects that you do in your court. It is great to see what you are doing to help others and to give members ideas. However, it is very disappointing that a number of courts did not send in their reports. Remember, each court is not required to do a project in all seven areas of the Circle of Love Program, but each court is responsible to send a completed form to the state chairman for each category—even if that area is one in which the court has not done a project. Next year, let's get 100% of the reports completed and sent to the chairman.

This year, each state chairman was asked to pick one outstanding project from all the entries she received. In many cases this was a very difficult task—your projects were outstanding. As Catholic Daughters, you are all living up to the call of Pope Francis. You continue to prove that PENNSYLVANIA remains #1.

Saint Paul tells us of the deeper meaning of "unity." He says, "If one member is honored, all members share its joy." (1 Corinthians 12:26)—Spiritual Enhancement, Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, State Chairman

We all share the honor given to **Court Monessen #776 recognized at our state convention for its Spiritual Enhancement Project.** Court Monessen #776 has a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother displayed in a lovely garden on the chapel grounds of the Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church in Monessen, PA. The court maintains the garden all year. It has become known as Mary's Garden. Everyone is welcome to come to the garden to sit and pray. This past July, Court Monessen celebrated its 26th Annual Outdoor Rosary. Invitations were sent to all parishioners and to community churches to participate in the Outdoor Rosary. Over 40 people attended. It was a beautiful sight to see so many people praying to Our Lady. Court officers led the rosary and prayers. After the rosary, everyone was invited to the church hall for refreshments and fellowship. CDA literature was available. Officers had the opportunity to discuss the purpose of CDA and extended an invitation to the women to come to a meeting. The court's goal was to encourage praying the rosary. This event was a success because it encouraged women to join Court Monessen.

Let us now look at all the ways we, as Catholic Daughters, share our faith. Let us view all the spiritual enhancement projects of each court in our state. It helps us realize the power in our unity to bring others to Christ. Our charity is love poured out from the Heart of Jesus, and we are His conduits.

National Projects

Jeanette Kitch, State Chairman, "Project Santa #365," Court Victoria #646

Court Victoria #646 members took on this project for a family whose son was killed in Iraq. Court members collect items to send to service men and women in Afghanistan.

Quality of Life Projects

Mary Catherine Wydra, State Chairman, "A Better Tomorrow," Court Bishop Gannon #1059

"Painted Warrior" is a ministry in Court Bishop Gannon's community. The ministry received this name because the gentleman running the program is an ex-addict with multiple tattoos on his body. While he was in the hospital, he tells of a conversation with Our Lord. He said that was the beginning of his conversion, healing and ministry. Court Bishop Gannon wanted to support this project, not only through prayer, but by doing something special. They delivered pizza, wings and soda to the members of "A Better Tomorrow" on one of their meeting nights. The mem-

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