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## *Message from Peggy Guckin* State Regent

**W**e are now entering the beautiful season of Advent, a time of anticipation and hope. It is also a time that we can really "serve the Lord." In today's world, many families, seniors, and those who have no one, are in real need of the basics. We can continue with the "Year of Mercy."

Some of the easiest corporal works of mercy that we can do are: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and bury the dead. When you have a CDA member die, does your court gather to say the rosary at her viewing, or does your court have an honor guard for her at her funeral Mass? The spiritual works of mercy are: instruct the ignorant, to forgive, to comfort the afflicted and to pray for the living and dead.

Our Circle of Love Programs help us to serve the Lord and to show us ways to achieve these corporal and spiritual works of mercy. I encourage all courts to have chairmen for all our programs and for all members to be involved. Some members might not be able to be physically involved, but they can pray for your court and for the members to have a successful project. Remember, for each segment of the Circle of Love Program that your court is involved in, your local chairman needs to send to the State Chairman a report on one special project. Once again, I am asking ALL courts to take a few minutes and let us know all the good works your court is doing. You do not need to participate in all the programs; all you need to do then is to write "we do not participate in this project" and email or send the form to the state chairman. I look forward to seeing 100 percent participation.

As leaders, we must look at our members in our courts and encourage them to be leaders. So our courts can grow, it is our responsibility to train the members to be leaders. At the end of April, you will be having your state convention, so now is the time for your courts to start planning on attending. How many members will attend from your court? Your local officers stepped up in May and said "YES" when God Pointed His Finger at them to serve. Will you, as a past regent or a regent in your second term, say "YES" when God Points His Finger at you. Helene Shepard, our newly-elected National Regent, has chosen, "Serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100:2) as her theme. Come February 2017, will you submit your name to run for office and to serve your State Court? Will you choose to serve the Lord as an officer?

*Peggy Guckin, State Regent*



## *CDA Mission Statement*

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

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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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## FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

**W**hat is a convention?...A conference, a formal assembly of delegates, alternates and interested members to learn, grow and have fun in CDA, to renew friendships and to meet and make new ones. Can we count on your court? Will we be seeing you? The regents will receive an informational packet by early February with Registration and Meal forms and other pertinent information regarding our 52nd Biennial State Convention.

**Theme:** Making CDA Greater Through "Unity and Charity" With Mary  
**Save the Dates:** April 28 - May 1, 2017

**Place:** Pine Barn Inn, 1 Pine Barn, Danville, PA 17821

Please note that all hotel reservations must be made before **March 26, 2017** to have the discounted rate of \$115.00, plus tax for room with two double beds or a king. A room with 2 queen beds is \$125.00 plus tax. Hotel website: [www.pinebarninn.com](http://www.pinebarninn.com), use reference code PACDA, or you may call front desk at 570-275-2071 and reference PACDA room block. Rooms will be held with a credit card, but nothing is charged until the day of check in. For reservations after March 26, you have to call the hotel and the room will be at the hotel's prevailing rate, first-come, first-served. All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves.

## ARTICLE X STATE CONVENTIONS

### Sec. 5. Local and Campus Court Delegates

A. Local Courts shall elect delegates to the State Convention at a business meeting preceding the deadline for submitting delegate registration to the State Regent

B. The number of delegates shall be determined by dues billed by the National Office as of November 15 of the preceding year.

1. Representation shall be

a. Two delegates for the first 25 or fewer members

b. And one (1) delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.

c. If she attends, the highest ranking officer shall automatically be one of the court's delegates.

C. The Local Court may elect up to two ( 2 ) times the number of alternates for the delegates elected

D. Expenses to the State Convention may be paid by the Court.

## ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS

### Sec. 1. Candidates for State Office

A. A member who intends to run for office shall submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate, signed by majority of the Local Court Officers and a consent to serve, signed by the candidate. Five (5) copies of each shall be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman postmarked **prior to February 1, 2017**. **Mary Catherine Wydra, Nominating Committee Chairman, 126 S. Locust St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851; Phone 570-339-4795.**

Local courts may submit proposed amendments to the CDA Bylaws. Any proposed bylaw amendments approved at the PA State Convention will be sent to the National Committee for final presentation at the 2018 National Convention. Local courts must vote on a proposed bylaw amendment at your local court meeting and submit it to **Peggy Guckin, State Regent, and postmarked no later than March 1, 2017**. (You may also email proposed amendments to Peggy: [mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com)).

## TIME-TABLE FOR STATE CONVENTION

- PRIOR to February 2017—Elect delegates and alternates
- POSTMARKED by February 15, 2017—Deadline for list of delegates and alternates to be sent to State Regent
- POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2017—Submission of packets by candidate for state office

## Message from State Chaplain

*Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,*



I am not sure if you would agree with me, but I *cannot believe* we are just weeks away from Christmas; this year seems to have flown by—it seems like just yesterday we were firing up our barbecues to celebrate the Fourth of July! But time moves on, and we find ourselves in the Season of Advent.

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus,” which, literally means, “coming.”

Throughout the short and busy season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. The Season of Advent actually has a two-fold dimension: the first aspect of the season of Advent is a time to prepare for our celebration of Christmas Day—the remembrance of the historical birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem two thousand years ago; the second aspect of Advent is to remind each of us that we are waiting for the coming of Christ again at the end of time, a time that is known only to God Himself.

The color violet (or purple) is always striking when we see it in church. It is the “official” color of Advent. Over the years, the color violet has evolved to embrace different sentiments; and each are equally appropriate during the Season of Advent.

Violet (or purple), in ancient times, was almost always associated with royalty. It is fitting that we use it during our preparations in the Advent Season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the “King of Peace” on Christmas Day. Violet (or purple) is oftentimes associated with penance. It is appropriate that we use it during the Season of Advent so that we might recollect ourselves before the Lord and contritely seek His forgiveness as a fitting preparation for His birth. Violet (or purple) has also come to represent anticipation—a most fitting emotion to embrace during these few, but very busy weeks, that will lead us to our celebration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus!

