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*Opening Ceremonies,
Peggy Guckin,
carrying PA State Flag*

Message from Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Dear Members,

The following is a day-by-day report of the **56th Biennial National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA**, that is not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

WOW!!! Wonderful. Outstanding. What can I say! It was just the best spiritual uplift. Thank you to Fr. Matthew Kuhn, National Chaplain, for the opportunity to attend Mass on a daily basis prior to the start of the convention and for his vision of having a daily Holy Hour.

Workshops were presented by the National Board and Directors. It was surely a learning experience for first-timers and old-timers alike who still come and want to learn new ideas. Thank you to our many presenters during the lunch period. Presenters spoke on various topics: *Death Penalty*, with Karen Clifton, Founder and Executive Director of Catholic Mobilizing Network; *Mission of Human Life International*, with John Martin, Vice President of Operations; *Laboure' & Accountability Partners*, with Cy Laurent, Founder and Executive Director; and *Sexual Exploitation, Pornography and the Anti-Porn Campaign*, with Dawn Hawkins, Executive Director of Morality in the Media/Center on Sexual Exploitation. There was also a *Parliamentary Chat*, with Susan Drafytz. Again, we thank them for their time and dedication and the information they gave us.

National did it again...Tuesday evening there was a great concert by Michael Russell O'Brien. In between hymns to our Heavenly Mother Mary, he shared his life stories. Many were brought to tears.

On Wednesday, we commenced our real reason for coming to Pittsburgh with a beautiful opening Mass. Most Reverend Donald J. Kettle, Bishop of Minnesota Diocese, was main celebrant and homilist. Concelebrating was Fr. Matt along with many State Chaplains and Deacons who assisted. Pennsylvania was honored to have Fr. D. Timothy Grimme, Past State Chaplain, attend for most of the week. Following Mass, all registered members attending entered the convention room and the National Directors, followed by National Officers, processed in their robes, each carrying a long-stemmed red rose; Shirley Seyfried carried the crown for the Blessed Mother. The American Flag and Banner were presented, followed by the State Regents or State representative who carried their state flags. This year, we had a new flag as Fr. Peter Wambulwa, Court Chaplain for Court St. Monica #2706, attended, representing the new Kenyan Court.

The National Regent called for the opening of the 56th Biennial National Convention. Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, called on Fr. Matt to lead us in opening prayer for the meeting, followed by pledge of flag, singing of the national anthem and our Opening Ode. Shirley then continued with introducing the National Board and guests at head tables. Shirley introduced Senator Jay Costa, Democratic Leader from Allegheny County who welcomed all to Pittsburgh. On behalf of the PA membership, I had the pleasure and honor to welcome all to Pittsburgh and to the 56th Biennial National Convention. We then heard from our keynote speaker, Bishop Donald J. Kettle, who spoke on mercy (a continuation of his homily) and what is happening in our world today.

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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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Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters Ignites 2016 National Convention!

Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters—147 STRONG (about half were delegates)—ignited the 2016 National Convention in Pittsburgh with ENTHUSIASM, WARMTH, FRIENDLINESS, HELPFULNESS, STICK-TUIT-IVENESS, CHARITY TO ALL, UNITY WITH ALL THE STATE COURTS AND TERRITORIES—exhibiting superb talents!

Our State leaders at the helm (Peggy, Peg, Shirley, Margaret, Lisa) and committee chairs and committee members left no stone unturned to insure 100% hosting—dawn to the wee hours!

Memorable Observations

♦ Special Welcome Bags—homemade cookies, handmade necklaces, in a super CDA purple carry-all.

♦ 100 walking and running to the River's front at 6:00 a.m. for Circle of Love projects.

♦ 21 bylaw amendments adopted, out of 37.

♦ Favorite Sport Teams' Night, with the dance floor overflowing for polkas, twisting, jitterbugging, to the fantastic tunes by Mike the One-Man Band. Miniature balls highlighted the centerpieces and favors.

♦ Beautiful Masses, with a choir of 60, Holy Hours, Prayers and Meditations

by National Chaplain Matt Kuhn (a holy, young, dynamic priest).

♦ Appreciation Banquet, seating over 800, with nostalgic, lighted lanterns as centerpieces.

♦ A well-prepared presiding officer Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, present at every meeting and event—always kind, considerate, helpful.

♦ Enlightening workshops, especially "Snow White and the Seven Leadership Skills"—done in costume.

♦ Awards—Newsletter, Pennsylvania—2nd place in state newsletters; Kittanning—local newsletter; Education, Membership Development.

♦ 77 Tombolo Baskets—what a record!

♦ ICING ON THE CAKE—State Regent Peggy Guckin elected National Director and Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent, elected to 2018 National Nominating Committee.

♦ HATS OFF—to State Officers Peggy Guckin, Peg Rafferty, Shirley Hall, Margaret Giordano and Lisa McCann for outstanding leadership in hosting the 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PA!!

CDA ignited the CDA spirit in Pittsburgh!! NOW, it is up to our LOCAL COURTS to keep that Spirit glowing IN PENNSYLVANIA!

—Pat Gildea, PA Convention Team



Prior to start of meeting, Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, crowns the Blessed Mother



Peggy Guckin, Color Guard Coordinator, Mary Selway, Jeanette Kitch and Mary Ann Galonski, Color Guard; Dolores Croyle, Banner Bearer, and Mary Catherine Wydra carried Banner Flags for opening liturgy, opening Convention and Installation Mass; they retired the flags at the close of the Convention.

Highlights from the 2016 Biennial National Convention Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ♦ July 17-24



Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, was at the helm for a short time on the Ducky Tour; National State Board and PA State Officers take time out before start of registration on Sunday



Peggy Guckin, Sherry Nilles and Fr. Peter waiting to take Ducky Tour



National Officers—Opening Mass—Gift Bearer (sitting, holding music); Vickie Feist, Secretary-Treasurer; Sherry Nilles, 2nd Vice National Regent; Olga Samaniego, 1st Vice National Regent; Helene Shepard, National Regent Elect and Shirley Seyfried, National Regent



State Chaplains, Deacons and Bishop Donald J. Kettle, Minnesota Diocese (National Regent's Diocese) processing in Opening Mass



*Processional Cross—Michele Bowman, State Regent, FL; Cross Bearers: Ruth Busch, State Regent, WI and Regina Couvrette, State Regent, NV
PA/American Flag Bearer: Mary Selway; Flag: Jeanette Kitch; Flag Bearer: Mary Ann Galonski; Banner Bearer: Dolores Croyle; Banner: Mary Catherine Wydra
Not in photo: Nicole Kreider and Papal Flag Bearer: Colette McCaffrey*



Over 830 Catholic Daughters' members, family and friends attended the 56th Biennial National Convention!

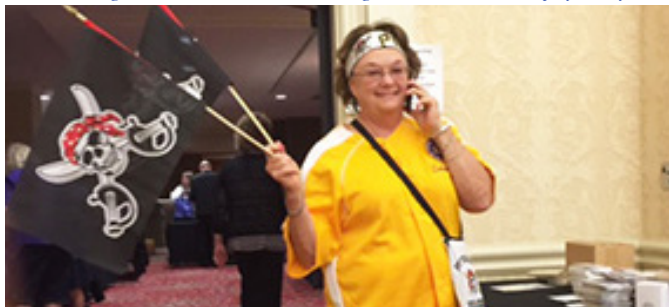


Courtesy of Catholic Philly (Peggy Guckin's hometown); Officers attending Installation Mass at Cathedral. 1st row: Lisa McCann, PA State Treasurer; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; (not in photo: Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent and Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent); next row: South Dakota State Officers: Barbara M. Wiechmann, State Regent; Brenda Anderson, 1st Vice Regent; Judy Konechner, 2nd Vice State Regent; Bernice Cizadlo, State Secretary and Michele Sage, Treasurer. After final blessing, PA State Officers passed the Paten to SD State Officers

A Very Memorable Convention!



