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This 'n That...

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Wow, what a busy CDA summer this has been!! Can't even begin to imagine what fall will bring, but as this is my favorite time of year, I am looking forward to the cool evenings, the beautiful coloring of the leaves, football (just watching) and the CDA Pilgrimage to France.

First of all, I'd like to make a small change—in keeping with Psalm 40—adjusting our theme to read, *Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.* This seems to reflect the true meaning of how CDA speaks to all of us and our responsibility to defend life and to recognize the dignity of each human person as made in God's image.

Secondly, I hope you have been able to REFRESH over the summer. For most, court meetings will be resuming as this copy of the newsletter goes to print. We, the State Board, have been busy all summer updating files, keeping up with deadlines, and being REFRESHED by attending a State Officer Workshop presented by National officers and board. We ask that as you begin your new year, please be aware of your responsibilities to make your new year run smoothly:

♦ Has your spring Financial Review been completed? (Fall FR will be completed in October 2019.) If you make a mistake on your Review form, please send us a new form. It is much easier to read and placing the date of review on the form would be helpful.

♦ Have you paid your spring State and National dues? (Fall dues are billed on or before November 15.)

♦ Have members of your court changed addresses/emails?

♦ Do you need adjustments to your court guidelines?

♦ Regents, are you sharing information from National and State with your members—State newsletter, National mailings?

REMINDER: When sending in **Financial Reviews** and **Dues**, be sure they are mailed to those listed on the forms. Also, when you are **changing addresses/emails**, please send a copy to **National** and **also to the State Regent**. We have updated our files (I hope), and this will be a big help in maintaining them.

AND, finally, learn to let others do their share of the work. Things may be done less well, but you will have more peace of soul and health of body. And what temporal interest should we not sacrifice in order to gain these blessings?

—St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

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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CDA — A Sisterhood

Peggy Guckin, National Director

This past July, your state officers, along with state officers from thirty-five states across the country and officers from three territorial courts, attended the National Catholic Daughters 2019 Conference in Arizona—one hundred fifty-five state officers and territorial officers all coming together to increase their knowledge on Catholic Daughters.

Our goals were to listen to the Lord together and to experience the gift of sisterhood. It was so nice renewing friendships and making new friends. During the conference, Olga Samaniego, National Regent, announced that in the fall the personalized 2-Year Planners will be sent out to the membership. The monies raised will help with operating expenses as well as our charities.

Maryalice Sagan, National Director and National Education Chairman, announced the Education Contest themes for 2019-2020: (Choose only one) religious: "Blessed are the peacemakers;" non-religious: "Living in harmony with others."

Information and forms for all our Circle of Love forms will be in the September Quarterly and will be on the National website: www.catholic-daughters.org. Check out this site and Pennsylvania's website: www.cdapa.com. ♦



Officers with Camelback Mountain in background

What Was That Something That Happened?

Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary

Something happened this summer. Something I will never forget. This past July, I attended the State and Territorial Officers' Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

July, Arizona, SUPER HOT—doesn't sound enticing does it? That's what I thought. Wow, was I ever wrong. The conference was held at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Surrounded by mountains, desert vegetation and my very first sighting of a gecko!

What wasn't so visible at first sight was the spiritual experience I was going to take home with me. Never before had I prayed the rosary in front of a beautiful grotto at night under moonlit skies in the desert with my CDA sisters.

Never before had I walked in the desert at night praying the Stations in Mary's Way of the Cross with my CDA sisters. Never before had I walked in a mediation labyrinth at night in the desert saying Hail Mary's with my CDA sisters. Never before had I thought I could feel the

touch of my Lord and His Mother in the Scottsdale, Arizona desert in the SUPER HOT month of July with my CDA sisters. But I did. That's what makes CDA so powerful. Our quest as women of God praying together, working together and striving to Walk the Way of Mary. I will never forget it—that something that happened! ♦



In Unity and Charity

Margaret T. Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent

My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,



I have been happily and prayerfully getting started in my new role as First Vice State Regent.

I continue to take care of the monthly PA Mass Intentions. I've been in touch with several courts regarding dues, financial reviews and anniversaries.

