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## Message from Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Dear Members:

I have heard many of our members from across the State will be traveling to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families and to attend the Papal Mass September 23-27, 2015. We wish you all a faith-filled and safe journey. "Spread the Love," are words of Pope Francis.

Our State Chairman once again will be selecting one special project. Will your court project be the best in our State? Will you be at the 2016 National Convention in Pittsburgh to hear YOUR COURT announced with the best project on a National Level? The 2015-2016 Court Reporting Forms will be on our website. The State Chairman information will already be on the forms. All you have to do is download them. If you do not have access to the internet, let me know, and I will send them to you. Are we going to have 100% reporting in PA?!

State Officers Shirley, Margaret, Lisa and I attended the National, State and Territorial Conference in Belleville, IL. The conference opened with a Holy Hour and concluded with Mass celebrated by Fr. Matthew Kuhn, National Chaplain and concelebrated with three State Chaplains. After dinner, scholarship, education and newsletter awards were announced. Again, I want to thank all the courts that sponsor the Education Contest.

### Congratulations to the following courts and students!

Computer Art, Division 1, 3rd Place, St. Bernard Court #339, Isaac  
Computer Art, Division 2, 1st Place, Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Zachary  
Essay, Division 3, 2nd Place, Court Queen of Peace #1023, Anya  
Poetry, Division 2, 3rd Place, Court Washington #1651, Anna  
Photography, Division 3, 2nd Place, Court Queen of Peace #1923, Gabriella  
Photography, Division 4, 2nd Place, Court St. Thomas #1483, Marianne  
Music, Division 2, Third Place, Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lizbeth

### Court Newsletters

Thank you to the courts who submitted their newsletters. Our State 1st Place Winners were: Court Brownsville #1141, Court St. Dominic #2222, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448. Sorry to say that none of them placed this year on the National Level.

Special thanks to Marge Bradley, our State Newsletter Editor, for her time and talents with our newsletters. Also, thank you to all our contributors to the newsletters. I am proud to say that our PA State Newsletter took FIRST PLACE again in Category VI, Division 1.

All the officers and National Directors participated in given presentations. Father Matthew Kuhn spoke on the importance of spirituality in our lives and in our courts. The main focus was to spread enthusiasm so that all members would get on "FIRE" and spread the CDA word to encourage membership and increase the number of our courts. The weekend was very uplifting and rewarding. *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.



Whatever you do  
for the least of my brethren, you do for me. —Matthew 25:40

## 56th Biennial National Convention July 18 - 24, 2016

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Please see the list of committees on pages 3 and 4. If you are interested in volunteering, contact any state officer. We will need help prior to the start of the Convention. Note the categories in which you can volunteer. You may volunteer for more than one. I would also like to have many ladies wear white outfits to help with daily Mass.

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 because we are ordering in quantity. After September, the price goes up. Please contact Peggy Guckin, State Regent, if you are interested, and send your check to Margaret Giordano.

Will you be joining us? I hope so! We need you to help make this the best Convention ever. The 2016 National Convention will be held at:

**Wyndham Grand, 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

### State Membership Team

The State Membership team is getting very excited here in Pennsylvania. At the present time the Membership Team, along with several courts, are working on starting a campus court and two new courts here in the Altoona/Johnstown diocese. We just got notice from a court in the Greensburg diocese that recently six parishes were combined into one. They have permission from the parish priest for us to talk to him about Catholic Daughters. The priest feels that there should be enough interest in the total area to start a new court.

This is very exciting news for the State of Pennsylvania. We would like to hear from all the other dioceses. It would be wonderful if each diocese helped us to start one new court in their area.

#### How to get started in your search for a New Court

★ Find a parish without a CDA court. ★ Contact the parish priest. ★ Get permission from the priest for the State Team to come and talk with him. ★ Contact Janet Oesterling, [jmoest@yahoo.com](mailto:jmoest@yahoo.com) or 814-355-7730. ★ The State Membership Team will then take the necessary steps to make it happen.

Thank you so much for all that your court does in Unity & Charity for your parish and community. Please pray that all of our hard work will result in new courts for Pennsylvania. —Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman

### News From National

National Regent Shirley announced some changes in ceremonies when wearing the robe. You may now again wear small stud earrings (only one pair and not to hang below the ear lobe). The wearing of stockings is optional.

Junior Catholic Daughters is now again under the National umbrella.

Anyone can place an order on the National website and pay using your credit card via Pay Pal. The only exception to this is special orders like rings and robes.