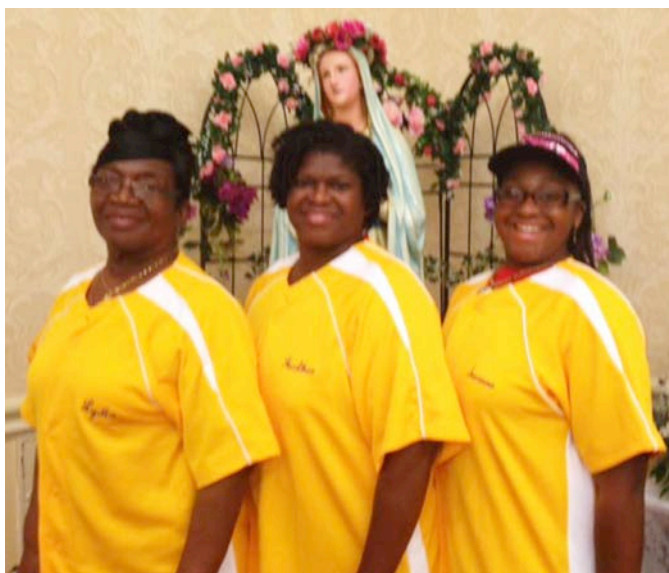
*Tuesday Evening Concert with Michael Russell O'Brien
Painting of Blessed Mother on right is one of two Pro Life paintings
displayed at the Convention by artist Nikki Bruni, Court
Westinghouse #759 and Pittsburgh Director, 40 Days for Life*



Dolores Croyle—Take Me Out to the Ballgame



*Wednesday Night Baseball—Rose Long, Pat Gildea and Shirley Hall
taking a well-deserved break with over 100 other CDA members*



*Three generations from Court Ave Maria #650
Lydia Philip, Heather Goldsmith, Suzanne Garnett*

*Helene Shepard, newly elected National Regent,
stopped by to say "Hi" to PA
delegation at Hofbräuhaus
where we celebrated our PA State Dinner
with New Jersey and Arkansas delegations*



Awaiting beginning of Mass



*Members from across the country, under direction
of Theresa Shields, sang at all the liturgies*



*Lydia Phillip, Court Ave Maria #650,
with members of Court Mystical Rose #2628,
Mary Wender, Mary Jane Becker*



*While many members went to the ball game, three shifts of PA
members came to Peggy Guckin's room to put finishing touches on
lanterns: Doris Kitt, hands hard at work, Colette McCafferty,
back of Margaret Giordano, Lynn Kelly and Deanna Lee Teixeira*

And the Winner is...Presentation of Awards



Christine Surovec, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, receives award for Category II, Division I, Second Place Newsletter, from Peggy Guckin, State Regent



Pattie Fromknecht, Spiritual Enhancement Chair for Court Gallitzin #2625, receives Spiritual Enhancement Award for Year of Mercy Project, from Peggy Guckin, State Regent



State Regent Peggy Guckin receives certificate for Membership and Court Development from National Regent Shirley Seyfried



Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair; Pat Gildea; Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, and Margaret Novak received St. Faustina pins for their work in Membership



Lisa McCann, State Treasurer and member, Court Westinghouse #759, accepts plaque for 1903 Society in memory of Doris Ramondi

Remembering 9-11

*Friday—Flight 93 Memorial, Somerset, PA
A common field one day. A field of honor forever.
Ceremonial Gate and crash site beyond.*

*Looking through slats on wooden door of Ceremonial Gate
at the site where Flight 93 went down*



Thoughts on the 56th Biennial National Convention

This was the fourth National Convention I attended. It was unique because it was the first one in which I was involved in hosting. There was a lot to do and coordinate. Our Pennsylvania members worked very hard to do a good job, and, with the guidance of our Committee Chairmen, I think we succeeded. We got a lot of compliments from people around the country.

We were able to celebrate the Eucharist every day. It was marvelous to see all my CDA sisters from all over the country and the Americas, crammed about 800 strong, into one space to praise the Lord. The Memorial Mass was especially moving. Our PA member, Lauren Krofcheck of Court Washington #1651, died while working on the Liturgy Committee for the Convention. Her father served as deacon and her mother also participated in the liturgy. Also, moving was the exciting concert with Michael Russell O'Brien. Several of us were brought to tears when he sang an emotional original song about our lost loved ones always being with us.

We also showed everyone how Pennsylvania can party at Pennsylvania Fun Night. Mike the One-Man Band entertained us quite well. Our guests were dancing even during the dinner music that was themed to recognize many of the states. Of course, the Pennsylvania Polka was included. The night ended with a big Conga line.

Oh, and yes, we did get a lot of business done. But the best part was being with our CDA sisters especially those wonderful ladies from Pennsylvania.

—Tina Dambach, State Education Chair



*Saturday Morning—Retiring the Flags
Dolores Croyle, Guard; Mary Catherine Wydra, Banner Bearer;
Nicole Kreider, Guard*



*Saturday—Installation Mass, St. Paul Cathedral
Peg Rafferty, State First Vice Regent; Peggy Guckin, State Regent
and National Director Elect; Helene Shepard, National Regent Elect;
Msgr. James Cox, Past State Chaplain, NY;
Rev. Jeffrey J. Maurer, National Clergy Consultant;
Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent
and Margaret Giordano, State Secretary*



*Rev. D. Timothy Grimme and Rev. Anthony Garotta
leading the membership in grace before meals at PA Fun Night*

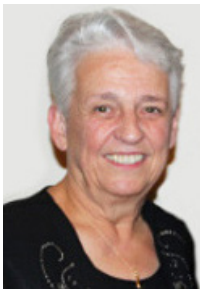


*Judy Poltanis enjoying the Conga line
PA members worked hard showing delegation how to party PA-style!*



Sister Mary Paul dancing with her sister, Mary Selway

Thank You, Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania!



The 56th Biennial Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a beautiful memory. How do I thank each of you for all of the hours spent

making the Convention so memorable? The Masses were filled with the Holy Spirit and so uplifting. Thank you! Many, many pictures were taken around the beautiful shrine to our mother, Mary. Thank you!

Registration was very smooth and with very few problems, thanks to the great help from members of CDA from Pennsylvania. You did an outstanding job. Thank you!

The tours were interesting and full of the wonders of Pennsylvania. Father Peter Wambulwa, from Kenya, mentioned especially the tour to the Amish country. He also enjoyed the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game. Thank you for welcoming Father and making his stay with the Catholic Daughters so memorable.

The Walk/Run for Love was fun. The location was perfect and enjoyed by all the participants. Thanks for always taking care of our every need.

The busing to the Installation Mass was perfect. Thank you!

The raffles, Share the Wealth and Tombola (I learned a new word in Pennsylvania!) were very well done. Thank you!

