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Message from Peggy Witas, State Regent

Greetings to all,

As the smell of spring approaches and the feel of warmer temperatures set in, the State Board wishes you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter.

As spring reminds us of new beginnings, the State Officers will be presenting workshops in the Erie and Greensburg dioceses in April. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity to educate yourselves whether officers or members so that when elections occur in May, members are confident to assume leadership roles. Workshops will also occur in the fall after the National Convention for all dioceses.

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Pennsylvania State Convention to be held Friday, April 5 thru Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center in Blairsville, PA. Call to Convention will be in the fall newsletter.

State lottery calendars have been mailed to all courts. Please support this State fundraiser as it helps keep the cost of dues to \$2/year. With a few courts being disbanded this past year, more calendars have been sent to all courts. Contact neighbors, friends, relatives and parishioners to purchase these calendars. Every day is a chance to win at least \$30. Deadline for returns is May 1, 2018.

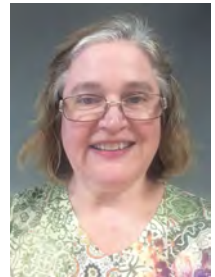
The Circle of Love is a major part of our organization. Take one branch of the circle of love at each meeting and explore what your court can do. The seven branches are Family, Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth/JCDA and Education. It will help to keep your courts active while educating members on the Circle of Love.

Financial reviews are to be completed in April. As such, please ensure the District Deputies are given several dates to choose from to ensure they are able to be present. There may be exceptions in which the financial reviews are not able to be done until May. Please let me know if this is the case so I may alert the National Office that financial review is pending.

Spring is also a great time to have a membership drive. Many courts are getting back to meeting after a winter break. Taste the sweetness of increasing membership and please seriously consider contacting the State Membership Team for assistance with your membership drives. They have done outstanding work in saving courts. Use the State website for further information or contact me.

Pennsylvania will have a new court in Exton, PA—Court Our Lady of Fatima! Institution will occur on May 6, 2018. Thank you to all who worked so diligently to make this a reality. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

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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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Spring: March-May
Summer: June-August

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Message from State Regent

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The State Officers are looking forward to representing you at the National Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in July.

Finally, to all those who volunteered to be District Deputies and State Chairs an immense THANK YOU. I am deeply grateful for your willingness to serve the State. In Unity and Charity,

—Peggy Witas, State Regent

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Message from State Chaplain

As we approach Easter and celebrate the Resurrection, New Life in Jesus, flowers and trees will be blooming. New life is in the air, Easter will be here! We celebrate Easter as an octave, which means we celebrate Easter for eight consecutive days. This tradition is a reflection of all things being 'New' in Christ Jesus.

The first day of the week, Sunday, became known also as the eighth day to the early Christians. Why? Because God the Father began creation on the first day of the week, Sunday, and Jesus rose on the first day of the week, making all things new—in essence, making "A New Creation" in Christ. We honor both Easter and Christmas in this way.

On the eighth day of Easter is a beautiful Feast Day called the Divine Mercy. Jesus requested that this Feast be celebrated when He appeared to St. Maria Faustina in the 1930s. If you have never seen an image of the Divine Mercy, find one and examine it. In this image, Jesus appears in a walking position with his right hand raised in blessing and his left hand pointing to His heart where red and white rays stream from in the image.

He explained to St. Faustina: I am in a walking position because I am walking to you, coming to you. My

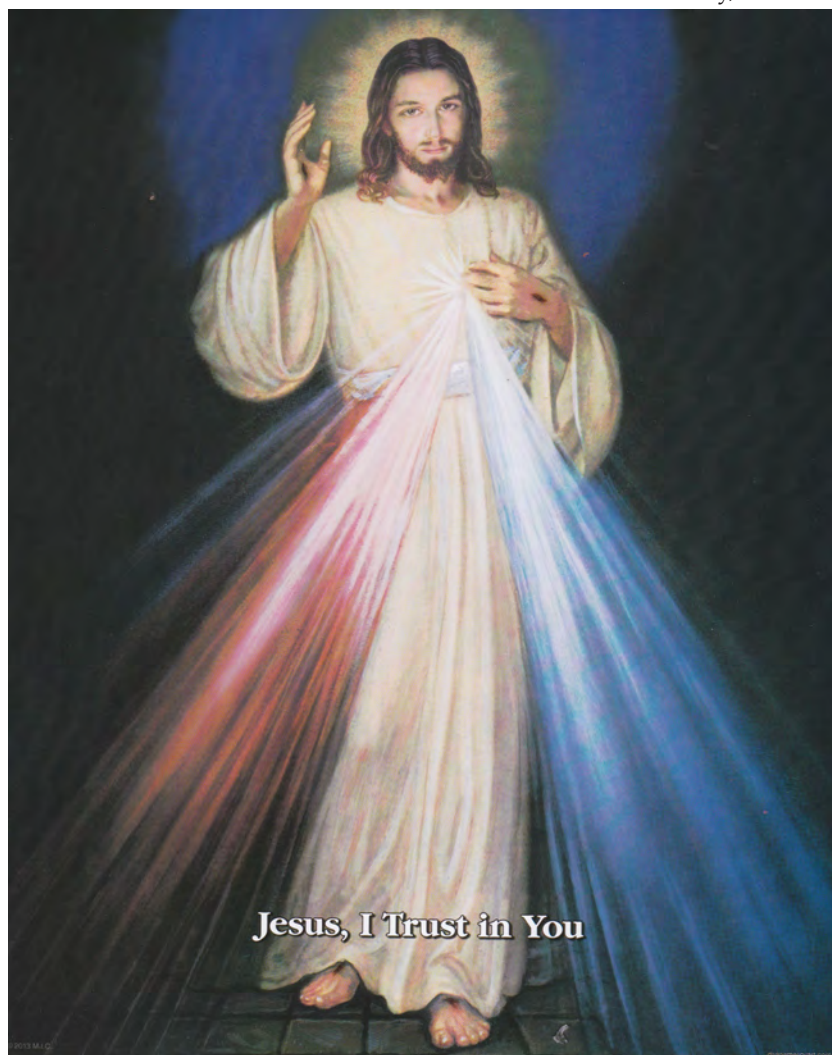
hand is raised as the priest's hand is raised, blessing you. The rays from my heart symbolize two sacraments, the water shed from my side, the white ray, symbolizes Baptism, and the Blood shed from my side, the red ray, symbolizes Eucharist.