Labouré Society now falls under National Projects, and Disaster Relief now falls under National Charities.

Our Circle of Love Program now encompasses Family. Family replaces our National Projects and Charities. This is an entity all in itself. Family is now one of the focuses in Circle of Love which replaces National Projects and Charities.

All this information is in the September Quarterly that Regents, District Deputies and State Chairmen will be receiving from National. These quarterlies are also on the National website.

### Newsletter Schedule Quarterly Publications

Fall: September-November  
Winter: December-February  
Spring: March-May  
Summer: June-August

### Submission Deadlines

Fall: August 1  
Winter: November 1  
Spring: February 1  
Summer: May 1

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## 2016 Convention Committees

Task	Name	Court
State Officer in Charge		
National Convention	Peggy Guckin, SR, Chair	PA State Court
Peggy Guckin	State Officers, Co-Chairs	PA State Court
	Laraine McGinnis, PSR	Washington #1651
Registration	Melody Yearde, Chair	Brownsville #1141
Peg Rafferty	Audrey Albaugh, Co-Chair	Columbia #2
	Kathi Grace	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Lynn Kelly	St. Dominic #2222
	Maryann Voystock	Mystical Rose #2628
	Marleen Duley	Ave Maria #650
	Johanna Leonard	Allegheny #664
	Susan A. Swift	St. Mark #1097
	Christine Surovec	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
	Karen Anstett	Blessed Madonna #2521
	Colette McCaffrey	St. Dominic #2222
	Mary Catherine Wydra	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Mary J. Snyder	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Rosemarie Koronkiewicz	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Nora Avellino	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Ellen Gallagher	St. Matthew #1828
	Mary May	Erie #515
Circle of Love Walk	Opal Kunz, Chair	Isabella #959
Rafferty/McCann	Marietta Daher	Isabella #959
Meditation Chapel	Debbie Zakazwski, Chair	St. Rita #523
Shirley Hall	Mary Snyder, Co-Chair	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Rose Long	St. Rita #523
	Susan Sharer	St. Rita #523
	Mary Ann Galonski	Patricia #998
	Mary Catherine Wydra	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Nora Avellino	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Marleen Duley	Ave Maria #650
	Rosemarie Koronkiewicz	Our Lady of Victory #588
Raffles AKA Tombola	Margaret Novak, IPSR, Chair	Our Lady of Seven Dolores #2645
Margaret Giordano	Pat Lutz, Co-Chair	Blessed Madonna #2521
	Frances Rhoa	Our Lady of Victory #722
	Virginia Rhoa	Our Lady of Victory #722
	Marietta Daher	Isabella #959
	Jo Valenti	St. Bernard #339
	Bernadette Dillon	Our Lady of Victory #722
	Sarah Mastrull	St. Mark #1097
	JoAnn Lynn	St. Mark #1097
	Melodie Yeardie	Brownsville #1141
	Judy Farrah	Lambing #314
	Mary Jo Oppel	St. Theresa #562

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Task	Name	Court
State Officer in Charge		
Share the Wealth	Jeanette Kitch, Chair	Columbia #2
Margaret Giordano	Mary Moretz, Co-Chair	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Pat Phillips	Conception #35
	Judy Farrah	Lambing #314
	Mary Marzen	Ryan #911
	Ruth Farrah	Lambing #314
	Audrey Albaugh	Columbia #2
	JoAnn Lynn	St. Mark #1097
	Susie Farrah	Lambing #314
	Joy Stauffer	Blessed Madonna #2521
	Mary Corbett	Washington #1651
	Joan Kopnicky	Joan of Arc #716
Shrine	Mary Ann Galonski, Chair	Patricia #998
Peg Rafferty	Court St. Rene	St. Rene #1868
Music	Theresa Shields, Chair	New Kensington #860
Peg Rafferty	Johanna Leonard	Allegheny #664
	Rosemarie Faller	Bellevue #655
	Jeanette Kitch	Columbia #2
	Mary Moretz	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Pat Kondravy	St. Martin #418
	DeannaTeixeira	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Kathi Grace	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Opal Kunz	Isabella #959
	Linda Brown	Conception #35
	Carol Anne Ferreira	Queen of Peace #1023
	Louise Ott	St. Dominic #2222
	Nora Avellino	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Mary Snyder	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Rosemarie Koronkiewicz	Our Lady of Victory #588
	Margaret Novak	Our Lady of Seven Dolores #2645
Ushers	Teresa Bayly, Chair	St. Martin #418
Peggy Guckin	Michelle Russo, Co-Chair	St. Mark #1097
	Judy Poltanis	St. Martin #418
	Pat Kondravy	St. Martin #418
	Doris Kitt	Rose Cecilia #1641
	Annie Jacobs	St. Mark #1097
Ceremonial Coordinator	Mary K. Moreau, Chair	St. Bernard #339
Peggy Guckin	Janet Oesterling	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
	Margaret Novak	Our Lady of Seven Dolores #2645
Flowers	Susan Sharer, Chair	St. Rita #523
Shirley Hall	Janet Oesterling, Co-Chair	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
	Sue Kelly	Columbia #2
	Karen Anstett	Blessed Madonna #2521