You were so welcoming at the airport and in the hotel. There was always a smile and "How can I help you?" was always the first question. Thank you!

Preparing the meal tickets, getting the special menus to those who needed them and getting everyone seated was a major task. It was handled beautifully! Thank you!

The monitors, pages and ushers were awesome. Thanks for being there so many times when we needed you. Wasn't that choir something else? How beautiful to hear 90-plus Catholic Daughters singing praises to Jesus. Thank you!

And what a night that was for Pennsylvania Fun Night. Mike the One-Man Band was so much fun! So were the games. Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters do know how to have fun and enjoy their time together. Thank you!

You will be a hard act to follow. Thanks once again for making this 56th Biennial Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas the best convention ever!

—Sherry Nilles, National Representative
National Convention Chair

The Catholic Daughters— Women of Faith

At the National Convention this past July, my whole being was renewed, strengthened and made firm.

It all began on July 18 when we were driving to Lancaster to connect with those continuing on to Pittsburgh. About 3 p.m. enroute, I got the news that "my little Franny" had died.

From July 10 to 16, I led Sr. Francesca in a private directed retreat. She bared her soul to me. On July 18, she went home to her Mother Mary and to her Jesus. I rejoice that she is home, but I miss her on this earth.

We shared so much. Somehow it seems to me that part of me is with her now. I live by faith and not by sight.

At the Convention, I was surrounded by women of faith. This held me together during the initial grieving. The music, the speakers, the fun night, the liturgy, Shirley, Helene, the PA State Court, and on and on, from the 19th to the 24th and the trip home. All was one event.

All was the sacrament of God cradling me in His arms saying, "Yes, as Franny is with me, so the CDA at the National Convention are my arms cradling you on this earth."

Only a faith experience shared with 800-plus people of living faith could have enabled the Convention to become the sacrament of God's arms enfolding us all in His eternal love.

—Sr. Mary Paul, D.M.
Spiritual Enhancement State Chair

Message from Shirley Seyfried



Worthy State Regent, Peggy, and Pennsylvania State CDA Officers and Members,

I do not know where to begin to thank you for the absolutely phenomenal job all of you have done in hosting the National Convention in Pittsburgh in July. Your impeccable attention to every detail was beyond amazing. I said it would be the best convention ever and it really was the best of the best!!

From the moment the Convention started, till it was all over Sunday after Mass, everything went perfectly. While we always strive for that, seldom does it happen, but it did in Pittsburgh, and I thank you sincerely.

Mentioning names is always risky lest I forget someone, but there are several people who really do need to be mentioned. First of all, the entire state board, led by Peggy Guckin, State Regent and General Convention Chair, Peg Rafferty, Shirley Hall, Margaret Giordano and Lisa McCann worked absolutely tirelessly throughout the entire convention.

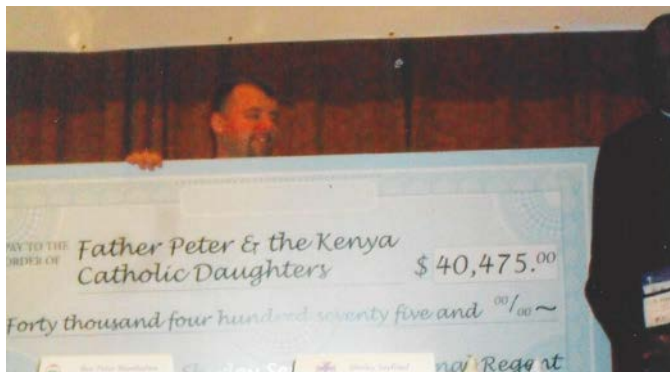
The Liturgies, and the Holy Hour were all very special, thanks to Shirley Hall and her committee (with special blessings from Lauren Krofcheck who I'm sure was watching lovingly from heaven).

The Walk for Love led by Lisa McCann, Peg Rafferty and Opal Kunz, went perfectly on that beautiful day in the park.

The luncheons for the clergy and the state regents, including the table decorations—Dolores Croyle, the convention shrine—Peg Rafferty, and the meditation chapel—Shirley Hall and Rose Long—were all very lovely.

Laraine McGinnis did an unbelievably wonderful job with all the meal reservations, as well as the beautiful appreciation banquet.

Theresa Shields did a superb job with the convention choir which sounded so beautiful at every Mass.



Fr. Matt presents check to Fr. Peter and Kenyan Court in the amount of \$40,475.00 donated by Catholic Daughters' courts and members so that Kenyan Court can buy a bus and a tractor

Pattie Fromknecht worked diligently to see that every person was seated correctly and made lovely placecards; the color guard performed flawlessly thanks to Mary Marzen.

The convention hall always looked perfect, thanks to Susan Sharer and Janet Oesterling and their wonderful committee; the flowers were over the top beautiful, in the Cathedral, the convention hall, and in Kings Garden, where we had our Masses each day.

I know each of these ladies had a committee to help them; thank you to all of you. Thank you to Margaret Giordano who organized all who served as monitors, ushers and pages; you kept everything running so smoothly and did a wonderful job.

Although she is not from Pennsylvania, I also want to thank Sherry Nilles, the Convention Chairman for the phenomenal job she did.

Thank you also to the Pennsylvania State Board for hosting the entire National board on the trip to Shanksville before the convention. We all enjoyed it very much and we greatly appreciate it.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank every one of the members from Pennsylvania for your tireless efforts. If you were one of the people working at the convention, I thank you sincerely for all you did, if you were a member who was home praying for the success of the convention, we all definitely appreciated the prayers.

Hosting a National Convention is a huge undertaking and you made it look easy. Everyone was always smiling and you were so kind to everyone. If I have missed someone, I truly am sorry because everyone worked so hard to make this convention the best ever and as I said at the beginning, I cannot thank you enough. You are the best!!! May God always bless you and your work in Catholic Daughters. Thank you for always remembering *"Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me."* —Matthew 25:40.

Peace and Love,

—Shirley Seyfried, National Regent 2014-2016



Mass for God and Country, on Friday; delegation wears red-white-blue; Past National Regents with flags: Anne Nelson, IPNR, presents U.S. Army Flag; Joanne Tomassi, Navy Flag; Libby Ramierz, Marine Corps Flag; M. Joan McKenna; Air Force Flag; Claudia Bsch, National Guard Flag



Lisa McCann, wearing a Walk for Love t-shirt, proudly announces overwhelming donations from our CDA sisters

2016 Walk/Run For Love

One of the several “hats” I wore during the National Convention was Chair of the Walk for Love. As simple as it is to walk, there was a lot of planning, preparation and record keeping. There was worry as to whether we would need to pay expensive permits to use the park, what the weather would be like on that morning and whether I might sleep in and miss the whole thing (I remedied that last one by not going to sleep at all the night before!)

The generosity of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas continues to blow me away. When all was said and done, we realized a total of \$11,000.50 in donations for our National Charities and Projects. We blew the lid off of our “thermometer!”

Everyone who participated, everyone who made a donation—even you ladies who did not make it out of your cozy hotel beds for the 6 a.m. walk, deserve a resounding round of applause. We have exceeded anyone’s expectations in this endeavor.