In July, I attended the CDA State and Territorial Officers' Workshop at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, which was truly a renewal experience. The spirituality we experienced there was exhilarating, and so it needs to be in each of our own courts. Our spiritual activities are what makes it possible for us to perform all our CDA services, follow our CDA mission, and act in the name of our motto—Unity and Charity.

May our patroness, the Blessed Mother, be our inspiration. She was created one-of-a-kind. Her purpose was unique—to be the Mother of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God made each of us unique and with a purpose, His purpose. May we each prayerfully discern that reason. May we humbly pray as Jesus did to our heavenly Father, "...not my will, but yours be done." (Lk 22:42)

As summer ends and autumn nears, many of our courts that have been "on vacation" are now becoming more active. Let us all use our God-given talents in our CDA efforts. Let us appreciate and support one another as we all work together using these gifts for the Good of the Order. ♦

State Treasurer's Note

Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer



Hello ladies! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer—now back to school, work, etc. Remember to pay your dues and get your financial reports ready. Thank you, ladies, for your donations. God bless and keep up the good work. ♦



National Theme

Spiritual Enhancement

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent



One of the very best conferences I have ever attended was this past July for the State Officers Workshop in Scottsdale, AZ. Every single aspect of this conference inspired me to a greater love for this wonderful organization. The subject that stood out among all the outstanding presentations was the number one need for us to constantly increase our Spiritual Enhancement.

Every court meeting must begin and end in holy prayer, and we have prayers and prayer services, exceptionally unique to our organization, right in our Tools of the Trade. The Tools of the Trade is available in its entirety on the National website if your court does not already have a hard copy.

One of my most treasured prayer books is a compilation of prayers provided to courts several years ago by our State Spiritual Enhancement Chair, Mary K. Moreau of Ct. St. Bernard #339.

I encourage each court to increase the spiritual aspects of their court meetings especially with the use of specifically composed CDA prayers. If your court does not have its own spiritual chairperson outside of your court chaplain, please appoint a member.

Carmelite Community of the Word

We were very fortunate at this year's State Convention to listen to Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW speak to us about the **Hands & Hearts Haiti Ministry**.

This ministry has been one of PA CDA's pro-life projects for many years. The preparation for the 2019 sea container to Haiti is well underway. The items being accepted for this year's container can be found published on our state website. As we learned from Sr. Marilyn, the actual shipment of these life-giving donations is very costly. Greatly-needed financial donations are to be sent to our State Secretary, Collette McCaffrey, using the State Donation form.

In addition to the items being shipped, and a project courts can undertake yearlong, is the making of **NEW MOTHER & BABY KITS**. These kits replace the Birthing Kits that have been sent in the past.

Contents: New or gently-used sizes 3 and 6 months; two cotton t-shirts, two gowns or sleepers without feet, a romper or baby outfit, two light-weight receiving blankets, one baby cap, two pairs of socks, four cloth diapers with pins, one full-size bath towel and wash cloth, bath-size bar of soap and a housecoat/duster and nightgown for mom—medium/large. Place items in a zip lock plastic bag. **Send to: Carmelite Community of the Word, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA 16641; (814) 886-4098; ccwsisters.org.** ♦



Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358, Easton

On May 19, 2019, Court Easton #358 held its' 100th year celebration with a Mass offered at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, in St. Bernard's Oratory with the Most Rev. Bishop Alfred Schlert as the main celebrant and homilist. Concelebrating was Fr. Keith Laskowski, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy; Fr. Elias Munyaneza A.J., Catholic Ministry to the Sick in Easton Area; Fr. Deogratias Rwegasira, Catholic Ministry to the Sick at Lancaster General Hospital; Fr. Keith Mathur, Master of Ceremonies, and Deacon Kevin Wasielewski, Chaplain of Court Easton #358. Also, an Honor Guard was provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #345.

Court Easton was honored to have all of the PA state officers in attendance as well as officers and members of Allentown Diocesan Courts St. James in Frackville and Court Ryan in Jim Thorpe. A ceremonial dinner followed the Mass at the Parkview Event Center in Easton.

This was a monumental event for Court Easton #358, most especially to be celebrating in St. Bernard's Oratory, where it all began 100 years before.

Court Easton represents Catholic Daughters throughout the Lehigh Valley area in Pennsylvania.



Left to right: 1st Row: Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer; Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice Regent; Shirley Hall, State Regent; Most Rev. Bishop Alfred Schlert, Bishop of Allentown Diocese; Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice Regent; Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary, and Patricia Clark, Banner Bearer.