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Task	Name	Court
State Officer in Charge		
Meal Reservations	Laraine McGinnis, Chair	Washington #1651
	Lauren Krofcheck, Co-Chair	Washington #1651
	Tina Dambach	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Michelle Russo	St. Mark #1097
	Deanna Teixeira	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Collette McCaffrey	St. Dominic #2222
Pre-Convention Tours		
Rafferty/McCann	Rosemary Biskup, Co-Chair	Greene County #1923
	Marietta Daher	Isabella #959
	Dolores Croyle	Patricia #998
	Eleanor Chodelka	New Kensington #860
Liturgical/Liturgies		
Shirley Hall	Lauren Krofcheck, Co-Chair	Washington #1651
	Pat Gildea	Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
	Kathi Grace	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Maryann Voystock	Mystical Rose #2628
	Rose Long	St. Rita #523
	Susan Sharer	St. Rita #523
	Debbie Zakazwski	St. Rita #523
	Opal Kunz	Isabella #959
	Mary Ann Galonski	Patricia #998
	Christine Surovec	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
	Hospitality/Airport	Mary Marzen, Chair
Peg Rafferty	Sue Kelly	Columbia #2
	Phyllis Vrobel	Columbia #2
PA FUN Night	Dolores Croyle, Chair	Patricia #998
State Board		
Meeting Room	Pattie Fromknecht	Prince Gallitzin #2625
Peggy Guckin	Michelle Russo	St. Mark #1097
Monitors		
Margaret Giordano		
Pages	National may take care of this.	
First Aid	Heather Goldsmith	Ave Maria #650
Peggy Guckin	Mary Jo Oppel	St. Theresa #562
After Convention	Laraine McGinnis	Washington #1651
Shirley Hall	Tina Dambach	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Deanna Teixeira	St. Francis de Sales #2617
	Johanna Leonard	Allegheny #664
	Doris Kitt	Rose Cecilia #1641
	Rosemarie Faller	Bellevue #655
	Janet Oesterling	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
	Pat Lutz	Blessed Madonna #2521



### “On Fire” at Our Lady of the Snows

As a state officer, it was my pleasure to be a Pennsylvania representative and to learn and grow at the State and Territorial Officer’s Conference this summer from July 16-18 at Our Lady of Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Some highlights for me were meeting and traveling with my fellow Pennsylvania state officers, State Regent Peggy Guckin and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent Shirley Hall, participating in the opening Holy Hour devotion and Mass at Our Lady of Snows Church, fellowship with the CDA officers from all over the country and Puerto Rico, praying the Stations of the Cross with State Treasurer Lisa McCann, as we took an outdoor evening stroll on the grounds from life-size station to life-size station and Saturday evening Mass with inspiring song and music at Our Lady of Snows Church.

“CDA is on Fire” was a strong message I got from the conference. We don’t want to put this fire out! Let the flames of your CDA spirit glow and grow. This way others will witness your passion for service and spirituality. After all, isn’t that what CDA is all about?

Let your spark of desire for the CDA motto and mission ignite your CDA fire. Allow it to spread from officers to members to potential members and to all with whom you come in contact. Authorize a blaze of CDA on Fire in your community!

Remember, too, to never underestimate the power of prayer. Please pray for me as I will pray for you.

In Unity and Charity,

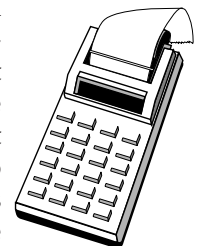
—Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary

### Is Your Court “On Fire”?!

One way you can show Catholic Daughters is **ALIVE** in your parish or area is by celebrating National **CATHOLIC DAUGHTER SUNDAY** on October 18, 2015. The theme for this special day is “Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me,” (Matthew, 25-40). It’s not too late to plan your celebration. You can show off your court and membership by the officers wearing their robes. Don’t forget to publicize your event before and after with the use of photos. Be sure to email a photo to Peggy Guckin for our State Newsletter.