On December 11th, the Third Sunday of Advent, we will use the more joyfully, less somber, rose color. As the Church leads us during our Advent journey, the joyful color of rose is present once, during the Third Sunday of Advent, to remind us that our waiting and anticipation is almost over; the Season of Advent will soon be over and our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord will soon dawn near...but the rose color will remind us that Advent is ALMOST over; our waiting, anticipation and penitential preparations are still to guide us through those last days of Advent.

Certainly, the Season of Advent would be almost “incomplete” without the presence of an Advent wreath in our churches. Although it is a relatively new innovation in liturgical decorations, it is a wonderful visual reminder of what we prepare to celebrate and what our faith assures us!

It is a simple ring of greenery with four candles adorning it: three are violet in color, one is rose colored. The circular wreath reminds us of God Himself: like the wreath, God’s love for each of us and His mercy towards us has no end! The green of the wreath is also the color that reminds us of the hope that we have in Him, the hope of newness, the hope of renewal and the hope of eternal life.

May these days of Advent help each of us to prepare our hearts and our homes, alike, to receive anew the presence of the Lord Jesus, who calls each of us to be close to Him, and to radiate His gospel to the world through the good works that we do in His name.

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



*Adoration of the Magi*

*Franz von Rohden 1817-1903*

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# Court Chatter

## ALLENTOWN DIOCESE Court Easton #358



### *Court Easton #358 with newly appointed Chaplain, Deacon Kevin Wasielewski*

Left to right: Mary Strucko, Financial Secretary; Joyce Detweiler; Prudencia Meuser; Marianne Williams; Pauline Coughlin, Vice-Regent; Deb Starace, Recording Secretary; Faye Meola; Eileen Yanno, Treasurer; Sally Lerch; Pat Bleam, Regent; Deacon Kevin Wasielewski, Chaplain; Mary Thomas; Pat Foster; Joan Tanzella; Linda Coyle; Suzie Lee; Kathleen Finkbeiner; Dee Rafferty; Joyce Ernesti and Krystina Janik.

## Court St. James #1029, Frackville, PA Celebrating 90 Years



Sitting: Mary Prosach, Peggy Guckin  
 1st row: Barbara Meusel, Margaret Giordano, Janice Boychak, Andrea Chabon, Janice Anthony, Rev. Robert T. Finlan, Andrea Eye, Delmy McGauley  
 2nd row: Georgann Connell, Theresa Zelonis, June Anthony, Sylvia Yonalunas, Eleanor Bluge, Diane Decker, Kitty Kopey, Peg Gaughan  
 3rd row: Mary Marzen, Georgine Fallon, Virginia Asaif, Mary Ann Hauser, Carol Thomas, Mary Goncalves, Ann Marie Pacenta, Catherine Gaughan

## ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court Our Lady #647 - 90th Anniversary

Court Our Lady #647 celebrated its 90th Anniversary at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, PA. In attendance were State Officers and Peggy Guckin, National Director. Several officers from surrounding courts also attended the celebration with members of Court Our Lady.



First row: Pat Gildea, Sandy Inzana, Shirley Hall, Fr. Anthony Spilka, Peggy Guckin, Lisa McCann  
 Second row: Patti Fromknecht, Barb Riffle, Treasurer; Bert Schlosser, Financial Secretary; Diane Mitchell, Vice Regent; Barb Oliveros, Regent; Chris Bodie, Recording Secretary and Joan Kopnicky



**ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE**  
*Campus Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702*  
*Celebrates First Anniversary!*

**PA** State Officers join *Campus Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702* at St. Francis University in celebrating their *1st Anniversary*. Mass was celebrated by Chaplain Fr. Chris. Eleven new members took their CDA pledge: Erica Caporaletti, Nicole Coral, Reecca Dickinson, Katelyn Flynn, Rachel Kelly, Mary Kraus, Danielle Link, Melinda Novak, Erin O'Neill, Christine Stewart and Renee Surma. Installation of Officers took place after Mass: Emily Smith, Regent; Kaityn Williams, Vice-Regent; Anna Macko, Recording Secretary; Sarah Westin, Financial Secretary; and Aundrea Wolford, Treasurer.

**HARRISBURG DIOCESE**  
*Lancaster Court Queen of Peace #1023*  
*90th Anniversary*

Queen of Peace #1023 was held October 2nd beginning with a Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church. The main celebrant was The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg. Concelebrants were Father Lawrence Sherdel, pastor of St. Philip

Parish and Father Deogratias Rwegasira, Lancaster General Hospital Chaplain and former CDA chaplain of Court Easton #358. Since Father Sherdel was also celebrating his 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and is currently State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, we were graced to have numerous Knights from throughout Pennsylvania in formation at the Mass.

The celebration continued after Mass with a luncheon at Millersville University. Thank you to the many CDA members and officers that attended the ceremony. This was the first time in at least thirty-some years that the small court had so many Catholic Daughters and dignitaries attending a court celebration in Lancaster. The Unity and Charity of Catholic Daughters is apparent and Court Queen of Peace is most grateful. Thank you to the many who came and the many who sent greetings. Thank you for saying "yes" as Mary our Mother and CDA Patroness did. May God be with each and every one of you today and always.

**M**embers of Knights of Columbus Council #867 are from the council that instituted Court Queen of Peace #1023 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on October 17, 1926.

The 90th Anniversary celebration of Lancaster Court



*First Row: Peggy Guckin, National Director; Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman; Cathy Haefner; Robin Burgoon; Lorraine Keeley; Greg Kramp, Master of Ceremonies*

*2nd Row: Gloria Leggett Benson; Karen Hurley; Nicole Kreider, Treasurer; CarolAnne Ferreira, Regent; Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Christine Bousigard, Ellen Yates*

*3rd Row: Suzanne Garnett; Doris Kitt, Past National Regent; M. Joan McKenna, Past National Regent; Anne Nelson, Past 2nd Vice National Regent; Letty Calvetti, Leadership State Chair; Father Lawrence Sherdel; Bishop Ronald Gainer; Father Deogratias Rwegasira; Linda Albright; Nora Avellino; Janet Kreiner; Rita Smith-Wade-El, Immediate Past Regent Knights of Columbus participated in Color Guard.*

# Court Chatter *contd.*

## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

### Diocesan Meeting

At a combined Courts' meeting, the members surprised Peggy Guckin with a cake and flowers to honor her for being elected as National Director.