2nd Row: Eileen Yanno, Treasurer; Pauline Coughlin, Vice Regent; Patricia Bleam, Regent; Deborah Starace, Recording Secretary; Mary Louise Evans, Acting Financial Secretary, and Deacon Kevin Wasielewski, Chaplain.

3rd Row: Knights of Columbus: Frank Gualano; Mike Hunsicker, Grand Knight Council #345; Dan Kennedy; Bill Alberd; Jim Di Paolo and Tom Rafferty.

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 celebrated their 10th Anniversary on August 18, with a Mass at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church. The celebrant was Rev. D. Timothy Grimme, Pastor, Past State Chaplain and Chaplain of Court #2625. A luncheon followed at Park Hill Country Club.



Front row, left to right: Toni Prough, Regent; Fritzie Durbin, Financial Secretary; *E. Rae Kapfhammer; Connie Montler; Letty Calvetti, Past National Officer and Past State Regent; *Regina Friedenberger; *Diana Macharola; *Annette Ajay; Shirley Hall, State Regent; Joan Kopnicky, Court District Deputy; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent; Mary Grace Horton; and Frances Rhoads, Financial Secretary.

Second row, left to right: Beth Lear, Past Court District Deputy; Pat Lutz, District Deputy; *Karen Castegnola, #2625 Financial Secretary; *Mary Kowalski, #2625 Vice Regent; *Judy Wood, #2625 Regent; Rev. D. Timothy Grimme, #2625 Court Chaplain; Donna Hoover, #2625 Recording Secretary; *Pattie Fromknecht, #2625 Treasurer; Sandy Inzana, District Deputy; Linda Morrison, Vice Regent; Sue Ronan, Financial Secretary; and Donna Cunningham, Treasurer.

Third row, left to right: *Sally Lockard; *Theresa DeAngelis; Pat Gildea, State Parliamentarian; *Mary Stoy; Karen Watt, Past Court Regent; Carol Galioto, Past Court Regent; April Lauver and Merlann Malloy, Vice Regent.

Not pictured: Peg Witas, Immediate Past State Regent; Janet Oesterling, District Deputy and State Membership Chair; and Dot DeAngelo, Regent, Court Joan of Arc #716.

Court #2625 charter members are marked with an asterisk (*).

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Sr. Mary Paul, DM celebrated her 50th Jubilee with three other sisters of Our Lady of Mercy with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church, York, Pennsylvania, on June 29th. Attending the celebration was Sister's family, friends and CDA members from PA and New Jersey (Diana, Fran and Loretta are from Sister CDA Court Kateri Tekakwitha #2262 in NJ.)



Left to Right 1st row: Diana Aumenta, Fran Sliwicki, Sr. Mary Paul, Margaret Giordano, Peggy Guckin
2nd row: Fr. John Schmalhofer, Loretta Murphy, Nicole Kreider and Colette McCaffrey.

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Court St. Ephrem collected school supplies for Catholic Social Services "Stuff the Bus" campaign on August 10-11.



Left to right: Dolly Maronski, Rose Marie Medash, Barbara Jackson and Carol Parsons

Catholic Daughter Day – Sunday, October 20th

What will your court do that is
Extra Special to celebrate CDA Sunday?



Congratulations to our Three National Winners!

Gloria Kissel
State Newsletter Chairman

Category 1 - Division 1

3rd Place, Court Westinghouse #759
Regent Mary Gowaty

Category 1 - Division 2

3rd Place, Court St. Francis de Sales #2617
Regent Tina Dambach

Category 2 - Division 1

2nd Place, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Regent Christine A. Surovec

Just a note for the 2020 contest: Regents and editors must include their names, emails, address and telephone numbers in all of their newsletters. Thank you! ♦



Starts weekend of October 27 to November 3rd

Our country is faced with the evils of pornography, exploitation of women and children and human trafficking—the need for the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCSE) is dire. Is your court doing its part? You can donate to this worthy National Project and your court can distribute white ribbons to show awareness to the problems.

To tickle your funny bone...