### Semi-Annual Financial Review

A Financial Review form for the period ending September 30, 2015 is enclosed in National’s fall quarterly. Contact your **district deputy** to arrange for a date for the review. Regents are to appoint three members who are not officers to serve on the Review Committee. Forms are to be returned to the state regent, state secretary and to the National office by November 1, 2015.



# Message from State Chaplain

Dear Friends,

Each year, on October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Many of us are quite familiar with the rosary as a part of our spiritual life; the rosary has, fittingly, a place of prominence in the life of our Church. But I suspect the origins of this particular title of our Lady are not as well known to Catholics as the prayers which make up this beautiful Marian prayer.

The origins go back to the middle of the sixteenth century, to—of all things—a naval battle off the coast of Greece, known as the Battle of Lepanto. (Many historians claim that the Battle of Lepanto is one of the most important battles in the history of western civilization.)

In the middle of the sixteenth century the Muslim forces of the Ottoman Empire (located in Turkey) were building up their military powers to carry out a plan to invade Europe and conquer the major cities of Europe and to force the solidly Christian countries of Europe to convert to the Muslim religion and to seize some of the most important churches and cathedrals of Europe and transform them into mosques. (They had their eyes fixed especially on the newly built and almost-completed Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, which they planned to transform into the largest mosque in the world.)

Many of the European countries were greatly—and rightly—alarmed at the thought of the Ottoman Empire forces conquering Europe. In an unprecedented move, Pope Pius V, sought and gained the help of many European monarchs and formed the “Holy League”—a collaborative effort that joined military forces from the Papal States, Spain, The Kingdom of Sicily, the Republic of Venice, The Republic of Geneo, The Kingdom of Naples and several other countries. Their objective was to stop the invasion of Europe by the Muslim forces of the Ottoman Empire.

The Holy League set out with over 200 naval ships to encounter the Ottoman forces. On the eve before the battle off the coast of Greece, Pope Pius V decreed that every soldier of the Holy League was to carry a rosary, and they were to pray the rosary the night before the battle asking the intercession of our Lady to intercede on their behalf and help secure a victory. Far away in Rome, Pope Pius V spent the day in prayer, praying the rosary.

On October 7, 1571, the forces of the Holy League and the Ottoman Empire met off the coast of Greece in the battle of Lepanto. In a fierce battle that lasted almost the entire day, the Holy League defeated the forces of the Ottoman Empire and virtually destroyed their naval forces.

When Pope Pius V heard of the victory—and the defeat of the Muslim plans to invade and conquer Europe, he attributed the victory to Our Lady through the prayers of Christians throughout Europe. He established a feast in honor of Our Lady of Victory to be celebrated each



*Battle of Lepanto*

Paolo Veronese (1528-1588)

*This image by artist Paolo Veronese shows the Battle of Lepanto, which was a miraculous naval victory of the Catholic fleet over the Turkish one. It was through praying the Holy Rosary and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary that this victory was achieved. The lower half of the painting shows the events of the battle of Lepanto, while at the top a female personification of Venice is presented to the Virgin Mary, with Saint Roch, Saint Peter, Saint Justina, Saint Mark and a group of angels in attendance.*

—restoredtraditions.com; wikipedia.org

October 7th, in thanksgiving for our Lady's intercession. The name of the feast was eventually changed to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and has come to be an annual reminder of the power of prayer and the intercessory place our Lady has in the life of the Church.

The forces of the Holy League were disbanded a few years after the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Saint Pius V died about eight months after the Battle of Lepanto and is regarded as one of the most influential popes in the history of the Church.

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



## 10-Week Club Raffle

The fall 10-Week Club Raffle tickets have been mailed. The dates of the drawings are on Tuesdays, beginning October 6, 2015 and running for 10 weeks until December 8, 2015. The payouts are \$100 each week with a \$500 payout the week of December 8 (Immaculate Conception). Sellers of the winning tickets receive \$25. The numbers are based on the first Mid-Day 3-digit Pennsylvania Lottery. Cost is \$5. Each court is encouraged to purchase a ticket for the court as it is an easy way to add funds to the court treasury.