My thanks goes out to my co-chair, Peg Rafferty; to Christine Seese and Ann Malarkey, my fellow Court Westinghouse #759 members who helped me at the distribution table; to Pattie Fromknecht, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 for the outstanding signs and the thermometer; to Michelle Astle owner of Creative Designs who did not charge us one cent over her invoice for the official bright and cheery yellow walk shirts and all of you who participated in one way or another. It was a great experience helping CDA achieve such a wonderful outcome.

—Lisa McCann, PA State Treasurer



National Board, St. Paul Cathedral



Newly-Elected National Directors

Carol Bogacz, Carolyn Bachman, Peggy Guckin, Susan Hick, Elsie Walker, Susan Mone, Arline Rich, Marialice Sagan and Rose Holschalg

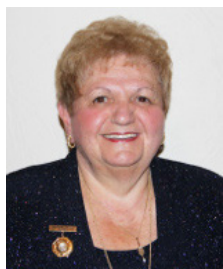


Fun Night!



Dessert at PA State Dinner at Hofbräuhaus where we had a delicious traditional German PA Dutch buffet with 140 CDA members and family from PA, NJ and AR

Message from Newly-Elected National Regent



Worthy State Regent Peggy, State Officers and all Members of the Pennsylvania State Court:

I am honored to have been asked if I would like to write a message in your state newsletter. It is certainly an award-winning document.

Three words come to mind as I begin writing this message:

Congratulations on a fine job of hosting the 56th Biennial National Convention in Pittsburgh. It was evident that your entire state worked together to accomplish the goal of having a "First Class" Convention. Every detail was attended to in the true spirit of CDA. Your success is the result of the membership supporting the effective leadership in your state. Your state officers worked very hard for several years planning and carrying out the necessary aspects of an excellent convention. You all worked very well with National.

Thanks is my second word that comes to mind. Thank you for all you have done to make the convention memorable for so many Catholic Daughters. Thank you for all the goodies that came from the local courts who worked so hard to provide those bags. Thank you for your time spent at the convention working to make each of us welcomed to Pittsburgh. Thank you for the kindnesses extended to each one of us.

Blessings is my third and last word. Many blessings are wished for each of you. God bless your State Regent, Peggy, and your State Officers Peg, Shirley, Margaret and Lisa, for a job well done. God bless each and every member of the Pennsylvania State Court. I pray that you will be able to sustain the enthusiasm, motivation and the true spirit of CDA as we journey together and may you continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." —Ps. 100-2

In Unity and Charity,

—Helene Shepard, National Regent

Convention Kudos!

Being able to host the 56th Biennial National Convention in our own "back yard" was truly an honor. This is only the 3rd one held in Pennsylvania and the 2nd one to be held in Pittsburgh—the first was in 1960. Philadelphia hosted one in the 1980s.

This was my 7th National Convention—and truly the best! Many thanks to all of our Pennsylvania members who did an outstanding job—with grace, unity and charity! As one of the National Officers commented: You (Pennsylvania) set the standard high for Sioux Falls in 2018...

Mass was offered daily starting on Monday since the delegates began arriving on Sunday and the collection taken at Monday's Mass (approximately \$100) was for Lauren Krofchecks's intentions, which her parents, Deacon Barry and Robin sent to Father Peter in Kenya.

The convention opened on Wednesday morning with Mass. Prior to the business meeting, the National officers crowned the Blessed Mother statue. As each State was introduced, the State Regent or another member from that State carried in a miniature state flag and Father Peter carried in Kenya's flag.

We reviewed the proposed by-law changes and voted on each one—some were quite lengthy in discussion and many failed. Those that passed which would affect local courts allow for dual membership in two different states, two different cities in one state, or two different courts in one city when instituting a new court in their area. They would pay dues to both courts, but permitted to hold office in only one court.

Several were referred to committee to be brought back at the 2018 Convention, including changing the name from **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** to **Catholic Daughters of the World** since we now have a Court in Kenya, three in Peru and a court in the Philippines is expected within six months.

Speakers included Bishop Kettler from the St. Cloud, Minnesota Diocese, Father Peter from Kenya, National Chaplain Father Matt Kuhn as well as representatives from the various projects and charities.

New National Officers and Directors were elected and installed at a beautiful Mass in St. Paul Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, with Bishop Zubik presiding. It was wonderful to have both of our Deacons from Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington on the altar—Deacon Jeff Hirst as one of Bishop Zubik's Master of Ceremonies and Deacon Barry Krofcheck as the Proclaimer of the Word.

Besides all the "work"—we had FUN...

♦ Wednesday night we went to the Pirates/Milwaukee game (no winner that night), which was followed by "Faith Night"—a late night getting back to the hotel at 1:00 a.m.

♦ Thursday night we went to the Hofbräuhaus for our State Dinner, and were joined by the members from New Jersey and Arkansas.

♦ Friday night was "FUN NIGHT"—with what was supposed to be "Pittsburgh cuisine" and Mike the One-Man Band.

♦ And of course, Saturday was the Appreciation Banquet to cap off the Convention.

Conventions are a great way to meet members from all over the country, including Puerto Rico and Guam and in the future, the world—Kenya, Peru and the Philippines. Most importantly, we have a better appreciation for what Catholic Daughters is all about. Let's all start thinking about and saving for Sioux Falls in 2018.

—Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent



Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent, and Deanna Teixeira, Regent, St. Francis de Sales #2617, helping member with meal tickets

Convention Spirituality

It was with great uncertainty that I accepted the Chair of the Liturgy Committee for the 2016 CDA National Convention.

God places people in our lives for a reason and when Lauren Krofcheck became my “partner” on the committee, I felt that this, indeed, was where I should be serving.

Following many texts, emails and phone calls, Lauren and I decided, on June 19, 2016, we had FINALLY “pulled it all together.” Little did I know that would be our last conversation.

Our preparations, along with the support of our National Chair, Sherry Nilles, and my team of Rose Long, Susan Sharer, Pat Gildea and “our angel above,” made my serving as Sacristan a labor of love.

The Liturgies, thanks to Fr. Matthew Kuhn and all visiting clergy, were a spiritual experience that touched all. Mass was part of our everyday experience and from the opening of the convention, we had the privilege of attending Adoration, Rosary and Benediction. Our opening/closing prayers of the session were from the Liturgy of the Hours.

A Chapel was set up for private mediation and prayer and during the convention, the Blessed Sacrament was reserved there in the Tabernacle.

Being a part of the CDA inner workings of such a large undertaking has left me with a new appreciation of our motto, Unity and Charity. It has been my honor and pleasure to have served in this capacity!!

—Shirley Hall
2nd Vice State Regent
Convention Liturgy Chair



State Officers donated a Host Holder in memory of Lauren Krofcheck. Blessed by Bishop Zubik, it will be used for Pittsburgh CDA liturgies and State liturgies.

Thanks to All for Job Well Done!

The National Convention was held in Pittsburgh in July. Many members came early to enjoy the tours offered. State Treasurer Lisa McCann worked extremely hard on these tours ensuring they were enjoyed by all. She did a fantastic job and my hat is off to her!

Margaret Giordano and I had the pleasure of showing Fr. Peter, from Kenya, and Dave Siegfried, Mount Washington, St. Mary of the Mount Church, the incline and Hofbräuhaus. They enjoyed the magnificent view from Mount Washington especially.