First row: Lynne Kelly, Maryann Voystock, Mary Wender, Laura Duley, on the floor, Suzanne Garnett, Peggy Guckin, Doris Kitt and Barbara Ponticello; Second row: Colette Lorraine Gribbon, Laura Daniels, Deanna Lee Teixeira, Linda Albright, Lorraine Heck, Carol Parsons and George Ann Michels; Third row: Thersa Mullarkey, Mary Pat McGillion, Sara Janulewicz, Marleen Duley, Lydia Philip, Ellen Gallagher, Tina Dambach and Jean Mucowski

### 40th Annual Catholic Daughter Day Celebration

Mass was celebrated at Holy Innocents Church preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. Main celebrant was Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, State Chaplain; Concelebrants were Msgr. Kenneth McAtere, Chaplain, Court St. Ephrem #2230 and Rev. Edward Rauch, Chaplain, Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #18284.



First row: Marleen Duley, Colette McCaffrey, Henrietta Estrada, Sue Ann McKnight, Linda Albright (crowned Blessed Mother), Cathy Sannelli, Carol Liberi, Colleen Keating, Carol Parsons, Maryann Voystock  
 Second row: Rev. William Rex, Rosemary Barber, Connie Geary, Peggy Guckin, Dolores Mayza, Jillian Johnson, Carol Shea, Kathi Grace



### Philadelphia CDA at Seamen's Church Institute

**CDA** Court members in Philadelphia donated toiletries, gloves, hats and writing paper; eight members from five courts went to the Institute to help pack 3,000 bags. The bags will be given out to the seafarers who will visit our ports between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Left to right: Connie Scholl, Terri Raptko, Marge Hall, Barbara Mattiacci (kneeling), Colette McCaffrey, Tina Dambach (sitting), Marleen Duley and Peggy Guckin

### Court St. Ephrem #2230

Members prepared food trays for Aide for Friends which will be distributed for Thanksgiving.



Front row: Rose Medash, Laura Tertel, Mary Jo Carelli  
 Back row: Kathy Porter and Carol Parsons



Putting the finishing touches on the 150 food trays: Barbara Jackson, Carol Parson, Colleen Keating, Barbara Welsh, Phyllis Arora and Dolly Maronski

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

### *Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee*

### *Seminarian Benefit and Catholic Daughter Day*

The combined Courts of the Pittsburgh Diocese held their 29th Annual Benefit Luncheon for the Pittsburgh Seminarians on Saturday, September 17th at St. Paul Seminary. Fr. Brian Noel, Spiritual Director for the Seminarians, and several seminarians were guests at the luncheon. There was also a Chinese Auction, Raffle Prizes, Pot of Gold and Bake Sale.

On Sunday, October 16th, the Pittsburgh Courts celebrated Catholic Daughter Day at the Seminary. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Noel and eight new members from three courts were received at the Formal Reception for New Members during the liturgy. Brunch was served following the Mass. A check in the amount of \$2,600 from proceeds of the benefit luncheon was presented to Fr. Noel. The Pittsburgh Past Regents Club also presented him with a check in the amount of \$250 and addition-

al checks of \$700 were forwarded directly to the Seminary from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association's Matching Gift Program.



*Left to right: Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Father Noel; Laraine McGinnis, Ct. Washington #1651, Diocesan Chair; Opal Kunz, Ct. Isabella #959, Diocesan Secretary and Peg Rafferty Witas, 1st Vice State Regent*



## The State Website Has a New, Responsive Design!



I am very pleased to announce, [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) has a new, responsive design! Along with having a search feature, each court in Pennsylvania has their own webpage (more about this below). There are a few new pages too, such as diocesan (contacts and news), district deputies, games, logos, membership, and a place for Catholic news. The forms page has been reworked and any form from National will open directly from National's website; forms unique to Pennsylvania are shown as \*PA\*. The membership page has information for those visiting the website who might be interested in joining; for court membership drives; or, on forming a new court in your area. The newsletter page has an archives list for our nostalgic members, dating back to 2011, which is as far back as I have. The links page now has additional links, including links to other state court websites. The diocesan news page has an article about the Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Patriotic Rosary (with a few pictures) and the Catholic news page has information regarding National Bible Week November 13-19 and preparing for the upcoming election. The games page has a game to spell out our National theme as you peruse the updated website and a Circle of Love crossword puzzle, both created by me, your very happy State Website Designer...because this redesign is now a reality! I am still filled with euphoria that this redesign has come to fruition! Okay, I digress...back to business...

So you are aware, for most websites, including ours, you no longer need to type the <http://www>. or even the [www](http://www). into the browser address bar...just type [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) in the browser address bar and you'll get there!

Local court webpage's can easily be found a few ways. Go to [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) > local > court listing > select your diocese > then your court alphabetically by city. Another easy way is to enter the state's website address, followed by a forward slash, your court number, and another forward slash, such as: [cdapa.com/2625/](http://cdapa.com/2625/). And, lastly, from [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) select > search > type your court number in the box > click submit > select your court form the pages that were returned. There is an option on the search page called, category. Your court page is an html webpage, so if you only check that, not "All" or "pdf Documents" it will narrow your search results and make it easier to find. This does not work for Court Columbia #2 because one of the parameters I have set is to not search on words with only one character. So, just type "Columbia" (without the quotes) and the Court Columbia #2 will appear.