These 10-week raffle tickets make great gifts for your chaplain, family and friends. Remember that the funds for this Fall 10-Week Raffle will help to pay expenses for the upcoming 2016 National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh.

The deadline for the return of tickets is September 18, 2015. If you would like more tickets, please contact any state officer. Tickets not returned by September 18 will be expected to be purchased by your court. If a court fails to forward the stubs or money in time for a drawing and a winner is declared as part of those stubs, the local court will be responsible for paying the winner.

As a reminder for future 10-Week Club Raffles, if you have a particular number that you would like for your court, please let me know. If the number is not already spoken for, I will ensure the court receives the requested number. The Winter/Spring 10-Week Raffle will be mailed early December with drawings to be held Sundays, beginning February 7 and running for 10 weeks until April 10, 2016. \$500 payout will be on March 27 (Easter). Thank you for your support of these fundraisers. Good luck to all!

—Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State

## Thoughts on State Officers Workshop

It is always a pleasure getting together with fellow Catholic Daughters, whether at Diocesan, State or National meetings. The State Officers Workshop in Belleville, IL, in July was no exception. The presentations were most interesting and informative.

A few thoughts I would like to share with you on a presentation given by Margi Oller, National Director, "Why Visit A Court."

Many of us, as district deputies, are responsible for a number of courts in an area and visit at least once a year for a Financial Review. However, it is important to:

- 1) Contact your courts either by electronic device, phone calls or in person. This sends the message that: I CARE! YOU ARE IMPORTANT! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
- 2) Learn new ideas for activities, programs and projects to share. See how the National theme is being carried out.
- 3) Speak to your courts. Listen to your courts. Compliment your courts.
- 4) Make a visit fun! Share some one-on-one time with members.

Every kind, caring thought or action may save a court.

—Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent

## Thoughts on State Convention

My name is Lauren Krofcheck, and I am the recording secretary for Court Washington #1651.

This past April, I had the opportunity to attend the State Convention in Philadelphia with my regent, district deputy and two other members. I was so excited to meet other members of the Catholic Daughters from other parts of Pennsylvania, and to learn more about our organization. As the youngest member of my court at 26 I was excited to meet people of all ages and learn from them.

From our arrival on Thursday afternoon to our departure on Monday morning, I was inundated with warm welcomes, conversations and great fellowship from all who attended. Two events really made a great impact on my time at the Convention. On Saturday night, we had dinner on our own, my regent, district deputy and I were headed to get pizza when we ran into two other members who were planning their meal. After a short conversation, we all agreed that we would go together for pizza.

On the way, and during dinner, we talked about past conventions, past events in courts and stories of our faith journeys. We also just laughed and spent time together. This casual setting over pizza really confirmed for me that my joining the Catholic Daughters was the right choice as these ladies embodied what I hoped to gain in my faith and personal life.

The second event was the Sunday Reception, from the closing Mass, to dancing the night away, this Reception was one of my favorite events. Dancing and laughing with members from different courts really made me feel like we were one large state court coming together to celebrate Catholic womanhood.

My journey with the Catholic Daughters has been filled with wonderful experiences and amazing women who have shown me how to live my Catholic faith.

I am so excited to attend the National Convention in July. Look for me as a Court Washington #1651 delegate! ♦



Suzanne Garnett is 19-years-old and attended her first CDA State Convention in April. Read about her experience on page 10.

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

***State Spiritual Intention Report***

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, July - August 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. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

**Priest Appreciation**

*Rev. Michael Zavage*

Given by: Court St. Anne DeBeaupre #1909

**Happy 5th Anniversary**

*Fr. Matthew Kuhn*

Given by: State Officers and IPSR

**Congratulations**

*Kathie Spargo*

Given by: Margaret P. Novak, IPSR

**Happy Birthday**

*State Regent Peggy Guckin*

*Caron S. Leath (60th)*

Given by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary

*Dorothy Andrilla*

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

*Patti Boley*

Given by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Mrs. Jackie Yuhás (75th)*