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Committee and Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone,
Honor Shirley Hall, Twentieth State Regent, Pennsylvania State Court
After Mass, there was a High Tea*



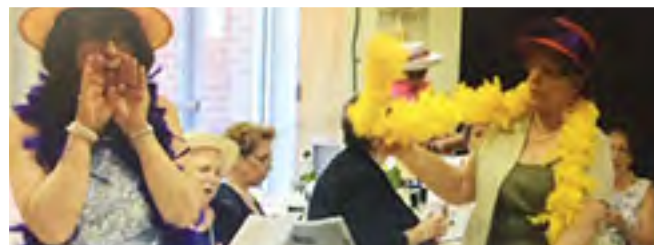
*Sitting: Letty Calvetti, Peggy Guckin, Shirley Hall, Sandy Inzana
Standing: Pattie Fromnecht, Margaret Giordano, Pat Lutz, Janet Oesterling, Donna Cunningham, Frances Rhoa, Susan Sharer*



Shirley Hall, State Regent, with tea set that was presented to her



More photos, next page and page 17!



Prayer and Litany for Priests



Dolores Croyle, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

In light of the one year anniversary of the release to the public of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on Clergy Abuse, I am suggesting that the Rosary for Priests be used in our courts. We have many good, holy priests who must face and respond to this problem and they need our support and prayers.

THE HOLY ROSARY

(Pray the suggested Mystery of the Rosary for the day. Glorious—Sunday and Wednesday; Joyful—Monday and Saturday; Sorrowful—Tuesday and Friday; Luminous—Thursday)

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for Priests

1.) **The Annunciation** – We reflect on Mary’s faithfulness to God through her “Yes!” Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons for continued faithfulness in serving God according to His divine will.

2.) **The Visitation** – We reflect on Mary’s visit with her cousin Elizabeth. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to continually reflect Christ’s presence to us.

3.) **The Birth of Christ** – We reflect on the wonders of our Savior’s birth in Bethlehem. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to continue to bring Christ’s blessings and graces to us through the gifts of the Sacraments.

4.) **The Presentation** – We recall Simeon’s readiness to depart this world after being filled with complete joy and peace upon seeing Jesus in the Temple. Let us pray for this peace and joy to fill the hearts of our Holy Father, all bishops and all God’s faithful priests and deacons.

5.) **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** – We reflect on Jesus’ teaching in the Temple. Let us pray for the words of our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to always be those of Christ—proclaiming the Truths of the Good News.



The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for Priests

1.) **The Agony in the Garden** – We reflect on that moment when Jesus may have felt the most alone. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to be strengthened by the Father’s love, especially for those times when they, too, feel all alone. May we always show our gratitude towards our priests for their faithful service.

2.) **The Scourging at the Pillars** – We reflect on the mistreatment and wounds of Christ. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to persevere through all their struggles and tough times and may we, the laity, take time to express our gratitude to them for their self-sacrifices.

3.) **The Crowning with Thorns** – We reflect on the pain Christ must have endured on His journey to Calvary. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to be united in Christ’s self-sacrifice and may we seek to ease their burdens.

4.) **The Carrying of the Cross** – We reflect on the weight of the cross on Jesus’ shoulders. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to seek to ease their burdens and be healed and strengthened with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. And may we, like Simon, do our part to ease their heavy load.

5.) **The Crucifixion of Our Lord and Savior** – We reflect on Christ’s crucifixion and His willingness to lay down His life for His sheep. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to continually shepherd the Christian community in the unity and peace of Christ. And may we be willing to give of ourselves in service of others.



The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for Priests

1.) The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan – We reflect on the events of Jesus’ baptism when the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descended from the clouds and God’s voice was heard saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops and priests as they act in the person of Christ. May they be filled with all the blessings of the Holy Spirit as they seek to serve Him faithfully.

2.) The Wedding Feast at Cana – We reflect on the first miracle of Christ through the nudging of His mother, Mary. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to look to Mary, our mother, to aid them in proclaiming the Good News and celebrating the Holy Eucharist which prepares God’s faithful people for the eternal wedding feast in the heavenly Jerusalem.

3.) The Proclamation of the Kingdom – We reflect on the Kingdom of God—a Kingdom so vast and precious that Jesus chose to tell of it in many parables. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons who seek to build up the Kingdom and help us to prepare for that day when we, too, will reach the Kingdom of God in all its glory.