Regents and diocesan chairs are asked to contact me (contact information is below), preferably by email, for instructions on submitting additions and/or deletions. When you email me for your instructions, please place CDA and your court number or diocese in the subject line of your email. If you don't have email, call me and I will briefly explain the process over the phone; but, in the end, you'll need a member of your court or diocese with regular access to email, for me to work directly with. If you have a website for your court already or will in the future and you would like [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com) to link to that website instead, no problem, just send me the website address.

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**Pennsylvania State  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2017**

**Qualifications**

*Must have held office in the local court*

*Must be considered to be active in some way, either physically or prayerfully*

*Must be recognized in Court, Church and Community*

*Must be living at time of nomination. If at all possible attend the Convention*

*Must be a person of overall benefit to State Court*

*A letter stating why this person is to be considered is to be submitted to the chairman **by March 1, 2017**. You may also email your candidate's information.*

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Court \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Court # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to: Peggy Guckin, State Regent Chairman  
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Phone: 215-638-9217

*Additional application forms can be found on our website: [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com).*

**DEADLINES**

**Education Contest**

**B**e sure to follow all the guidelines!  
**Education Contest Themes**

“WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY BRETHREN, YOU DO FOR ME.” *Matthew 25:40* and “HELPING THE NEEDY WHERE I LIVE.”

**Deadline: Postmarked by March 13, 2017.** Submit local court First Place entries to: **Tina Dambach, State Chair**, 1360 E. Sanger St., Phila., PA 19124; phone 215-288-3941, email: [vze2rhtt@verizon.net](mailto:vze2rhtt@verizon.net).

**Court Newsletters**

**W**e have a wonderful story to tell... do YOU do your part in writing it? Then will you SHARE your stories? **Deadline: Postmarked by March 13, 2017.** Submit your court newsletters to: **Gloria Kissel, State Chair**, 236 Connecticut Dr., Lower Burrell, PA 15068; phone 724-339-3614; email: [GABE236@comcast.net](mailto:GABE236@comcast.net).



**Circle of Love Reporting Forms**

**T**he forms can be found on our website: [cdapa.com](http://cdapa.com). If you do not have access to the internet, contact State Regent and the forms will be sent to you. All the information for State Chairs is on all the forms. **Deadline: Postmarked by March 13, 2017.**

**Convention Information**

**I**nformation, with forms, will be sent out at the end of January. Details on program book ads, tombola gifts, vendors and other pertinent information regarding our 52nd Biennial State Convention will also be on our website. Please check your emails for messages from me, and please respond to confirm receipt. Make your room reservations ASAP.

—Peggy Guckin, State Regent



## 2016-2018 – COURT OFFICERS

By now we are well into our new year of Catholic Daughters with many completely new boards leading their Courts. We hope that these new officers are being assisted and advised by former officers, District Deputies and State Officers!! If not, some thoughts...

### REGENT

- Have a:
  - ◆ Prepared Agenda
  - ◆ Court Standing Rules
  - ◆ By-Laws
  - ◆ Tools of the Trade
  - ◆ Parliamentarian
  - ◆ Committees
- When speaking, refer to yourself as “the chair” or “your Regent”
- Regent speaking about a motion, turn the meeting over to the Vice Regent – “ I wish to speak on this issue, would the VR please assume the “chair”...”

### VICE REGENT

- Assist Regent when asked and read the National and State Correspondence

### RECORDING SECRETARY

- Keep accurate proceedings of all meetings
  - ◆ Minute books
  - ◆ Minutes of previous meeting
  - ◆ Agenda for meeting
  - ◆ Copy of Courts Standing Rules
  - ◆ Presents list of bills
  - ◆ Conducts correspondence

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

- Receives and transmits monies
- Reports changes in membership
- Notifies National Office and State Regent on elections
- Reconciles Court Membership Records with National Record
- Sends membership forms to STATE SECRETARY

### TREASURER

- Receives all monies from Financial Secretary
- Pays all bills with approval of Court
- Keeps itemized account of all receipts and disbursements
- Countersigns checks
- Balances check book
- Is prepared for semi-annual financial review

### FLOW CHART OF FUNDS

#### Source of Funds

Dues  
Fund Raisers  
Donations  
Bank Interest

#### Financial Secretary

Collects  
Receives from Chr.  
Receives Cash  
Issues Receipts

#### Treasurer

Receives from FS  
Issues receipt to FS  
Deposits monies  
Reports interest to FS  
Pays Bills

## Standing Rules for Your Court



Does your Court have these?!? Do you have them available to refer to at ALL meetings? Some new and present boards may not be very clear on the idea of

### STANDING RULES.

At the 2014 National Convention, a bylaw was passed that all local courts must have standing rules. They are not to contradict our by-laws of the organization. Each court should set up the rules to suit their needs. These standing rules should be read and revised every year and changes made as needed.

These rules are mainly related to the administration of your court. They can be adopted or changed at any business meeting with a motion and a majority vote and by those present at a meeting. No previous notice is necessary.

These rules will remain in effect until rescinded or amended or can be suspended for a particular meeting and not binding for other meetings.

Standing Rules are set up by the court officers to allow each member to know what the court will be doing in the coming year. All standing rules need to be voted upon by the body they govern, that is, your local court.

Examples of applications of Standing Rules:

- ◆ Dues
- ◆ Meeting Dates and Time
- ◆ Special Projects
- ◆ Expenditures for State and National Conventions
- ◆ Officer Installation
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Dues Consideration for Older Members

If you find that you don't have Standing Rules, please check further with the “Tools of the Trade,” your DD or a State Officer.

— Shirley Hall, PA 2nd Vice State Regent

— Shirley Hall, PA 2nd Vice State Regent

## Pro-Life Paintings

For those of you who were able to attend the National Convention in July, I hope you were able to view and be moved by the two pro-life paintings that were on display. The pro-life paintings begin with 1-1/2" squares with each square containing a small print of an image of a baby carved from linoleum blocks and stamped onto the canvas.