Given by: Bernadette S. Marinchak, #1909

**Get Well Wishes**

*Chris Moncrief*

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

*Lee Nilles*

*Letty Barnes*

*Georgeanne Beresnyak*

*Bonnie Rice*

Given by: State Officers and IPSR

**In Loving Memory ♦ In Sympathy ♦ Repose of Soul**

*Agatha Gerz*

Given by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

*Olga Verost*

Given by: Court St. Rene #1868

*Ruth Rentz Bartolomucci*

*John Bartolomucci*

*Anna Bartolomucci*

Given by: Lisa Fellner

*Frank J. Berchin*

Given by: Court Washington #1651

*Marie Miller*

*Frank Fapfhammer*

*Rita Fromknecht*

Given by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

*Marge Smith*

*Theresa Steffey*

*Burt Parsons*

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

*Peggy Shannon*

Given by: Margaret P. Novak, IPSR

*Mother-in-law of Pattie Fromknecht*

*Susan Wascak*

Given by: State Officers and IPSR

*Michelle Ellis*

Given by: Court St. Rene #1868

*Theresa Steffey*

Given by: State Officers and IPSR



# Court Chatter

## ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court St. Rita #523



Left to right: Rose Long, CDA Regent, Sarah Annie, Brianna and Sue Sharer, Vice Regent

Court Saint Rita #523 honors three Saint Matthew parishioners who placed in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Forensic competition. The winners presented their speeches to the court members. Each student was given a gift certificate to the Bull Pen restaurant. The following parochial school attendees who won are:

- Sarah, First Place in Informative, 8th Grade, Saint John the Evangelist School, Lakemont
- Annie, Fourth Place in Poetry, 7th Grade, Saint John the Evangelist School, Lakemont
- Brianna, Second Place in Persuasive, 7th Grade, Saint Rose of Lima, Altoona



CDA members of Court St. Rita #523 and their families working at a Rodeo sponsored by St. Matthew's Parish in Tyrone. Pictured are: Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent, Aye Tepsic (Back), Sarah and Annie.

## HARRISBURG DIOCESE Court Queen of Peace #1023

Court Queen of Peace #1023 held its Annual Education Awards Ceremony in the gymnasium at St. Philip the Apostle Church, on June 7, 2015. Twenty-eight local awards and seven state awards were presented to youth from eight different schools. The Awards ceremony concluded with refreshments and cake for the winners, their families, teachers and principals.



Two 2nd place national awards were presented by Court Queen of Peace #1023 on the feast of the Assumption at St. Mary's Church in Lancaster.



*Would you like to see your court's activity featured in our newsletter? Send photo or email it to State Regent!*



Left to right: State Secretary Margaret T. Giordano; Gabriella (National 2nd Place, Photography, Division 3); Anya (National 2nd Place, Essay, Division 3) and Regent Rita Smith Wade-El.



## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

### *Court Rose Cecilia #1641*

Members of Court Rose Cecilia #1641 went to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, and donated 15 blankets and 55 hats to be used for the babies and young children. Many of the babies are in Neonatal Intensive Care for months and the hats and soft blankets help to keep them warm. Thanks to Shirley and Dorothy Mankowski for their sewing talents.



*Left to Right: Christine (Child Life Program), Shirley Wybranski, Dorothy Andrilla, Vice Regent, Dorothy Mankowski, District Deputy and member Court #2222, Peggy Guckin, State Regent and Doris Kitt, Regent.*

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

### *Court Washington #1651*

The City Mission in Washington PA, which provides hot meals, warm showers, a safe bed and a smile to the homeless, suffered severe fire damage to their main building on June 9. The mission houses 65 men and provides three hot meals each day to approximately 100-120 homeless men, women and children.

In addition to a monetary donation, we contacted the mission to determine how we could help with the meals that were desperately needed, since their kitchen facilities were destroyed in the fire. We offered to provide lunch the day after our July meeting and asked that the members bring one dozen sandwich buns and one dozen cookies to the meeting. They responded with approximately 40 dozen buns and 50 dozen cookies! Several members also donated cash that covered most of the cost of the meats, cheeses, lettuce and tomatoes, mayonnaise and mustard. In addition, we enlisted the families of the children who attended Vacation Bible School the previous week to donate single-serve items such as fruit cups, pudding cups, chips, sandwich crackers and cereal bars—and they responded with approximately 500 single-serving items!



*Members of Court Washington #1651 who prepared the trays, from left to right: Carol Brosnahan, Linda Kubacka, Ellie Ruffolo, Jan Trozzi, Mae Hunter, Alice Zanaglio, Laraine McGinnis, Robin Krofcheck, Kathy Haught, Ann Johnston, Darlene Farabee, Cheryl Hettman*

On July 8th, 14 of our members and the 8-year-old daughter of one member arrived at 9 a.m. in the church hall to prepare the trays. Our Chaplain, Father William Feeney, blessed the food before we delivered it to the mission's Bible Chapel which was set up as a dining hall.