I am “over the moon” by the generosity of the Pennsylvania courts and their donations to the Welcome Bags. Each diocese truly “stepped up” and made the items memorable. I received many comments from attendees on how they appreciated the welcome bags. I want to give special thanks to the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Erie courts who came on Saturday to put the welcome bags together.

Thanks also to those who were at the Registration table, especially at the “last minute” as a replacement.

A special thank you to Mary Marzen and Sue Kelly for being at the airport and greeting the members as they arrived.

Thank you, Fr. Tony Gargotta, for the Mary Statue for the Marian Shrine.

It was amazing to witness how the CDA members truly work in Unity and Charity. To witness so many of the members working together to get the job done and being so patient with the unexpected issues was humbling.

New courts in Kenya, Alaska and Philippines are being instituted.

Texas also has many new courts, which is a reminder to us, here in Pennsylvania, to keep Membership Drives alive. There is a hunger from women to be able to give of their time and talent.

Thank you also to the Pennsylvania Courts for their generosity with the State and National Projects. We are on the forefront as leaders in giving.

Finally, congratulations to worthy State Regent, Peggy Guckin, on being elected National Director.

—Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent



Peg Rafferty, David Seyfried, Fr. Peter, and Margaret Giordano touring some sights in Pittsburgh, while Peggy and Shirley did errands. A beautiful sunset graced us after we were caught in a bad storm.

My Catholic Daughter Family

I feel closer and closer to all of you the more I attend your court functions—mostly anniversaries in the last several months. It is so refreshing to feel the oneness and connectedness in our purpose and actions. It is also very refreshing to experience the uniqueness that each court has to offer to our organization. The common bonds show our **Unity**, and through a variety of ways, the courts and individual members express their **Charity**. That is why I so love my Catholic Daughter Family in Pennsylvania. Thank you for giving me a chance to get to know many of you more closely by inviting me to your events.

The National Convention we Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters have just hosted was truly a family affair! I felt the bonds of my close-knit Pennsylvania CDA family as we all worked together to prepare for and execute our big extended-family reunion. I cannot tell you in words, how glad my heart feels to be part of this family. Thanks to all of our PA members working together—cheerfully—even when sometimes you were exhausted—and offering your time and service again and again—before, throughout, and even after the convention—to help all go smoothly. Again the **Unity** and **Charity** were apparent. What a family reunion it was!

I recall the saying, “A family that prays together stays together.” As a child, my family always prayed the rosary at home and also on long automobile trips, and we got to take turns leading a decade. We always prayed together at meal times. We went to Mass, novenas and devotions together. My brothers served on the altar, and my mother was always in choir. All the spiritual happenings at our July convention made me feel that family link all over again. We prayed together, ate together (both earthly meals and our heavenly food), and sang together. The bishops and priests celebrated Mass and our deacons served at the altar. We had a “family choir” too. We all prayed together. We all sang together—and remember—“singing is praying twice!”

I am blessed to have my Catholic Daughter Family! My prayer for all of us is from the *Holy Family Novena* prayer:

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving my family and others in mutual charity as I should, and establish us in perfect harmony of thought, will and action, under the rule and guidance of the shepherds of the Church.”

In Unity and Charity,
—Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary

Left to right: Gloria Leggett-Benton, Lydia Phillip, Doris Kitt, Heather Goldsmith, Barbara Adams, Suzanne Garnett, two ladies from California joining the Philadelphia ladies, and Mary Ann Silvestri, at Fun Night



Catholic Daughters Choir

The National Convention in Pittsburgh was awesome. I wish to thank all the State Officers for such a wonderful job of organizing and preparing for such a great experience.

I also want to thank all the Pennsylvania members who joined the National Choir. Your singing was wonderful and helped make all our liturgies very meaningful. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this function.

Looking forward to working with you again at the State Convention in April. God bless all of you.

—Theresa Shields, Choir Director



CDA National Choir led by Theresa Shields sings in Cathedral for Installation Mass



Karen Annstett, Financial Secretary, Court Blessed Madonna #2521 and Millie Bodenschatz; not pictured Mary Grunthaner, Regent, Court Blessed Madonna and State Chair Haiti; they made several trips transporting all the items donated for “Hands and Hearts”



Court Chatter

ERIE DIOCESE Court Columbia #2



Court Columbia #2 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, recently honored Virginia Anderson for faithful membership for the past 76 years. In 1940, Virginia decided she would like to belong to a group that included bowling enthusiasts, and Court Columbia, for her, was the answer. Of course, back then, duckpins was the norm. After several years of bowling leagues and social enjoyment with the ladies, the bowling ceased, but Virginia continued with the ladies in the Court to perform their charitable works in the area and abroad.

Virginia was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a flower arrangement by Father Johnathan Schmolt, Court Chaplain, and Phyllis Vrobel, Court Regent. Her loyalty and testimony have been an inspiration to all our members, and this kind of dedication has kept CDA alive for the past 113 years. Her son, Charles Anderson, brought her to our celebration, and we all enjoyed the evening reminiscing about the good ol' days. And although duckpins are a thing of the past, we are honored to have Virginia Anderson, a "pillar," in our membership.

At our Court Columbia #2 May meeting, we had a May crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary. Crowning the Blessed Virgin is Valerie McGowan.

Valerie had just made her First Holy Communion and is from a family of Court Columbia #2 members, including her great-great grandmother, Lucille Albaugh, her great-grandmother, Audrey Albaugh, her grandmother, Shirley Anthony (standing behind her) and her mother, Anastasia Anthony.

Other Court members shown in the photo are, left to right, Carol Bellini, Mary Ann Cochran, Ruth Dimerling and Carol Tidball.



SPECIAL THANKS from the Pennsylvania State Court to all Catholic Daughters across the country for their generous gifts and monetary donations that totaled \$4000 for the Hands and Hearts Ministry. A job well done!

—Peggy Guckin, State Regent

REGENTS

Please share the newsletter with your officers and members. If you would also like it emailed to you, send your email address to Peggy Guckin, State Regent: mmg721@aol.com

Court Chatter *contd.*

GREENSBURG ARCHDIOCESE

Court Patricia #998 - 90th Anniversary



Marianne Proch, Gloria Kanick, Mary Ann Galonski, Regent, Josephine Valentin and Mary K. Moreau



Officers and Members of Court Patricia #998 with other CDA members in attendance

Court St. Francis De Sales #2617

Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828

Court St. Francis De Sales #2617, joined by members of Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828, sponsored a June picnic at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230

In August, members gathered to make 100 breakfast bags for Aid for Friends.



Left to right: Phyllis Arora, Carol Parsons, Barbara Jackson, Mary Ann Rushton, Irene Stout and Barbara Walsh



Deanna Lee Teixeira, Regent, Court St. Francis De Sales #2617, chatting with veterans

Court Holy Trinity #1336

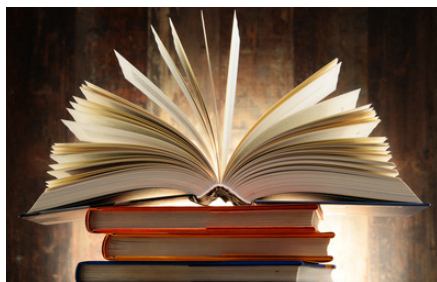
Court Holy Trinity #1336 celebrated its 75th Anniversary Mass at St. Bernard Church followed by lunch with members and the State Regent.