4.) The Transfiguration – We reflect on the Transfiguration when Jesus’ radiant light shone forth for Peter, James and John to see. Let us pray

for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to always see Christ’s light shining forth from all who are baptized into Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. May they always be Christ’s light to all those they encounter.

5.) The Institution of the Eucharist – We reflect on the Bread of Life discourse in John’s Gospel and the events of the Last Supper when Jesus gave us all of Himself; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the most Holy Eucharist. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to always witness to the truth of the living God.

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary for Priests

1.) The Resurrection – We reflect on the Resurrection of our Lord. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to rejoice in their call to holiness in and through their priestly vocation may we always be supportive and grateful for all they do “in persona Christi.”

2.) The Ascension – We reflect on our Lord’s Ascension back to the Father. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to always be aware of their utter dependence on Christ who has gifted them in so many ways. May we do all we can to aid our priests in their ministry.

3.) The Descent of the Holy Spirit – We reflect on that Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended and was poured out over the believers. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to remember that every person has something to give. May we realize we need each other in order to live the Gospel and build up His Kingdom.

4.) The Assumption – We reflect on Mary’s glorious Assumption into heaven. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to help us open up new levels of conversion and seek the spiritual gifts which will help us live according to God’s divine will so that when this world comes to an end, we, too, will be raised up on the last day.

5.) The Coronation – We reflect on the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Let us pray for our Holy Father, all bishops, priests and deacons to remain faithful and true to their priestly vocation. May they always remember the promises they made to God on the day of their ordination, so that when they enter through the gates of Heaven they will be greeted with, “Well done, My good and faithful servant, enter into the Kingdom prepared for you.” And may we always look to Mary to lead us closer to Christ.

The Virgin of the Rosary, Bartolomé Estéban Murillo (1617-1682), was a member of the Confraternity of the Rosary, a society dedicated to the honor of the Virgin Mary, and as a devotional painting, The Virgin of the Rosary was created to serve as a visual aid to a viewer engaged in praying the rosary. ♦

Motions to Banish!!*

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



FOUR (4) motions to DELETE from meeting agenda (Not normally necessary; saves time):

* I move to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **No motion needed.** Regent says: "Are there any CORRECTIONS to the minutes" (additions and deletions are CORRECTIONS). "Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as read," or "the minutes are approved as corrected."

* I move to approve the Treasurer's Report. **No motion needed.** Regent says, "The Treasurer's Report has been read for your information. Are there any questions or observations? If none, the Treasurer's Report will be filed." (Only Treasurer's Report to be approved is an Audited Report.)

* I move to accept the Report of the _____ Chairman. **No motion needed.** After committee chair finishes the report, regent asks if there are any questions. Otherwise, it will be filed. If there is a recommendation attached, a motion will be in order to get action on this recommendation. (Reports of committee chairs are not accepted, unless a recommendation is included.)

* I move that this meeting be adjourned. **No motion needed.** Regent says, "Is there any further business to come before the court?" Briefly pauses, then says, "Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned." (One rap of the gavel) ♦

It seems like yesterday

Essie Walker

National Secretary-Treasurer
and National Representative



Greetings and happy fall! It seems like only yesterday that we were planning for our summer family vacations. I hope you and your families had a relaxing summer and that you are more energized and stimulated as you come together to share new ideas, activities and volunteer opportunities.

There is no better time to share your time and talents in support of your local courts. It's important that we focus on spirituality and court development. We must offer opportunities for members to develop and grow spiritually. I ask for your prayers and your willing spirit to help us grow CDA.

Just know that your contributions will make a huge impact in helping to grow and move your courts forward. Look into your heart to see how you can become more involved in your court. As I always state, you are the most valuable resource in this organization. Thank you for all you do in support of your parish, community and CDA.

A huge thank you to the state officers for attending and participating in the State Officers' Workshop held in Scottsdale, AZ. They look forward to sharing information at your next workshop.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." ♦

Publicity

Peggy Guckin, State Publicity Chairman

Are you tooting your horn for CDA and your court? All courts should have a publicity chairman. Advertise your monthly meeting time and place. Invite women to come and see what CDA is about. Advertise special functions (anniversaries). Advertise fundraisers. Don't forget to write a thank you. Utilize the following: church bulletins, local newspapers, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

The Angelus Court Chatter

We would like to hear from your court with a photo and caption listing the names of those pictured at your special activity. Photos must be sent as an email attachment, "JPEG" (commonly used for pictures taken with digital cameras) or send pictures directly from your iPhone. Photos cannot be "embedded" in documents with text. Be sure to include a caption with your photo as follows: "in the photo, from



left to right..." identifying those in the picture and their titles. Include court name, number, city. You can also include a brief sentence explaining the activity depicted in the photo.