At Convention, in the Meditation Chapel, the "Memorial of Mercy—Divine Mercy" was on display. This painting's base contains 2,470 squares memorializing the 2,470 babies that were aborted at the Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood in 2012.

The painting that was displayed in the large room where we celebrated daily Mass was entitled "The Innocents." This painting's base was 2,366 tiny faces, representing the lives ended by abortion at Pittsburgh's Planned Parenthood in 2013.

And now, to represent the loss of 2,492 precious lives in 2014 at Pittsburgh's Planned Parenthood, an original rendition of French artist William Bouguereau's "Pieta." This image was chosen by our artist because of the grief-stricken expression on the face of the Blessed Mother. She believes this expression mirrors the millions of mothers and fathers who have fallen prey to the lie that abortion was the answer. This image also reminds us of the importance of our prayerful presence at abortion clinics. As Mary was determined that her Son would not die alone, (although it was more painful for her to witness his death than we could possibly imagine), so it is important for us to be there at the places where unborn children are bound to die as well.

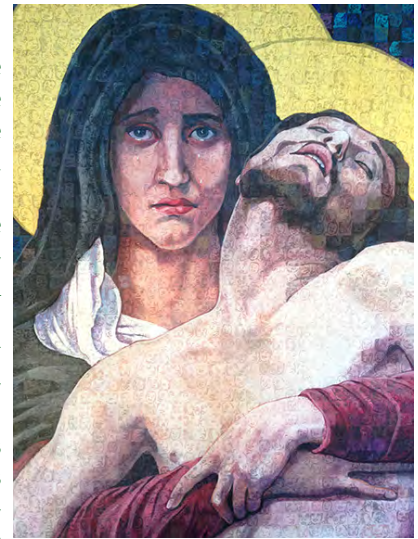
The purpose of the artwork is two-fold: First, it is to memorialize each human life by giving them a name. Nikki Bruni delivers and sets up her paintings in area churches free of any charge. As it travels, people have the opportunity to give a name to a child that was aborted by writing a name in the book that accompanies the paintings. Secondly, the art work is meant to help us recognize the tragedy of abortion, to realize what it has cost us, and to serve as an opportunity to grieve and repent. Hopefully, lives will be saved, and women considering abortion will be spared the lifelong grief that often accompanies an abortion decision.

Nikki Bruni, a recent convert to the Catholic faith, is a wife and mother who is head-over-heels in love with Jesus and His Church! After straying far from God in her 20s and 30s, she began to find her way back to God through the Methodist, and then the Evangelical churches.

After getting involved in pro-life work in 2009, Nikki eventually became the director of Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life and has now led 13 consecutive campaigns.

In 2012, while praying the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, she became convinced of the truth of Catholicism, and through God's amazing grace, was received into the Church in 2013. Nikki works part-time as a hairdresser and volunteers her time coordinating 40 Days for Life. She holds a BFA from Carnegie Mellon University and enjoys using her artistic abilities to glorify God in her paintings. Nikki resides in Verona, PA (outside of Pittsburgh) where she attends St. Joseph Church. Nikki recently became a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas by joining Ct. Westinghouse #759.

—Lisa McCann, State Treasurer



## What is the March for Life? ◆◆◆



The March for Life began in Washington, D.C. as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on the somber anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

Where and when is the March for Life? The March for Life official program will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Monument. The program begins with a Rally at 12 noon. There will be jumbo-trons for easier viewing.

The March begins immediately following the Rally at approximately 1 p.m. and proceeds east from the Washington Monument at 14th St. and Constitution Avenue and ends in front of the U.S. Supreme Court where you are then encouraged to visit your congressman in the House and Senate office buildings.

I urge you to travel on one of the hundreds of buses that converge on Washington and become part of this prayerful movement. If you are not able to be part of the March, please spend the day in prayer. If you are apprehensive about going to the Capital for the March for Life, I urge you to look up [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org). The website has a wealth of information on the March and traveling about our National Capital. The home page of this site has a picture of thousands of people marching and the CDA BANNER IS VERY PROMINENT ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE!

If you have any questions about the March or want to make sure you find your way to where the Catholic Daughters meet to march together, contact me either by phone or email. My contact information is on the first page of this newsletter. For Life!

—Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

## Committees...Life Lines to CDA Court



A COMMITTEE, whether STANDING, SPECIAL, AD HOC (for a special event or project), is VITAL to any organization.

A COMMITTEE...is appointed by the Regent;

...is composed of a Chair and two or four other members (should be an odd number in the event of the necessity to vote on a Recommendation to the Court); requirements for Nominating Committee outlined in the BYLAWS;

...meets several times a year;

...reports its recommendations for action to the court meeting (advising the Regent ahead of time to list on the Court's agenda);

...If the committee did not meet, do prepare a brief report from an article in *SHARE MAGAZINE*, *NEWSLETTER*, *OTHER SOURCES*, pertinent to the committee's purpose;

...needs Court approval for proposed action;

...Circle of Love STANDING committees have a wealth of ideas (see *Tools of the Trade*), for awareness/action to help the Church, Community, all age groups, the MEMBER!

...SPECIAL committees (Membership, Finance, Phone Tree, etc.)—dwell on their purpose;

...AD HOC committees have a single purpose and cease to function when project is completed (Yard Sale, 50th Anniversary, Parade Float, etc.);

...APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS coming from committees keep "CDA ALIVE and EXCITING" with great things to put into action to benefit the church, community, all age groups, the individual member;

...PROGRAM (15 to 20 minutes), prepared by a Circle of Love Committee, should be a part of each monthly meeting;

...COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AT EACH MEETING are the LIFE LINES for each CDA meeting. MAKES FOR A STREAMLINED MEETING (1½ HOURS) — Program 15 minutes, 45 minutes for meeting, 25 minutes for coffee/goodies;

..."ALWAYS BE PLANNING SOMETHING"—something to look forward to experiencing, ways to help the church, the community, the youth and elderly, the MEMBER!

Highlights like these events make lasting memories and attract new members!

—Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



## Serving the Lord with Gladness



The theme chosen for the next two years by National Regent Helene Shepard is from Psalm 100:2, "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Serving others allows us to contribute to society and be better members of that society. Service also brings satisfaction to our lives. Is there any better feeling than giving help to another member of God's creation and making their lives better?

Service develops practical skills. As we serve, we learn how to give care, concern and understanding with our whole hearts to our sisters in Catholic Daughters. Service makes us better people and will enhance our own spiritual life.

There is a special joy in serving others in Jesus' name. Ask Mary, our Mother, to lead you to her Son by serving one another with joy and gladness.

Thank you for serving the Lord through your willingness to help at the National Convention in Pittsburgh this past summer. You are a joy and blessing. I thank God every day for you.

—Sherry Nilles, First Vice National Regent  
National Representative for Pennsylvania

## Leadership



I'm writing this as we go into the beautiful season of FALL. A time when our courts are fully aware of the commitment they made when they joined the CD of A—that of GIVING! Yes, it is the time for leaders to appoint chairmen who will work toward this goal. You have the various charities to donate money or workers to do the work.

First, as members of National, we give toward our National Charities. Then give to your State Charities and the local court charities. This may seem like a lot when you add them up, but remember our Motto is "Unity and Charity."

If you are truly an organization that calls yourselves a CD of A court, then you need to give, first to National, second to State, then to local. Be a unified court—work together and give willingly. Remember, you are members of the Catholic Daughters of America located in the great State of Pennsylvania. Thank you for being a Catholic Daughter here in PA!

—Letty Calvetti, Leadership State Chair

## Quality of Life

**Question:** Think about your life. What is it that you have that you cannot do without? What do you need to maintain a good quality of life? Is it a house, a car, a job, family and friends, nice clothing, television, a cell phone?

**Answer:** JESUS—Jesus is with us always, and the other stuff is just stuff. Jesus must be the first thing we think of when asked "what do you need in your life?"

As a Catholic Daughter, striving to help improve the quality of life of those around us, concentrate on bringing Jesus first along with the food bank donations, clothing, toys and other gifts. Always include Jesus in everything you do. Without Jesus, there is no good quality in your life.



—Mary Catherine Wydra  
Quality of Life State Chair

## News From National Congratulations on Your Donations!

Pennsylvania placed 4th out of 44 participating State and Territorial Courts. In the reporting period of June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016, PA courts donated a total of \$18,536.00 to our National Projects and Charities. States a head of us were Texas, California and New York. Thanks to all the courts who donated. Would it not be great if we had 100 percent participation from all the courts? Remember, all donations MUST come through the State of PA to State Secretary. The state sends donations quarterly to the National Office.

"Thank You" note received: *Florida Catholic Daughters extend to you, your State board and all PA Courts a heartfelt thank you for a wonderful convention. You all worked so hard and it showed! We found Pittsburgh to be a vibrant and interesting city. I'm glad we did some of the extras available. Thank you again for hosting. You all did an awesome job! You are all a blessing to CDA.* —In Unity and Charity, Florida State Board



Shirley Seyfried, IPNR, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, National Chaplain, and Helene Shepard posed for a photo at a reception held in honor of Helene, our newly-elected National Regent. A Mass was celebrated at Helene's home parish. The main celebrant was Cardinal Dolan of NY; Concelebrants included Msgr. James F. Cox, Past State Chaplain, Fr. Jeffrey Maurer, National Clergy Consultant, and Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Immediate Past National Chaplain. A reception was held at the K of C Hall. After a great dinner, numerous attendees gave remarks and presentations.



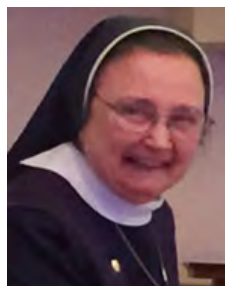
The bride was radiant—Peg is still glowing from ear to ear!  
Lisa McCann, Shirley Hall, Mrs. Richard Witas,  
Peggy Guckin and Margaret Giordano



National Officers and Directors had the opportunity, while in New York attending a board meeting, to attend the 30th Anniversary of SOAR! Dinner benefiting aging religious. National Regent Helene Shepard presented a \$10,000.00 check to Sr. Kathleen on behalf of the Catholic Daughters. Among the honorees were the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, who received the Rita Hofbauer Grant Award.



### ◆◆◆ Hope



Our crazy weather reminds me of a religion lesson. When I taught first grade, I told the children we have little deaths and little Resurrections every day. Then we'd look for them so we could share them with each other. For example, I saw a dust bunny under the sofa. That meant clean the parlor. Ugh! I hate cleaning, but I did it anyway. The Resurrection came when company unexpectedly stopped by.

Fall is a season dragging us down into the months of winter. We brace ourselves for the cold. We check the wardrobe and update it. We also think ahead. March will usher in the warmth of spring. Even weather speaks to us of little deaths and Resurrections. This is also true of our unseasonal, weekly temperatures.

We cannot fixate on the downsides of life. We need to be on the lookout for the upsides too. The Feast of Christmas is a time to equalize our ups and downs just as Mary did. She went to Bethlehem and to Egypt. These were difficult journeys, but all the while she gazed on the face of God. Let us seek His face.

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

## Message from State Secretary



My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,  
As I look back on the summer, our National Convention was certainly a highlight, not only because of the various spiritual and communal events, but also because of the Unity and Charity portrayed by all Catholic Daughters present, especially that of our Pennsylvania Court. You all did

such an excellent job of working together to make our 2016 convention a fantastic and truly memorable event. Thank you, again!

Now, during autumn, I am also witnessing the powerful bonds of our Unity and Charity in the Catholic Daughters. I want to thank each and every member who came to celebrate my Court Queen of Peace's 90th Anniversary in Lancaster as well as all those who remembered us in prayer. My heart was overjoyed by all your generosity and kindness. Since I became a Catholic Daughter more than thirty years ago, my court has been very small in number and even less in active members. We are slowly but surely growing, and that is good, but I never felt the

power of our CDA Unity at my home court so much as I did that day in October when we celebrated Mass and a luncheon together. Thank you!