Jesus also left St. Faustina a beautiful prayer entitled, "The Grace to be Merciful to Others." Through Baptism and strengthened by the Eucharist, the two Sacraments He shows streaming from His Heart, we are to become one with Jesus, and become His living image on Earth. This prayer is a beautiful meditation on how we are to be that sign of Mercy to others. The prayer takes us through all the different aspects of our body, to help us reflect if we are truly living out our Baptismal promises and being His Living Reflection. The prayer helps us reflect to see if we are allowing our eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet and heart to be instruments of His Love and Mercy.

The prayer concludes with three ways that Jesus wants us to live out His Mercy: "The first is an act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second is a word of mercy—if we cannot carry out a work of mercy, we will assist by our words. The third is prayer—if we cannot show mercy by deeds or words, we can always do so by prayer. Our prayer reaches out even where we cannot reach out physically."

On Easter Sunday, we all renew our baptismal promises, but we know as James, Chapter 5 explains: Without works to show our faith, our faith is dead. Without works of mercy, our baptismal promises are without meaning. Therefore let us reflect and ask ourselves: Am I using my whole self, my eyes, ears, hands, feet, and heart, to show God's mercy to others? Am I focused and willing to reach out physically in any way for the needs of others by listening, helping, loving, doing? Am I ready and willing to give words of love and mercy and forgiveness to all people, those I love as well as those I find it hard to love? Do I pray for all people in need of love and mercy, those I know and those I do not know?

Consider this thought: The Bible tells us that Judas was known to help himself to the money held in common belonging to Jesus and the apostles. It was not just during the week of Jesus' passion that he stole this money only one time, as we sometimes tend to think, but since he was 'known' to do this, it had to happen over a long period of time. Jesus knew Judas was also the betrayer, and yet



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Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE
 Court St. Rita #523 - Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Preparing for Court St. Rita #523
 Annual Craft Fair



Members participate in Honor Guard to honor a faithful member
 Shirley Hall, Linda Morrison, Sarah McNelis,
 Joan Everhart, Rosemarie Long



Unity

Debbie Zakrzewski



ERIE DIOCESE
 Court Columbia #2, Meadville, Pennsylvania

Charity



Susan Sharer



Court Columbia #2 donates \$1,000 to Seton Catholic School, Meadville, PA

Front Row: Janice Chatley, member, presents check to Seton Catholic School Children, with Principal Laura Blake
 Back Row: Jeanette Kitch, Court Secretary; Audrey Albaugh; Angie Lewis; Mary Ann Cochran, Vice Regent;
 Ruth Dimerling, Legislative Chairwoman; Lucille Gable; Sue Kelly, Treasurer; Patricia Say, Cheer Chairwoman; Fr. Jeff Lucas, Pastor;
 Phyllis Vrobel, Regent; and Fr. Tom Trocchio, Chaplain

ERIE DIOCESE contd.
Court Columbia #2, Meadville, Pennsylvania



Court Columbia #2

Honors Catholic Daughter of the Year

Front row: Maxine Holzer, member; back row: Phyllis Vrobel, Regent; Joanne McClay, Ct. Columbia #2, Catholic Daughter of the Year 2017; and Mary Ann Cochran, Vice Regent

Court Erie #515, Erie, Pennsylvania
Tenacity—Work Well Done!

Court Erie #515 held their Annual Christmas dinner Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the Skyline restaurant on the east side of Erie. Following a short business meeting, before everyone indulged in the delicious buffet, Regent Mary E. May presented 30-year service pins to two members who are sisters: Kathleen Bolla and Dolores Taccone. Together, the sisters joined the organization on October 19, 1986. Both sisters have held offices in the court, have held various chairmanships, and contributed over these years to the many projects the court has undertaken.



Left to right: Audrey Albaugh, District Deputy from Meadville; Mary E. May, Regent; Mary Jane Weed, Vice-Regent; and Kathleen Bolla receiving her 30-year pin. Absent from the photo due to illness was Kathleen's sister, Dolores Taccone.



PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Future Catholic Daughters Members in New Court Our Lady of Fatima, Exton, Pennsylvania



Working hard to establish new Court Our Lady of Fatima in Exton

Shirley Hall, Melissa Secott, Sue Sharer, Peggy Guckin, Lillian Lucas, Janet Oesterling, Margaret Giordano, Colette McCaffrey

Publicity

I have written previously about advertising your court's activities and how to go about it...but have you considered sending a picture of an activity that your court has done to be published in our State's newsletter, *The Angelus*? We have a special section for Court Chatter. Submission of articles for the summer edition is due to be emailed to me by May 1. May God Hold you in the Palm of His Hands.