Since prepared meals are the mission's top need (in addition to monetary donations) as they continue operations, our members voted to continue providing one meal a month until they are able to resume normal operations, which may take several months. We will provide lunch in August and dinner in September and will schedule future monthly meals based on the needs of the mission.

*—Laraine McGinnis, Regent*

**Court Chatter contd.**  
**PITTSBURGH DIOCESE**  
**Court Allegheny #664**



**C**ongratulations to **Johanna Leonard**, Regent of Court Allegheny #664 and State Cantor.

She was a recipient of the "Manifesting the Kingdom Award" at St. Paul's Cathedral, Sunday, June 7th.

Johanna said, "It was a wonderful experience and I thank God for letting me be worthy of this award."

The Manifesting the Kingdom award is given by the diocesan bishop to laywomen and laymen and

to consecrated women and men who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives and have participated in exceptional service to the Church reflected in so many different ways to the lives, ministry and work of those who receive it.

**JCDA / YOUTH**

**T**o date we have no JCDA Courts in Pennsylvania, though there is still interest in a couple of areas. National currently directs all inquiries concerning establishing a JCDA Court for anyone interested. This would be a great way to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to promote service to others and to foster an awareness and appreciation of diversity in our youth.

For our courts with a strong youth group in the parish (which seems to lessen the chance to form a JCDA), Court members could find ways to help. The best way may be to volunteer to become a leader. This is, however, a time consuming—yet very rewarding—activity. You could also ask the current leaders what their projects are and ask if the court could help—physically, monetarily or spiritually. Let the youth of your parish know that the CDA exists, what our goals are, and perhaps encourage them to join in the future.

With school starting, there are many opportunities to help the youth. You do not have to have a Catholic school nearby. Through your church office, the youth group, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, an abused victims' home or an orphanage, or any other group that would know the needs of children, learn if there are needs that your court can meet. There may be a need for new school clothes, back packs and other school supplies or assistance with meal programs. If there is a Catholic school near you, they may need help with tuition.

Faith Formation classes are beginning. Once again, you may have members volunteer to teach the classes. In addi-



**Prayer**  
**T**he power of prayer makes a difference in our lives. We pray for—our loved ones, peace in the world, healing, our Sisters in Christ.



We pray in thanksgiving for God's help and love.

Each prayer comes with a commitment to service as we serve one another in the name of Jesus.

A quote from Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941):

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."*

We discover a unique joy in helping others. You give service every time you wipe a tear, bake a cake for the monthly CDA meeting, help a person who needs assistance either financially or physically or serve as a court officer or chairman. Service takes us out of ourselves and puts us in contact with new people who may add joy to our lives.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make the 2016 National Convention hosted by all the wonderful Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania a success. This is truly giving service. May God bless you abundantly!

We are Sisters in Christ who pray and support each other. We are the Catholic Daughter of the Americas!

— Sherry Nilles, Second Vice National Regent

tion, ask if the teachers need any supplies to supplement their programs. If you know any families with children of school age, you may ask if they would like you to pick up the registration forms for them. And we can always pray for the increase in knowledge of our faith in our youth.

Finally, be open to the spirituality of our youth. Do not be afraid to ask a young man or young woman if they have ever considered the priesthood or religious life. Perhaps the vocation is there but not being recognized because this no longer seems to be a future encouraged by parents, counselors and others. A voice other than that of a current priest or religious may be the spark needed to develop an awareness of religious vocations.

— Dolores Croyle, State JCDA/Youth Chair

**My Experience of the State Convention**

**M**y name is **Suzanne Garnett**, and I am 19-years-old. I was very grateful that I was able to participate in my first CDA State Convention at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn in Trevose, PA. It was very rewarding and interesting to see Catholic women of faith come together as Catholic Daughters. As a third generation Catholic Daughter in my Court Ave Maria #650, I am very happy and pleased to be a part of this organization. As one of the youngest members in the state of Pennsylvania, I am also representing the youth especially in my generation. As I look back on my first CDA State Convention, I now understand what it really means to be a true member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. I strive to continue this organization's motto in "Unity and Charity." I pray that God will continue to bless this faithful organization of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. ♦

# Mary Pondered and We Ponder

Sometimes our heads spin with questions like notes on the scale and in the song the answers are revealed.

Why is the road leading to this world's values  
so broad, so wide?

Where does our narrow road lead us?  
Who are those cheering us on and encouraging us  
when we're weary?