Pictured are members wearing their CDA sash: Alice Woodford, Immediate Past Regent; Monica Maio, Recording Secretary; Lorraine Heck, Regent; Margaret Campagna, Vice Regent; Betty Farrell, standing in for Anna Marie Dunn, Treasurer; behind her is Jane Buckius, Financial Secretary and Marleen Duley, District Deputy



Ellen Gallagher, Regent, Court St. Matthew #1828, serving desserts

Education Report



I am pleased to report that Court St. Patricia #998 was awarded 3rd place in Computer Art in the Education Contest. Unfortunately, that was the only award at the national level for Pennsylvania this year even though we had great participation with wonderful work by the students. I'm positive we will have more recognition next year. The theme is similar to the theme in 2015. We did very well nationally that year.

The themes for the 2017 Catholic Daughters Education Contest are:

"Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, that you do for me."

and

"Helping the needy where I live."

The Education Contest packet should be delivered to Regents with the Fall Quarterly from National.

Regents, please make sure you give the packet to your Education Chairman right away. Please read the rules carefully. Sometimes changes are made. I am available for any questions you have. My contact information will be on the state website. If you have never participated in the contest before, I will be glad to give you guidance. It really is a rewarding experience working with and recognizing our young people.

Remember, certain categories are also open to adult CDA members. It has been heartening to see the number of entries from our members increase over the last two years.

Remember the Circle of Love Report for Education should be sent to me also. There are three scenarios to consider when submitting this report: First, if you have participated in the Education Contest (there were several courts with contest entries but no Circle of Love Report); next, if you

did other educational projects such as informing members, parishioners, or community members on various issues (other activities could be working with or rewarding students in Catholic schools or CCD); and finally, if you think you did not participate in education in any way, just write that on the form. But, think first. You probably did do something to educate without realizing it. It would be wonderful to hear from every court.

I am looking forward to seeing all the beautiful work from the students and our members.

—Tina Dambach, State Education Chair

Thank you!

I had the absolute honor and privilege to work with the most outstanding people from our National, State and Local Courts for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 56th Biennial National Convention! You can view some convention images here: <http://cdapa.com/convention.html#images>.

Thank you, Shirley Seyfried, then National Regent; Mary Impellizeri, National Executive Director; Theresa Duran, National Administrative Assistant; Katie Duran, CDA National Convention Store Manager; and, Irene Duda, Oregon State Regent, for all your help before and during the convention week!

An enthusiastic round of applause with a standing ovation to our State Officers for hosting such a wonderful convention! Take a bow, Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Peg Rafferty, First Vice State Regent; Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; and, Lisa McCann, State Treasurer! Without your countless efforts—on so many fronts and your direct support and guidance, we couldn't have accomplished all that we did—as well as we did! I'd call for an encore, but I know that is coming by way of convention exit reports and our 2017 State Convention, April 28–May 1!

A very special thank you to the members from Pennsylvania who volunteered their time, talent and treasure with bringing this convention to fruition!

Hugs and kisses to my husband, Joe, and to all my sisters in faith, especially those who helped me in the meeting and banquet rooms and at the Cathedral, Laraine McGinnis, Meal Chairperson and Past State Regent; Pat Gildea, State Parliamentarian; Mary Kowalski, #2625; Angela Balog, Regent Court #680 and Advisor #2702; Jeanette Kitch, District Deputy; Karen Ansett, #2521; and Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair.

Together—we took a vision and made it a reality! Thank you all.

—Pattie Fromknecht, Meeting Room Chair

Update on cdapa.com updates!

Our new ventures are still in the works, a redesign for cdapa.com including a site-wide search tool and a members-only forum! All or some of the new features might even be published by the time you read this or shortly thereafter.

Since several have asked me about updated officer lists, as of this writing (August 23) there have been no updates to the court listing page; once I receive the changes, I'll be able to update that page.

I am still developing a list of Catholic Daughters who will be testers for our members-only forum—those who are web-savvy—who have used forums before and those who are not familiar at all with forums. If you're interested in being a tester, please email me at: forum@cdapa.com.

May all of these new ventures bring us closer as sisters in faith and help us join together in Unity and Charity!

—Pattie Fromknecht, State Website Designer



Pattie Fromknecht, Carol Brosnahan and Laraine McGinnis, preparing Appreciation Banquet

Meeting Tips From State Parliamentarian



THE GAVEL

- ♦ "Vital tool" for regent/presiding officer
- ♦ Bring to each meeting
- ♦ Use wisely and justly—loudly, for all areas of the room to hear. (Should not be necessary to verbally repeat the request.)
- ♦ Use at each meeting, as CDA process states
- ♦ Call to order—One rap—(not machine-gun method)
- ♦ Maintain order during meeting: One rap—when side conversations are taking place, or when members try to out-talk each other
- ♦ Two raps—for court officers to stand
- ♦ Three raps—members to rise from chairs
- ♦ One rap—members to be seated
- ♦ One rap—(optional) when stating the result of a motion (carried or lost)
- ♦ One rap—adjourning the meeting "If there is no further business to come before the court (pause), hearing none, the meeting is adjourned until ____? (date/time/place)" —one rap
—Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian

LOST—MISSING:

Two purple CDA sashes used for liturgies; one has St. Dominic #2222 scripted on it. If found, contact Peggy, State Regent.

Flashlight SALE: Buy 2 get 1 free; \$10.00, contact any state officer.



Christ Be Our Light JCDA/Youth Report

The last verse of the beautiful hymn, "Christ Be Our Light," by Bernadette Farrell, is a description of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

*Many the gifts,
Many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong,
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.*

This is what we do—but it also describes our youth. They have many talents and they want to belong to a group.

As the new school year is starting, children are looking to join sports teams, music groups, clubs—and many other kinds of organizations where others share their interests. This is the perfect time to consider starting a Junior Catholic Daughters court.

The guidelines for beginning a JCDA, along with membership forms, scripts for pulpit talks, and program ideas, can be found in the Tools of the Trade, under the Circle of Love Program Youth Section, pages 8-30. These include the steps that need to be taken to begin and maintain a successful group of young women dedicated to "Making God's Kingdom come."

There are two levels of JCDA. I would suggest considering a Juniorette Level—ages 6 to 10 for a beginning court. My reason is that older girls may already belong to organizations—or even to the youth group at your church. If young ladies, ages 6 to 10,

form a JCDA and enjoy helping others in need, they may continue when they become older and a Junior Court can develop for them when they reach the 11–18 age group. Programs can be single-time acts of kindness, such as raising money to donate to a special cause, or year-long programs, such as visiting nursing homes.

The programs designed by any JCDA Court should be:

1. To develop as a Christian
2. To learn to work for the good of others
3. To grow spiritually, and
4. To be creative and flexible.

The three-fold program of JCDA is to accept the message of God and to find ways to share this message with others, to be of service to others as Christ came to serve us, and to help build community in all areas of our lives.

Through Catholic Daughters, whether in JCDA or CDA, Christ will be our Light to shine in our hearts to help others through the darkness.

Christ is the Light of the World. May His Light shine through you to others in need.

—Dolores V. Croyle, Youth/JCDA Chair



*Please keep
Peg Rafferty and
Richard Witas
in your prayers
as they marry on
Saturday,
September 17.*

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

Amidst several wonderful feasts celebrated by the Church in September, we find The Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross on September 14th. The celebration of the feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross is placed in September as an historical observation of two important events in the history of the Church.