—Peggy Guckin, IPSR
 Publicity Chair
 Email: mmmg721@aol.com

Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising is an essential element of any organization. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is no exception. There is fundraising we support from the National Office, the Pennsylvania State Court, our diocesan groupings and neighboring courts. There is the hard work we do for our own courts to raise funds.



I am a member of Court Westinghouse #759. We meet in Turtle Creek, a suburb of Pittsburgh. We proudly celebrated our 95th anniversary last summer. We are a small court with 31 members and, like most courts, that means only approximately 15 members are active. We are no different than many of the CDA courts that struggle making ends meet. But, we do not stop.

We are currently trying a new fundraiser, a spring flower sale with profits earmarked for the training and education of our members.

This year we have several members who have expressed interest in attending the upcoming National Convention in July. Understandably, attendance can become rather expensive and we owe it to these court officers and members to do all we can to assist them financially to attend and to learn how we can strengthen our court so we can continue to be vital and productive Catholic Daughters.

Several years ago, we had a very dear member pass away. Doris bequeathed our court some money. Not a lot, but enough for us, as a court, to in turn make some donations we otherwise could not have been able to do. The main donation our court made, in honor of Doris, was to become members of the 1903 Society. We were also able to double all our usual yearly donations to all the National Projects and Charities, our State Pro-Life donations and all the local charities to which we contribute.

I remind you, Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, that found in our Tools of the Trade, each Catholic Daughters local court is asked to contribute annually a *minimum* of \$20 per Project to the five National Projects. The National Board also encourages courts to pray about their continued support of all the National Charities. As members of this great National organization, each court's first charitable considerations should be here, then consideration should be to the State Pro-Life charities. Only then should courts consider local donations. Even a small donation to each of these, makes a big difference.

Remember to find the current State Donation Form on the PA web site: www.cdapa.com. Then, follow the path, Resources—Forms—Court Forms—Donation Form: One check for ALL donations; use the form to stipulate how much for each charity; court check, payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas/or simply CDA; two signatures.

—Lisa McCann, State Secretary

CDA Lucky Lottery Calendars

This is your State Court fundraiser in which each of the 67 courts in Pennsylvania participates. Each Court Regent should have received the 2018-2019 lottery calendars. If you have not, please contact the State Regent. If each court does their fair share, this fundraiser remains a success.

With the sad reality that currently many of our courts are experiencing a decline in membership, and sadder still we have lost some courts all together, this means fewer members are left to share this responsibility to your State Court fundraiser.

If you find it difficult selling all the calendars assigned your court, **please consider an announcement in your church bulletin**. I have done this the past several years and have been able to sell several calendars this way. There are benefactors out there that you may reach through this method. Many are out there that 1) want to support the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, or simply, 2) like taking their chances on the PA Lottery. I have an announcement you can customize for your local parishes. Call or email me for a copy. It would be amazing NOT to have any calendars returned by courts.

May God bless each of you with a joyful, caring, generous heart.

—Lisa McCann, State Secretary

See list of January and February winners on page 8.

“Give Up, Give In, and Give More”



I am sure that after this winter season, sometimes bitter cold and windy, other times a bit warmer, many of us are looking forward to the approaching springtime. Perhaps the winter can be likened to our Lenten journeys. This Lent let us discern “Giving.” Let us “Give Up, Give In and Give More.”

By giving up, I don't mean just quitting when we are unsuccessful; I mean giving up some of our bad habits. Maybe that means eating more healthily, being a better listener, or complaining less.

Giving in doesn't mean always letting someone else have his or her own way, but prayerfully contemplating what the Lord is asking us to do. What talents has He given us that we may serve Him and His people?

Giving more is not just giving more money (although no church or charity will complain if we do), but giving more of our time. We can volunteer more in our parishes, communities and our courts.

This Lent, may we begin a lifelong journey to Give Up our bad habits, Give In to the Lord's Will and Give More of ourselves.



—Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

“Lenten Fasting”

Let our Lenten fasting not mean just abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent or just eating one full meal and only two smaller meals or snacks that add up to one more meal...Let us fast as Pope Francis reminds us, and may we strive to fast this way ALL YEAR, not just for Lent. Let us cultivate this fasting as a way of life.

—Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Pope FRANCIS on LENT



- ◆ Fast from **HURTING WORDS** and say **KIND WORDS**
- ◆ Fast from **SADNESS** and be filled with **GRATITUDE**
- ◆ Fast from **ANGER** and be filled with **PATIENCE**
- ◆ Fast from **PESSIMISM** and be filled with **HOPE**
- ◆ Fast from **WORRIES** and **TRUST IN GOD**
- ◆ Fast from **COMPLAINTS** and contemplate **SIMPLICITY**
- ◆ Fast from **PRESSURES** and be **PRAYERFUL**
- ◆ Fast from **BITTERNESS** and fill your heart with **JOY**
- ◆ Fast from **SELFISHNESS** and be **COMPASSIONATE** to others
- ◆ Fast from **GRUDGES** and be **RECONCILED**
- ◆ Fast from **WORDS** and be **SILENT** so you can listen

The Rosary

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Rosary which had originally begun in his province by St. Dominic. He began his work in 1460, and many people converted during the missions he held.