Looking forward, I pray this Advent we can all "start again," with a fresh and innocent view as we get ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Maybe we can think of how Mary, His Mother and our CDA Patroness, prepared for His coming. Perhaps we can let her be our model as we welcome new members to our courts, start new projects and renew old ones for the Good of the Order, and as we prepare for our upcoming state convention in the spring of 2017. I can't wait to see so many of you there and to hear about what your courts are doing.

I wish each and every one of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God be with you always,

—Margaret T. Giordano  
State Secretary



## Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

*Taste and See—a challenge set before us, as Catholic Daughter members as well as the community at large.*



We recall our deceased members who have made us who we are—past National, State and local court officers as well as our beloved family members who have helped our courts; present members who work hard to uphold the Catholic Daughter motto of Unity and Charity; members who have formed us and made us stronger through challenges they have overcome or have presented to us to overcome—we give thanks for these blessings.

Taste and see—As with food, some salty, some bitter, some sweet, depending on our mood and what we have eaten before, the taste can be enjoyable or not so. As with the CDA and our experiences—sometimes the challenges and events are salty, sometimes bitter and we don't want to have any more. And then, sometimes they are sweet, where we want to get more of it—like anniversaries and successful fundraisers, gatherings with family and friends to celebrate Unity and Charity and good works done with one another and for each other.

Salty or bitter—We have many challenges yet before us—especially with the loss of courts in Pennsylvania due to declining membership. In the social area where government is trying to regulate what we do, we are being called to be witnesses to our faith. We are being called to embrace changes and challenges as never before. We, as Catholic Daughters, need to be an example for others as to how to accept the changes and challenges before us. As one in Unity and Charity with the Holy See, we are to support our bishops and clergy at each step.

As Mary stood by her Son, Jesus, on Calvary, it is not always easy. We must see the Resurrection on the other side and trust, as Mary did, that things will be more than okay on the other side. Where we cannot see, joy awaits if we believe and trust that God is in charge and we are not. We are to follow, and challenge when necessary, to smooth the way.

Continuing our charitable giving and activities such as Haiti birthing kits, bag lunches for the homeless, bingo with the veterans, we must show others that charity is never out of style despite changes around us. This one thing is true—the CDA has each other and can rely on each other for support. This is one of the sweetnesses of the CDA.

God gives us sweetness in life to encourage us to move forward and recall that He is good. Just like a nice ice cream treat or chocolate dessert, the love and support of our families, is a sweetness for which we give thanks. Many times our families go without or have to "step up" in extra ways because of CDA business. We could not do what we do without their support. We thank our families for their support of our efforts. They too share in our good works.

Taste and see—O, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. May our patroness, the Blessed Mother, guide us and our country so that we may thrive and enjoy many more years of Unity and Charity as we taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

—Peg Rafferty Witas, 1st Vice State Regent

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

**95th Anniversary**

*Court Of Our Lady #647*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

**90th Anniversary**

*Court Queen of Peace #1023*

*Court St. James #1029*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

**Happy 50th Anniversary**

*Sherry and Lee Nilles*

*Requested by: Peggy Guckin*

**Happy 1st Anniversary**

*Campus Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

**Happy Anniversary**

*Susan Hick*

*Requested by: Peggy Guckin*

**Happy 70th Birthday**

*CarolAnne Ferreira*

*Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023*

**Happy Birthday**

*Louise Beighley*

*Mary Clare Selway, Financial Secretary*

*Rita Smith-Wade-El*

*Ellen Yates*

*LaRue Lautsch*

*Lorraine Keeley*

*Cathy Haefner*

*Helen Bitts*

*Christine Fink*

*Elizabeth Wijtyk*

*Janet Kreiner*

*Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023*

**State Spiritual Intention Report**

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, September-November 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!**

**Happy Birthday**

*Alessandra Hoskins, granddaughter*

*Tina Morgan, niece*

*Jimi Giordano, brother*

*Mary Clare Selway, sister*

*Susanne Gillespie*

*Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano*

*Vickie Feist*

*Shirley Hall*

*Lisa McCann*

*Requested by: Peggy Guckin*

**Get Well**

*Mary Clare Selway, sister*

*Theresa A. Hauck, sister*

*Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano*

**Healing**

*Someone Special*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

**Good Health and Blessings**

*Joan Kopnicky*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

*Karen Smay*

*Requested by: Court Isabella #959*

**Successful Surgery**

*Caron S. Leath*

*Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023*

*Tina Dambach*

*Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members*

*Margaret P. Novak, Immediate Past State Regent*

*Requested by: Laraine McGinnis*

**Complete Recovery**

*Barbara Beaver*

*Lauren Petticrew*

*Requested by: Peggy Guckin*

**Complete Recovery**

**Pat Jacobs**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Margaret Novak**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Mary E. May  
Deanna Teixeira**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Speedy Recovery**

**Mary Clare Selway, Financial Secretary**

**Derek Reitschey**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Dorothy Andrilla  
Betty Brun  
Peg DeLuca**

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

**Mary Jane Becker**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Pattie Fromknecht  
Audrey Albaugh  
Margaret Novak**

**Baby Luke Wilfred, grandson of Shirley Seyfried**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace**

**Henry A. Horn, grandfather  
James A. Giordano, Sr., father  
Margaret Horn, grandmother  
Margaret H. Giordano, mother  
Robert F. Leath  
Victor Tenaglia, Cousin  
Victor Tenaglia Family  
Joanne Brommer, Cousin  
Conor Zeiset**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Mary Rose Milan, mother of Christina Seese**

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

**Edward Manion  
Anette Elias**

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

**Anne Harrison**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Mae Franc**

Requested by: Lisa McCann

**Bernic Bolinger (Death of Sister)**

Requested by: Court Isabella #959

**In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace**

**Mary Rose Milan, mother of Christina Seese  
Marcella Tegethoff**

**Lena Meeker, mother of Gerry June**

**Julia Dolan, Past National Director and Past State Regent**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**James Weakland  
James Cunnigham**