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, (Saint Helena was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. He ruled during the beginning of the fourth century and he was responsible for legalizing the Christian faith and ending one of the greatest persecutions in the history of our faith) went to Jerusalem to help restore ancient Christian sites.

Most significant Christian sites in Jerusalem were either destroyed or had pagan temples erected over them in the decades after our Lord's resurrection, in an effort to discourage the early Christians from gathering at these sacred places.

When Helena arrived in Jerusalem, she was able to access ancient records and determined that the place where our Lord was crucified had a pagan temple erected over it shortly after our Lord's resurrection. The pagan temple was still functioning three centuries later.

Helena ordered the pagan temple razed and excavated the land beneath it. The excavators uncovered three crosses. On September 14, 326 AD, Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem had a very sickly woman carried out from the city to the excavation site. She was laid upon each of the three crosses; however, when she was laid upon the third cross, she was miraculously cured. Helena and the Bishop saw the miraculous cure of the woman as divine indication that the third cross was The True Cross on which our Lord was crucified.

After discovering The True Cross of Jesus on Calvary in ancient Jerusalem, Helena transported a

portion of the Sacred Relic to the city of Rome and built a magnificent Church to house The Sacred Relic of The True Cross. The Basilica of The Holy Cross of Jerusalem still stands in Rome to this day. Over the centuries other relics associated with the crucifixion of our Lord also came to be housed in this Church, where thousands of pilgrims visit each year.

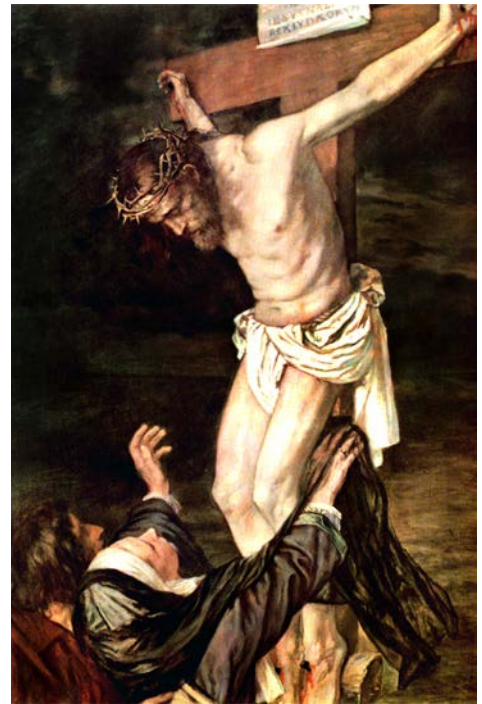
Saint Helena also built The Church of The Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem to house the remaining Sacred Relic of The Holy Cross. The Sacred Relic of the Cross remained in the Church of The Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem for hundreds of years and was a significant pilgrimage site for Christian pilgrims to the city of Jerusalem.

In 614 AD, the Persians invaded and pillaged the city of Jerusalem. During their conquest, they martyred many Christians and destroyed most of the Christian churches in the city—including The Church of The Holy Sepulcher. However, before they completely destroyed the church, they seized the Sacred Relic of The Holy Cross and carried it back with them to Persia as a "trophy" of their victorious destruction of the city.

Upon hearing of the attack on Jerusalem, the destruction of Christian churches, the murder of thousands of Christians and the Sacred Relic of The Holy Cross being seized, Emperor Heraclius the First of Constantinople waged war against the Persians and vowed to regain the Sacred Relic of the Cross from them.

After almost fourteen years of intermittent battling, the Emperor's forces finally conquered the Persians, and one of the conditions of the peace treaty was the return of the Sacred Relic of the True Cross in the same condition as when it was seized before they destroyed the Church of The Holy Sepulcher in 614 AD. The Persians returned the Sacred Relic to the Emperor.

Today, The Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross actually commemorates these two historic



Our Lady at the Cross

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occasions: The actual date in 326 AD when Saint Helena found The True Cross, as well as the historical events which enabled The Sacred Relic of The Holy Cross to be triumphantly returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius I of Constantinople on September 14, 629 AD.

In Jerusalem and Constantinople, September 14th immediately became a day to honor and reverence The Holy Cross of Jesus. By the seventh century, this feast was observed in most of Europe. Today, it is a Feast celebrated by the Church throughout the whole world.

Today, the Cross is the most significant and recognizable image of our Christian faith. Every Cross or crucifix (which is a cross with the crucified Jesus displayed on it) is a reminder to every believer of the power that Christ's Cross and Resurrection has over death—and that is ultimately what we celebrate on the beautiful feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross.

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

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: _____

75th Anniversary

Court Holy Trinity #1336

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Happy 90th Birthday

Lucille Hoover

Requested by: Nancy M. Anna
(Our Lady of Victory #722)

Happy 5th Birthday

Nolan Robert Gillespie

Jaymir Kreider, great grandson
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Nicholas Christian, nephew & godson

Dylan Lewis, nephew

Caron S. Leath, lifelong friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Robin Burgoon

Margaret T. Giordano

Christine Bousigard

Patti Boley

Nicole R. Kreider, Treasurer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

In Appreciation

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

Father Daniel O'Brien

Father Deogratias Rwegasira

Father Lawrence Sherdel

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Father D. Timothy Grimme

Father Timothy O'Sullivan, State Chaplain

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Have a Fruitful Two Years

New Officers

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, June-August 2016. 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!**

Honoring Our Nuns

Sister Anna Maria

Sister Letizia

Sister Diana

Sister Vivian

Sister Delthine

Sister Theresa

Requested by: Bernadette Dillon, Regent
(Our Lady of Victory #722)

Get Well/Good Health/Recovery/Healing

Mary Barchie

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

Ellen Yates

Matthew Selway

Emily, Granddaughter of Christine Fink

Barbara, sister of Mary Tercha

Pat Jacobs

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Annette Ajay

Margaret Novak

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Anne Marie Dunn

Lorraine Gribben

Theresa Shields

Rita Smith-Wade-El

Alice Woodford

Dorothy Andrilla

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

For Successful Procedure/Treatments

Christine Fink

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Rita Smith-Wade-El

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace

James A. Giordano, Sr., father

Henry and Margaret Horn, grandparents

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Margaret H. Giordano, Past Regent

Agatha Gerz

Jerry Liebeck

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace

Donna Daley

Requested by: Judith A. Wood
(Court Prince Gallitzin #2625)

Jane McKenna

Requested by: Ellen Gallagher
Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828
Court Columbia #2
CDA PA State Officers and Members

Lauren Krofcheck

Jane McKenna

John Kandrovy

John McGuirk, Jr.