For 400 years, there were prayed only the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, and each type was assigned to a specific day of the week. However, on October 16, 2003, Saint Pope John Paul II added the “Luminous Mysteries” of the rosary to reflect Christ’s ministry, and “to broaden the Rosary’s horizon.” These “new” mysteries were inspired by Saint Pope John Paul II based on the 1957 writings of Blessed George Preca, a Maltese priest, who Pope John Paul II had beatified on May 9, 2001. (Our *Sunday Visitor*, May 9, 2004.)

Thus, all of the mysteries together are a meditative summation of the New Testament.

It should be noted that there are other variations of rosary prayers. The one we know best is the Dominican rosary, or Our Lady’s Psalter, or “the beads.” “Beads” comes from the Old English “bede” or “biddan or bid” meaning prayers requested. Other types of rosary are the Franciscan Rosary of the Seven Joys; the Serviette Rosary of the Seven Sorrows; the Chaplet of Mercy; and the Rosary of the Sacred Heart.

We should point out that recitation of a rosary is not only a Catholic tradition. The Lutheran, Anglican and Episcopal churches also have a form of the rosary. It is called Fralsarkransen, or the “Wreath of Christ.” It was developed about 1990 by Martin Lonnebo, a Lutheran emeritus bishop in Sweden. It looks like a bracelet, and consists of 18 beads of specific order and color reflecting both the life of Christ and the specific prayers. It is used mainly in Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland, but this type is not readily available elsewhere.



—Mary E. May, Past 1st Vice State Regent, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

My CDA State Activities

My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,

In January, it was an honor for me to attend the Pro-Life Vigil Mass and carry the Catholic Daughters banner during the Pro-Life March in Washington, DC. There I also had the privilege to hear guest speaker Steven Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, at the CDA Legislative brunch. His message was very moving and a testimony to "Protecting Life in All Stages of Life."

Thanks to Peggy Guckin, I had the honor to attend the January and February meetings of a new court in the making. Peggy has been working very hard at organizing the institution of this court, and the membership committee is also there guiding those who will be the charter members. I liken this activity to a mother-to-be anxiously awaiting the arrival of her new baby. It's exciting!

This spring, I am looking forward to meeting with the courts in the Allentown Diocese and hearing all about the projects and events they have done in the last six months.

I also look forward to overseeing the financial reviews of four courts in several dioceses—one in Harrisburg, two in Allentown and one in Scranton. It's wonderful to connect with other Catholic Daughters in so many ways. I am always inspired by all you do.

Finally, remember that Spiritual Intentions through the Pennsylvania State Court are offered the third Sunday of each month (except in June, on the fourth Sunday). The donations made for these Mass intentions are for the seminarians studying at the North American College in Rome. Please continue to send your monthly intentions directly to me with a check payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

May God be with you and yours throughout these seasons of Lent and Easter. In Unity and Charity,

—Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Prayer for Someone Scheduled for Surgery

Dear Lord,

You have soothed us all, saying, "do not worry about tomorrow."

Thank you that you pour out your Spirit upon us anew each day.

Thank you that your grace is sufficient for us within each moment that we live.

So, we pray for _____ that she will know your peace in her heart.

A peace that surpasses all understanding.

A peace that guards her heart and mind.

A peace that she receives from Christ Himself.

Lord when _____ undergoes her surgery, come and be present, watching, waiting, moving to help and guard her every moment during her procedures. Please hold her in your loving arms and protect her from all harm. Lord, also please guide all her doctors and nurses.

—Author Unknown



Lottery Winners January/February 2018

Good luck to all till May 31!

Did you purchase your Lucky Lottery Number yet? What a bargain—only \$25.00 with 365 chances to win. Monday through Friday the winner receives \$30.00, Saturday \$40.00, Sunday \$60.00. One special day a month a winner receives \$100. Sell to family and friends. Give as a gift to a special person.

January Lottery Winners

*Carole Dankesreiter
Anna O'Neill
Heather Graff
Jean Lenz
Terrie Kerstetter
Russell Figueroa
Jackie Saybolt
Dolly Cieply
Dan Hammond
Diane Snair
Ct. Our Lady of Loretto #2702
Mary Ann Liberoni
Margaret Lewis
Joann Stauffer
Rev. James Kunkel (Chaplain)
Rose Luongo
Janie Provan
Paula Kay Bodnar
Sylvia Fox
Helene Shepard
Charles Farina
Georgia Rudosky
Joseph Vrobel
Regina Friedenberger
Margaret Novak
Sherry Hetrick
Toni Burger
Judith L Christensen
Mary R. Hodak
Patricia Ondash
Stephen Dolan
*\$100 Winner

February Lottery Winners

Marlene Duley
Bill Hall
John J. Sokal
Mary Van Cise
Mary Ball
Donna Mehalek
Margaret T. Giordano
Gloria Kissel
Dolores Glowacki
Don Watts (via Eddie Mazo)
Sara Janulewicz
Helen Fox
Ct. St. James the Greater #2180
*Christine Botti
Janice Anthony
Jean Mucowski
Donna Egan
Teresa Fedele
Rosemarie K. Blatteau
Bernadette Mulholland
Jonathan Burdick-Medash
Theresa Mullarkey
Louisa Clawson
Mary Kowalski
Judith A. Hooper
Judith A. Hooper
Sally Lerch
Donna Ponticello-McGrath
*\$100 Winner