Who are those who are a stirring testament  
to God's sustaining grace?

Who are the Catholic Daughters lining the way?  
What is our heritage which we pass on?  
What are the footprints that we leave behind?  
How do we inspire those who come behind us?  
What are our hopes and our dreams?

As we sift through the stories of the past,  
what clues do we discover?  
What memories do we uncover?  
What light do we find that glows in the dark  
and shows us the pilgrims' way of CDA?

Now that we have pondered the questions,  
let us listen to the song:  
We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road.  
And those who've gone before us line the way,  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,  
Their lives a stirring testament  
to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
Let us run the race not only for the prize.  
But as those who've gone before us,  
Let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness  
passed on through Godly lives.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
And our (members) sift through what we've left behind.  
May the clues that they discover,  
and the memories they uncover,  
Become the light that leads them  
to the road we each must find.

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.  
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Faith + Family = Future

—Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM  
State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE NOTES WHY?? HOW?? WHO?? WHEN??

### WHY PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE?

CDA needs a "Decision-Making Process"  
CDA bylaws provide that Robert's Rules of Order  
is our parliamentary authority

### REASONS TO USE

Assures courtesy to all  
One thing only is considered at a time  
Rights of the minority are preserved  
Will of the majority will prevail



### HOW DO WE "MAKE A DECISION" AT A COURT MEETING?

**Common Consent**—all are in agreement  
**Motion**—made, seconded, discussed, voted upon,  
result of vote announced

### WHY?

Saves time  
Only one person speaks at a time  
Members understand what is happening to record  
Definite format for the secretary  
Provides for a streamlined, effective meeting

### WHO?

Any member—can make a motion  
An officer (except Regent, unless she moves out of the  
chair for that issue)

### WHEN?

For each item of business needing a decision.

—Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

## National Donations

Continue to send all donations for National Projects and Charities to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary so your Court will receive credit at the State and National levels. On your behalf, a donation of \$200.00 was sent to the National Office for the earthquake victims in Nepal.

## 9-11

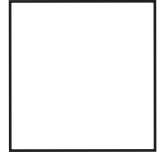


Do you remember where you were that fateful day? The National Day of Service and Remembrance is observed on September 11 of each year in memory of the 2,977 killed in the 2001 September 11 attacks.

## Correction

*The Angelus* Summer 2015 issue listed the State Education Contest winners in Poetry Divisions I and II incorrectly. The correct listing is as follows: Division I, 1st Place, Jessica Grace Kowalkowski, New Kensington #860, New Kensington; 2nd Place, Trenten Murphy, Joan of Arc #716, Cresson; 3rd Place, Patrick Bush, Monesson #776, Monesson. Division II, 1st Place, Anna Poach, Washington #1651, Washington; 2nd Place, Ian Campbell, Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster; 3rd Place, Adam Carey, Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg.

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## *The Nativity of Mary*

**M**ary's is a birthday [commemorated September 8] to remember because the answer to our sorrow, misery, malice, loneliness, inability, and strife is to be born of Mary. When Mary is born, says Saint Andrew of Crete († 740), "we are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery... How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light."

Saint John Vianney extols Mary: "Your birth, O Blessed Virgin Mary, fills the whole world with a sweet consolation and a holy joy, because of you was born our Jesus, our God, who has taken away from us the curse in which we were plunged by the sin of our first parents, and filled us with all kinds of blessings." And that is why we are eager to know, and to return in the liturgy, to the moment of Mary's birth: so that we can participate totally in the mystery whereby the possibility of our happiness and salvation is born of a woman.

We commemorate then "the birth of the Virgin, with whom is likewise born our salvation."

Saint Gregory Palamas continues this theme:

This month our salvation had its origin,  
As we celebrate today.

This sacred feast and holiday that we are keeping  
Is the first to commemorate our recall and re-creation

According to grace, for on it all things  
Began to be made new,  
Enduring precepts began to be brought in  
Instead of temporary ones, the spirit instead of  
The letter, the truth instead of shadows...  
Today a new world and a mysterious paradise  
Have been revealed, in which and from which  
A New Adam came into being,  
re-making the Old Adam and renewing the universe.

—Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., Editor-in Chief, *Magnificat*  
An excerpt from the book *Mysteries of the Virgin Mary: Living Our Lady's Graces*



*St. Ann and Our Lady*

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)

*St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is shown here  
with Our Lady as a young child, teaching and studying with her.*

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