David Bonda

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

Phil Dodge

Lauren Krofcheck

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Harry Morgan, husband of Veronica Morgan

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Letty Barnes

Jane McKenna

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

Lauren Krofcheck Family

Requested by: Court Isabella #959

Court Washington #1651

Opal Kunz (Court Isabella #959)

Lauren Krofcheck

Requested by: Court Washington #1651
CDA PA State Officers and Members

Special Intentions

The Oesterlings

Requested by: Christine Surovec
(Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448)

Louis Wijtyk

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

John Mahon

Paulette Mangarella

Requested by: Nancy M. Anna
(Court Our Lady of Victory #722)

Safe Summer

All My Grandchildren

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Successful National Convention

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Thank You for All Your Time and Talents

Outgoing Officers

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Thanksgiving for Successful & Great Convention

To all who supported us in any way

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

State Regent Message

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The National Regent called on Kathy Kenney, ND, for a Credential Report. She stated there were 569 voting delegates present. We then heard from Rosie Stockwell, Nominating Chair, who gave her report of the nominees for National Officers and National Directors for the 2016-2018 term. Nominations were then open from the floor. By a call of States, names were submitted for the 2018 Nominating Committee. National Regent-Elect, Helene Shepard, introduced Mary Loftus to discuss her project, "Friends of the Children of Haiti." Mary has made 16 visits to Haiti and one of the things she does is diabetes education. She received the Catholic Daughter of the Year Award and the National Regent presented her with a \$5,000 check for her project.

Presentation of Awards

Brendan Boylan won **3rd place for Computer Art**, sponsored by **Court Patricia #998**; **PA State Newsletter** took **2nd place** this year; **Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448**, Bellefonte, took **2nd Place** for Local Court newsletter; **PA State Court** received the **Quality of Life Award-Pro Life Advertising**; Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 received the Spiritual Enhancement Award for their Year of Mercy Project.

The meeting recessed to meet and greet the candidates. The National Board had a dinner with past National Board Members. Over 100 members went to the ball game; it was also Faith Night after the game.

Thursday was a very early day for all those who walked or ran for charity. After the Holy Hour at 8:30 a.m., only the delegates reported to vote. National Regent Shirley gave her report for the last two years. She had three goals—projects, membership and spirituality.

The keynote speaker Thursday was Fr. Peter Wambulwa; he had heard about Catholic Daughters on EWTN and contacted Shirley. As you know, Court St. Monica #2706 was instituted in December. Father thanked all who had sent congratulatory messages for the institution of the court. National Regent Shirley presented Father with a check for over \$40,000.00 to buy a bus and a tractor.

The morning liturgy was a Memorial Mass to remember all those who had died since the last convention. I had the honor of carrying the Memorial Book.

After lunch break, it was time to discuss the proposed by-law changes. Please see the article on page 10 by Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent, who reported on the by-laws. We heard from John Sacco, Manager of Communications, *Magnificat*.

National Regent Shirley presented checks to National Projects and National Charities that were present: A donation of \$15,000 was made to Cy Laurent, executive director of the Labouré Society; Bill Polaski, Holy Cross Family Ministries, received a check for \$31,000; Shirley gave a check to Katie, of Smile Train, for \$1500, adding, "you (the Catholic Daughters) actually gave \$56,400, this is what's left;" Father Bill accepted a \$10,000 check for Apostleship of the Sea,

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, State Regent
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

State Regent Message

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for the Maritime community; Dawn Hawkins, Executive Director of the National Council on Sexual Exploitation (formerly Morality in Media), received \$13,000.

Shirley thanked the Monitors for starting at 7:00 a.m. to print 800 copies of the Recap and placing them on each chair. Dan Seyfried also posted the Daily Recaps on the CDA website.

This evening was State Dinners. PA members went to Hofbräuhaus Restaurant and were joined by our CDA sisters from New Jersey and Arkansas. National Executive Director Mary Impellizzeri gave her report. "There have been many improvements at our Headquarters in NY thanks to those who supported and donated to the 1903 Society and Window of Opportunity. Anne Nelson, Past National Regent, gave her report. She is so proud to be a Catholic Daughter and that she has 70,000 sisters. She stated she will be a Catholic Daughter for 50 years in April.

National Regent Shirley announced newly-elected National Officers and National Directors for 2016-18:

National Regent, Helene Shepard, NY

National Regent-Elect, Olga Samaniego, TX

First Vice National Regent, Sherry Nilles, IA

Second Vice National Regent, Vickie Feist, SD

National Secretary-Treasurer, Emily Guilherme, CA

National Directors:

Carolyn Bachmann, TX; Carol Bogacz, WV; Peggy Guckin, PA;

Susan Hicks, WI; Rose Holschlag, IA;

Susan Mone, AZ; Arline Rich, CT; Marialice Sagan, MI;

Essie Walker, NC

Shirley announced the 2018 Nominating Committee members and then administered the charge to them: Kathy Kennedy, Chairman; LeAnn Brand, Melodie Brunt, Shirley Hall, PA; Dawn Fortenberry, Maureen Trainor and Mary Saunders. Judy Smith and Belinda Swager are alternates.

Keynote speaker, National Chaplain Father Matthew Kuhn, spoke on Spirituality. Vickie Feist, National Secretary-Treasurer and newly-elected 2nd Vice National Regent, gave her Auditors report and said, "we are in the black." Reports were given by Helene Shepard, newly-elected National Regent, on 1903. Olga Samaniego, National Regent Elect, gave her report on membership.

PA State Court received an award for Membership and Development. Janet Oesterling, Margaret Novak and Pat Gildea received **St. Faustina pins** for Membership. All our members involved with Membership are #1 in my book!

Court Westinghouse #759 was received into the **1903 Society** in memory of court member Doris Ramondi. This is the second plaque received in PA. **1903 Windows of Opportunity Certificates** were awarded to: **Court Queen of Peace #1023**, from Margaret T. Giordano, in honor of her mother, Margaret H. Giordano, and her grandmother, E. Margaret Horn. **Court Rose Cecilia #1641**, in honor of Deceased and Living Members.

PA Fun Night—It was time for a little bit of fun, relaxation and dancing away the night with "Mike the One-Man Band" and all the games provided by Dolores Croyle and all her helpers. It was a night enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning, National Regent Shirley presented all the certificates. South Dakota gave their presentation to entice everyone to the 57th National Convention. Shirley called for the close of this 56th Biennial Convention. The flags were retired. **PA members challenged South Dakota to top this—the BEST-EVER NATIONAL CONVENTION – IT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!**

A beautiful Mass took place at St. Paul Cathedral with the help of many people. Special thanks again to Fr. Matt and Deacon Kevin for the Mass and for their time and patience in preparing for the installation. Thank you to Bishop David Zubik, celebrant, and to all priests who concelebrated and to the deacons who were present. Your dedication to Catholic Daughters is appreciated.

No ceremony is complete without our own Knights of Columbus Honor Guard which always adds dignity to our celebrations.

SPECIAL THANKS

It was an honor and a pleasure to host the 56th Biennial National Convention along with the members in PA. I would like to thank Shirley Seyfried and Sherry Nilles for all their support. I also would like to thank Mary, Theresa and Katie for all their help. To all my officers, **YOU** are the Very Best! I want to thank all the members in PA for their prayers, support and their sharing of endless time and talents. Pattie and Joe Fromknecht, for all you have done. To Mary Marzen, who assisted me as Color Guard Coordinator. To Color Guard, you all did an excellent job—right in step and professional. To all the ladies who wore their whites to help with the liturgies. To all who brought items for Hands & Heart Project—to those who stored items in their rooms and to those who made special trips transporting the items to Gallitzin. (More information to come on this project.) Special thanks to all the husbands of the National Officers: David, Sam, Lee and Lynn for all you have done to make our jobs a little easier.

This was my 17th National Convention, and it was the BEST!

"May God Hold you in the Palm of His Hand."

Peggy Guckin, State Regent