January Selling Court

Bishop Gannon #1059
St. Veronica #111
IPSR Peggy Guckin
St. Bernard #339
St. Veronica #111
IPSR Peggy Guckin
IPSR Peggy Guckin
Monessen #776
Blessed Madonna #2521
Ebensburg #680
Our Lady of Loretto #2702
St. Rene #1868
St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828
St. Mary #95
Westinghouse #759
Washington #1651
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Coraopolis #965
IPSR Peggy Guckin
SO Margaret Giordano
Easton #358
Patricia #998
Columbia #2
Prince Gallitizin #2625

Erie #515
IPSR Peggy Guckin
Conception #35
St. Bernard #339
Washington #1651
IPSR Peggy Guckin

February Selling Court

Ave Maria #650
SO Shirley Hall
St. Bernard #339
Conception #35
Butler #443
Uniontown #505
Queen of Peace #1023
New Kensington #860
Lambing #314
SO Lisa McCann
Mystical Rose #2628
IPSR Peggy Guckin
St. James the Greater #2180
St. Theresa #562
St. James #1029
St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828
Westinghouse #759
St. Veronica #111
Holy Trinity #1336
Mystical Rose #2628
St. Ephrem #2230
Mystical Rose #2628
Annunciata #260
Prince Gallitizin #2625
Our Lady of Victory #588
Our Lady of Victory #588
Easton #358
St. Dominic #2222



**57th Biennial National Convention
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Call to Convention
Will Be Out the Week of March 5Th
(Via first class mail)**

Read all information carefully and adhere to all deadlines

National Convention



Will you be in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this July 2018? If your answer is yes, you are in for a treat. You will have the opportunity to kick off the convention with a spiritual concert led by Kathy Troccoli, who is a spiritual entertainer. Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant and homilist at the Friday Mass. Father Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International will speak at one of the business sessions. You will have the opportunity to meet "old" friends and to make "new" ones. You would not want to miss all of this! Would you?

I look forward to meeting you in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

—Helene Shepard, National Regent



Hotel Information

Just a reminder all activities will be held in the Convention Center except the Installation Mass which will be at the beautiful Cathedral of St. Joseph. Shuttle service will be available at all hotels for those who cannot walk to the Convention Center.

Information for the third hotel is:

**Holiday Inn & Suites Sioux Falls Airport
2040 W. Russell Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 331-2040**

The rate will be the same as the other hotels—\$116/night, 1-4 people in the room. Individual guest reservations can be made by calling the hotel reservations directly at (605) 331-2040 and you must ask for the "National Catholic Daughters of the Americas block." **Cutoff date for block pricing is June 14, 2018.**



Submit a Resolution

Has your court considered submitting a Resolution to the National Convention? Why don't you? Information was sent out in the last National Quarterly and is on our website: www.catholicdaughters.org. After writing the resolution you need to provide the following information:

Submitted by: Name and number of court

Date: Date of meeting at which resolution was passed

Regent: Signature of regent and contact information
(email address and/or phone number)

ONE (1) copy of each Resolution being submitted must be POSTMARKED by May 1st.

Please mail to: Peggy Guckin
PA IPSR and National Chairman of Resolutions
203 Harmony Court, Bensalem, PA 19020

◆ An electronic copy of the Resolution is preferred and can be emailed to Peggy at: mmg721@aol.com



Pennsylvania State Dinner In Sioux Falls, SD

The State Dinner in South Dakota will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018. The time, place, menu and price will be announced at a later time. This is always a great way to spend some time with your fellow PA State CDA members as well as those of the New Jersey and Arkansas State Courts. Since their attendance is small, they have been typically invited as well. Additional information will be provided to you by email from Margaret Giordano, 2nd Vice State Regent (mgiordano.sultzbach@gmail.com; phone: 717-390-9035) and Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent (shirley-hall901@gmail.com; phone: 814-931-0657). We hope you will consider joining us for a fun evening.



Painting on the Ceiling at St. Joseph Altar found at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls, SD

Feast Day of St. Joseph - March 19

Prayer For A Happy Death

O BLESSED JOSEPH, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.



What Catholic Daughters Means to Me

I was asked recently, what does Catholic Daughters of the Americas mean to me? The only word I could think of was "honor." It's been four years since I pledged with Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia. My appreciation for this organization continues to grow.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is unique in the sense that so many charities are supported with a genuine interest in sharing time, energy, talent and money. Then, through tragedy, those very CDA sisters who have given so much need support—generosity without hesitation—is the rule. This is universal.

Understanding this complex organization requires time. I read the history of CDA. So, impressed by this work, our court now has a lending library with a fine collection of books, many devoted to our Blessed Mother. How awesome to be part of a continuum of devout Catholic women who have witnessed such tremendous change in world and church history. Today, thousands of members around the world are still standing, praying, growing, helping and loving.

I wasn't born in Philadelphia, and 30 years since moving here with my husband and children, much is still foreign to me. That being said, when I walk into a Mass or a meeting—Court, Diocesan, State workshop, I am surrounded by spiritually eloquent women who care with a smile, hug or a moment to listen. Who, on a foundation of faith, respect culture, heritage and friendship. Where trust quells misunderstanding and sincere concern leaves no room for indifference. Goodness abounds!