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

**Tressa Martincic**

**Frank Anthony Cargiene**

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

**Julia Dolan, Past State Regent**

**Catherine Weithorn, Past Regent, Ct. Chartiers #508**

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

**For the Souls in Purgatory**

**Deceased members of CDA and their families**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Thinking of You**

**Anne Marie Dunn**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

**Continued Success**

**Helene Shepard**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

**Thank You for Celebrating**

**Our 90th Anniversary With Us!**

**His Excellency, The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer,  
Bishop of Harrisburg**

**Father Lawrence Sherdel**

**Father Deogratias Rwegasira**

**Knights of Columbus Council #867**

**National Dignitaries: M. Joan McKenna, Anne Nelson,**

**Letty Calvetti and Peggy**

**State Officers: Peggy Guckin, Shirley Hall and Lisa McCann**

**Mary E. May, Past 1st Vice State Regent, Erie #515**

**Court Easton #358**

**Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448**

**Court Our Lady of Victory #588**

**Court Ave Maria #650**

**Court Allegheny #664**

**Court Rose Cecilia #1641**

**Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828**

**Court St. Dominic #2222**

**Court St. Francis de Sales #2617**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

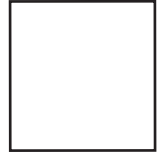
**Wedding Wishes/Wedding Congratulations**

**Peg Rafferty, Peg and Rich Witas**

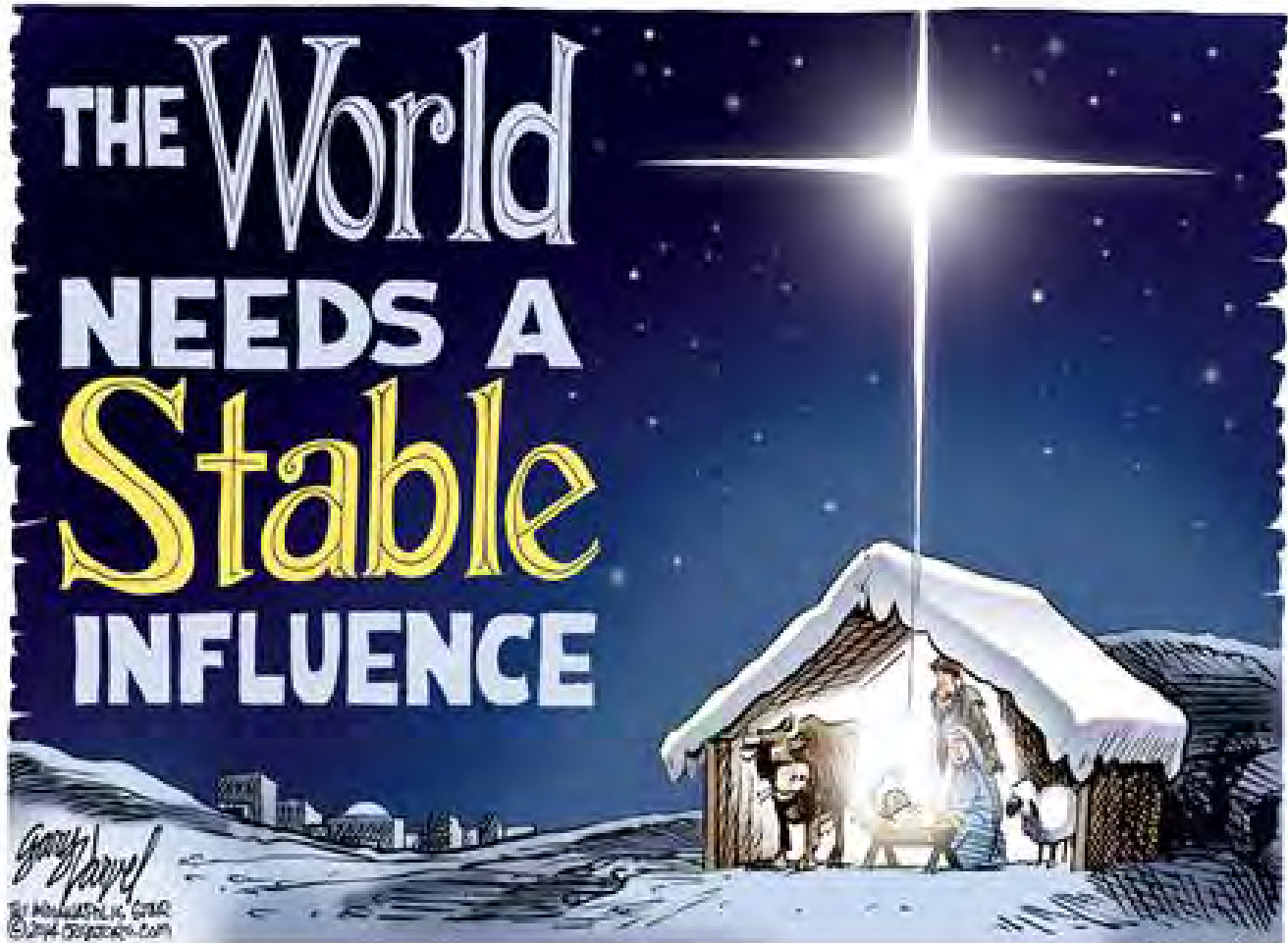
Requested by: Opal Kunz (Court Isabella #959)

CDA PA State Officers and Members

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



Return Service Requested



*PA Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Board sends Christmas Greetings:  
You will be remembered in Masses on Christmas Day and every day for the next year at the  
Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Germantown, PA.*

*“Behold the graces I shed upon all those who ask me!”  
Our Blessed Mother Mary said those words to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830  
when she gave her the Miraculous Medal.  
The Mother of God wants to hear your intentions and needs.*