So what do I think about Catholic Daughters of the Americas? Honor? Definitely. The journey that my pledge began four years ago continues to strengthen. In this light I am, for a time, home.

In Unity and Charity,

—Loretta Cain
Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia



Alleluia, He Makes us New!

Alleluia! He is Risen. Happy Easter to all Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters. The wonder of spring is incredible. Not only are we reminded of Our Savior's promise of eternal life but we are also reminded of new beginnings of all sorts of things. New season, new growth, new relationships,

new friends, new forgiveness, new awakenings, new faith and new courts. Recently, in my own court, I was reminded that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas brings new beginnings and new life all the time to our members. I would like to share with you a story of one of our members who joined our court after a membership drive we held at our parish.

J, a woman who was drowning in sorrow on the recent death of her adult son. She cried all the time and could not see a life without him. She listened at the membership drive to M, a woman who had lost her husband and who also had been in a similar sad place. M spoke of how she had found the answer to her prayers in becoming a Catholic Daughter. J decided that she wanted her prayers answered too. So, she gave it a try. God had a plan for J on that day. She didn't know it at the time but He did. In the Catholic Daughters, J found a new, deeper faith, new light where there was darkness, new friendships and new meaning in her life. J is an active member who does all that she can to help those less fortunate and to make our court fresh and alive. She credits the Catholic Daughters with helping to make her new. She often says joining the Catholic Daughters was the best thing she ever did. Not only has J embraced the Catholic Daughters, she encouraged her friend D to join too.

Think about it—maybe there is someone you know who needs an invitation to become new again? Someone who needs a new beginning, needs a deeper faith, needs a new purpose in her life. Maybe there is someone you know who will thank God for the day you invited her to become a Catholic Daughter?

Alleluia! Happy New Beginnings,
—Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer

Message from State Chaplain

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Jesus showed love and mercy to him by inviting him to the Passover (Last Supper) to become a priest. We know Judas rejected that love and mercy, but Jesus showed that mercy in an incredible way, to a thief stealing from Him and then betraying Him. We must do the same.

Below is the prayer for you to use and meditate on.

Prayer for the Grace to be Merciful to Others

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

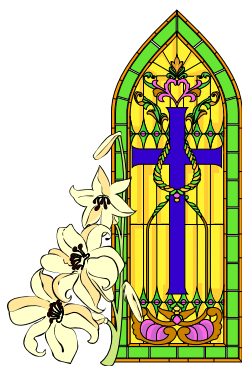
Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You, yourself, command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy—if I cannot carry

out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer—if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for you can do all things."

—Rev. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain



If Today You Hear His Voice...

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps 95

As we attended Mass at Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, the psalm listed above was used for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. I listened, then paused in thought. Did I hear God's voice today?

If I did, was my heart not listening? When we see how much God loves us, how can we keep ourselves from loving? We cannot be lukewarm. We must love with passion.

Our love for Catholic Daughters must be with passion. Therefore, also, must our love for other members of the Catholic Daughters be passionate, considerate and loving.

This is my challenge for each of you. For the next week, listen to that voice that keeps saying love one another. Be kind to one another. Accept each person as they are. Work together to make our organization the best it can be.

The following week, start over again following that challenge. Then do it again the next week. Keep on until your love is so overwhelming that your heart cannot harden.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Happy Lent and a Joyous Easter!

—Sherry Nilles, National Representative for Pennsylvania



Seen on a Church Bulletin Board



My First March For Life

My plan from the fall of 2017 was to attend the “March for Life” in Washington, DC, in January 2018. As the time grew closer, the weather turned bitter cold and I started to second guess my plan. However, when that week dawned, the weather forecast changed and I was on to my first March for Life!

I couldn’t understand the urgency of getting to the Basilica so early on the afternoon prior to the March for a vigil Mass. But as we got closer, the buses and people outside on this glorious sunny afternoon were obvious. Young people, everywhere, were chatting, throwing frisbees, and just enjoying each other. As we entered the Basilica midafternoon—another sight to behold—



45th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC

Front row: Susan Moné, National Director; Helene Shepard, National Regent; Margaret Giordano, 2nd Vice State Regent; Essie Walker, National Director;
Second row: Jeanette Kitch, Court Columbia #2; Lisa McCann, State Secretary; Sherry Niles, 1st Vice N R; Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent



young people (and those without bad knees or hips) were finding seats on the floor. We were told we should go to the basement area as the body of the church was filled. However, the National officers had come “very early” and we joined them.

Seeing the young people coming from far and near to proclaim that they are a “Pro-Life Generation” and to walk with them as well as those who went as far as they could, was once again a confirmation to me of just how precious life is.

Witnessing for LIFE in all stages in our nation’s Capital was indeed a moment I’ll never forget. I am not someone who needs to proclaim loudly how I feel or carry banners; but on this day, I was so proud to say who I was, what I was doing and why I was doing it.

—Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent



Parliamentary Procedure Pointers—“To-Go Box” Ready Quickly Meeting

REGENT

Raps gavel once for “Call to Order”
Raps three times “to Stand”
Needed “tools,” ready and waiting
Knows which chairmen

have a report to give

Keeps “Center Stage” and “Member Eye Contact”
Indicates “Motion is in Order” to...
Informs, Clarifies, but “No Opinion” stated

MEMBER

Stands at “three gavel raps”
Sits at “one rap”
Says, “I move to (or that) we do...”
Says, “I move to amend by adding or striking...”
Rises to discuss issue: “Worthy Regent, I...”
Votes always, “Aye or Nay”
Remembers the “minority” on an issue

—Pat Gildea, State Parliamentarian

National Newsletter Contest

I am Gloria Kissel, the State Chairperson for the National Newsletter Contest. My committee of two other teachers and myself have judged the newsletters for the past four years. We are happy to accept this division again.

The newsletters that we received are so wonderful! Sometimes we wish we could send more than one entry to National, but judging is very strict and done on the point system. Each issue of your entry must follow the rules on page 6 of the 2018 National Newsletter Contest Guidelines (found on the Internet). For example, if State or National News is not in an issue, points are deducted. If the regent’s email is on the cover letter and not in the issues, the court is eliminated. National is very strict! So, be very careful! God bless and good luck!

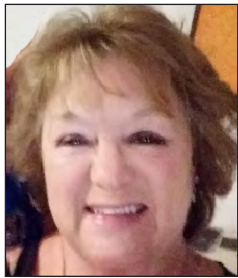
DEADLINE: March 31, 2018

Send to: Gloria Kissel
236 Connecticut Drive
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

—Gloria Kissel, Newsletter Chairman



Family Prayer



The Family That Prays Together Stays Together. This was the slogan of the Venerable Father Patrick Peyton as he encouraged families throughout the world to pray. Founder of the "Family Rosary Crusade," he also prompted families to pray the rosary, first as a means to help end WWII, then to fight Communism.

Prayer is a powerful tool to help overcome the problems found in today's world. Individual prayer is important, but how do we pass this on to our children? Praying as a family teaches children that this is what they need to include in their lives.

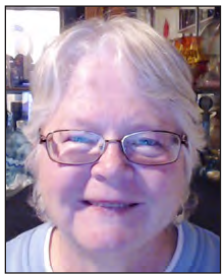
Do you help children, grandchildren, or any other children you may come into contact with to say a morning prayer? This is something that anyone who is involved with a Catholic school or Faith Formation Class can incorporate. Does your family say Grace Before Meals? Birthday and holiday meals when groups gather would be a great time to remember this. Bedtime prayers are also important.

A family friend—not Catholic—starts her day with a group hug and family prayer. When her children were younger, this occurred before leaving for school. As they became older, family prayers were added before her children's sporting events, asking God to keep them safe through the competition. Now that these children are grown with families of their own, they all live within ten miles of the original family home. The closeness developed through family prayer continues to keep them involved in each other's lives.

Prayer can be formal or informal, but it is needed. Father Peyton's other popular slogan was "A World at Prayer is a World at Peace." What can we accomplish if we begin to remind people of these two slogans? Can family rosary time be included in your life? Think of what the world would be like if everyone did turn to prayer.

Teaching children to pray begins at home. From there it can extend to the entire world—if we let it.

—Dolores Croyle, Family State Chair



Circle of Love

Hi. My name is Lynn Kelly and I'm Chairman for the Circle of Love, Quality of Life program. I'm currently the regent for Court St. Dominic #2222 in Philadelphia. I'm a mother of two beautiful women and I have six great grandkids. I work full time for a data information center

in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, and I love to paint ceramics in my spare time. I look forward to serving you as the Chairman of the Circle of Love, Quality of Life program.

—Lynn Kelly, Circle of Love/Quality of Life Chairman

Learning the Faith After Confirmation

Like a lot of Catholics I've encountered, when I became an adult I thought I knew my faith and what the church teaches. After all I had received 11 years of education from Catholic schools so I was completely formed and had no need of further instruction. Right? Wrong.

I grew complacent in my faith and was lukewarm at best. Why do I need to go to Mass every Sunday? Why shouldn't I receive the Eucharist? The host is a symbol. I don't need confession. It's not like I'm a bad person. Why should I dress up for church? What's wrong with fortune telling?

I don't remember what exactly started me on my journey back towards the faith. I know my Mom, who was a Catholic Daughter and a former Regent of Court McKeesport, prayed for me as she did for all four of her children. My journey back started slowly with Mass and confession. I had always had a relationship with God through prayer but now my prayer life began to grow.

What really set me on fire and opened my eyes to all that I had to learn was World Youth Day 1993 in Denver. I was encountering conflicting information and messages. Questions were being asked of me that I really didn't know how to answer. I became hungry for Truth. I wanted to know what the Church taught and not just go by what I thought it taught anymore. It was time for me to grow beyond my faith being a feeling and into a solid foundation that never wavered no matter how I felt.

We have to remember that education in the faith never stops. When we are confirmed, we become responsible for our spiritual knowledge and growth. We need to continue by reading solid Catholic books and taking classes. There is so much to our faith that it isn't possible for any person to say, "What do I need to learn? I've been going to church my whole life and raised a family. There's nothing you can tell me that I don't already know." Even the greatest theologian can only scratch the surface of the richness that our faith contains.

As your new Pennsylvania State Education Chair, I hope that somehow I can contribute in some small way to help lead my fellow sisters towards growing in knowledge about our remarkable faith and the richness it contains.

—Margaret Marie Gowaty, Education Chairman

To tickle your funny bone...

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

*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: _____

Happy Anniversary

Caron and Jeff Gillespie

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

100th Birthday Blessings!

Anna Rush

Requested by: Pittsburgh Past Regents Club

Peggy Witas

Happy Birthday

Julius Kreider, grandson

Skyler, grandnephew

Michael Hoskins, grandson

Celeste Eckman, longtime friend

Matthew Christian, nephew and godson

Tony Giordano, nephew

Kim Burgess, III, grandson

Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, brother

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Pat Jacobs

Karen Hurley

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Chris Rafferty

Requested by: Peggy Witas

Christmas Intentions

Father George Jakopac

Requested by: Christine A. Surovec
(Court Reverend McArdle #448)

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, Dec. 2017-Feb. 2018. 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, Second Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

**Blessings for Christmas
and Throughout the New Year**

Family and Friends

All Catholic Daughters

All Those Suffering from Any Kind of Trauma

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Good Health in 2018

All Court Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Wishing you all Holy Blessed Christmas
and Happy Healthy New Year 2018**

Officers and members Court St. Mark #1097

Officers and members Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828

Officers and members Court Rose Cecilia #1641

National Officers and National Directors

State Officers and PA members

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IPSR

Carmelite Community of the Word

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

For a Successful Pre-Convention Meeting

National Officers and Directors

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Gratitude, Love, and Prayers

All Armed Forces and their family, friends and pets

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Thank you for 35 Years as Chaplain of Allentown

Diocesan Court

Rev. Floyd Caesar, Jr.

Requested by: Allentown Diocesan Committee

Courts Easton #358, Ryan #911, and St. James #1029

Complete Healing ♦ Speedy Recovery

Linda Albright

Anne Kniese

Carol Bogacz

Dolores Berardicelli

Rev. Joseph Dragon

Dorothy Mankowski

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IPSR

Get Well Soon ♦ Good Health ♦ Healing

Improved Health

Cindy Keefe

Requested by: Sandy Owens (OLV #722)

Christine Fink

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Shane Albertson

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Health and Welfare

PA CDA Members

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Well-Being

Margaret Novak

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Special Blessings ♦ Special Intention

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Members of Court Queen of Peace #1023

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Successful Surgery

Janet Oesterling

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Peggy Guckin, IPSR & ND

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Respect for Life at All Ages and All Stages

All People

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Protecting All Life ♦ Born and Unborn

Pro-Lifers and March for Life Supporters

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Peace and Harmony

World peace and harmony amongst all God's peoples

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Repose of Soul ♦ Rest in Peace ♦ With Sympathy

Teddy Barnes, father of Treasurer Pam Callahan

Requested by: Phyllis Galio, Karen Pipta, Janie Provan

and Christine Surovec

(Officers of Court Rev. McArdle #448)

Christopher, nephew of Elizabeth Wijtyk

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Amy Rueda, mother of Olga Samaniego

Rosalina Campos, mother-in-law of Theresa Duran

Anna DePinto, mother-in-law of

Deacon Donald Zampella, New Jersey State Chaplain

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Amy Rueda, mother of Olga Samaniego

Stella Konopka, mother of Marge Bradley

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Family Relatives of Peg Costantino

Requested by: Court New Kensington #860

Mary Catherine Barry

Ned Endress II

Frances S. Forsythe

Elsie I. Pavelec

Requested by: Lisa Fellner (St. Rene #1868)

In Memory

Teresa Herr

Deacon Ross Beighley

Kitty Hanley

Agatha Gerz

Marie Sawyer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Aunt Teresa

Marguerite Pfrommer

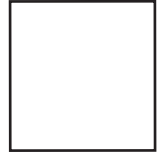
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Unity and Charity

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, IPSR
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Return Service Requested

The Rosary

Rosary means “crown of roses,” and it is the “voice of the people” giving a spiritual bouquet to the Blessed Mother. The rosary is the greatest prayer in the Church after the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Our Lady has approved and confirmed this name “rosary” to several people, and she has stated that each time they say a “Hail Mary” they are giving her a beautiful rose. Each complete rosary recited gives her a crown of roses.

However, do you know the history of “The Rosary,” or do we just take it for granted that it was always available to us? Historians trace the origin of the rosary back to the Dark Ages sometime in ninth century Ireland. This is when the 150 Psalms of David were one of the most important forms of monastic prayer. The psalms were recited or chanted as a major source of inspiration.

Around 800 A.D. one of the monks suggested the villagers pray a series of 150 Hail Marys in place of the 150 psalms. Since many of the laity were uneducated, they could thus imitate the monastic Liturgy of the Hours. To count their Hail Marys people carried leather pouches which contained pebbles. Soon they advanced to ropes which had 150 or 50 knots; and then they had strings which had 150 pieces of wood.

In the 13th century, another prayer form developed giving the rosary its mysteries. In 1215, the Church received the rosary in the form and method we use today from St. Dominic, the Founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. Tradition states that St. Dominic received it from the Blessed Virgin as a means of converting the Albigenses from their heresy and to save other sinners. (The Albigenses denied the sacraments, the humanity of Christ, believed that marriage was wrong, suicide was permissible, and forbade eating meat and drinking wine.) St. Dominic then started the Confraternity of the Rosary which lasted only a century. Thereafter, the rosary became forgotten.

However, in 1349 a terrible plague swept Europe for three years, followed by two more plagues, and a schism (Flagellant heresy) in the Church. Our Lady then told



Bartolome Esteban Murillo 1617-1682
The Virgin of the Rosary
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Blessed Alan deRoche, a Dominican, theologian and famous preacher, to re-establish the Confraternity of the

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