Submission deadlines are:

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Send your favorite photos and information to:

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Congratulations, PA State Courts

Thank you to all who have contributed to the PA State Newsletter, *The Angelus*, last year. Special thanks to Marge Bradley, Editor, for all her time and talents. *The Angelus* took 3rd Place in the 2019 National Newsletter Contest. ♦

May Lottery Winners

John Wirfel
Patricia Phillips
Keith Gavin
Mary Ann Sokol
Mary Grunthaner
Emma Schaefer
Janet Hill
Elizabeth Wijtyk
Ann Vonhofen
Jane Dent
Sylvia Fox
Margaret Giordano
Ann Young
Mary Stoy
Judy Hodak
Christine Surovec
Barbara Krug
Betty Dombrosky
Nicholas Campagna
Jean Mangini
Kim Clemens
Fr. Jonathan Dickson
Geraldine Chalot
Kathy Woods
Debby Richards
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Judy Wood
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State Officer
St. Francis De Sales #2617
Prince Gallitzin #2625
St. Bernard #339
Rev. Patrick Mcardle #448
St. Mary #95
Westinghouse #759
Holy Trinity #1336
Brownsville #1141
St. Catherine #1992
Blessed Madonna #2521
St. Mary #95
ND, PSR Peggy Guckin
St. Leo #356
St. James #1029
Prince Gallitzin #2625
Callistus #66
Patricia #998
PSR, PND, P2ndVNR
Greene County

Lucky Lottery Calendar Winners May, June, July

Lisa McCann
2nd Vice State Regent



July Lottery Winners

Mary Ann Weimer
Nancy Daunce
Ct. Callistus
Fr. Mike Suslowicz
Christina Bonner
Barb Markulik
Denise Monaco
Lisa McCann
John Pallott
Peg Witas
Mary Luskoski-Rehman
Janie Provan
Camille Jasper
Carmelite Community
of The Word
St. Bernard Regional
Catholic School
Theresa Chanko
Jean Rose
Mary Jane Hodak
John Rhoads
Jan Boychak
Rev. Msgr. Paul Kennedy
Dave Novak
B & K Mulholland
Anna Engler
American Legion
Auxiliary #735
Court St. Rita
Elizabeth Dugan
Joanne Brophy / June Anthony
Rose Marie Webster
Heather Graff
Florence Packowski
**\$100 winner*

July Selling Court

SO Lisa McCann
Blessed Madonna #2521
Callistus #66
Westinghouse #759
Annunciata #260
Greene County #1923
Easton #358
SO Lisa McCann
Bellevue #655
St. Rene #1968
Washington #1651
Rev. Patrick Mcardle #448
St. Teresa #562
St. Rita #523

St. Bernard #339

SO Margaret Giordano
Rev. Patrick Mcardle #448
St. Bernard #339
Our Lady of Victory #722
St. James #1029
Mystical Rose #2628
PSR Margaret Novak
Mystical Rose #2628
Mystical Rose #2628
Holy Trinity #1336

St. Rita #353
St. Dominic #2222
St. James #1029
Rose Cecilia #1647
Sylvia Fox
SO Lisa McCann

June Lottery Winners

Elizabeth Romanusky
Donald Eaise
Jean Hesler
Dorothy Fritsch
Kathryn Gaughan
Madelyn Tomasura
Leslie Yeager
Janet Hill
Helen Wright
Theresa Chanko
Dan Thomas
Carmela Ciccaglione
Ron McGinnis
Andrew Franek
Theresa Chanko
Carol Liberi
Grace Schall
Sr. Betty Hart, CSJ
Jill Hetrick
Patty Borkowski
Margaret Caruso
Laura Rumbol
Rita Morton
Mercedes Rafferty
Kathy Haught
Paula Eddy
David Borelle
Linda Haefner
Lori Shannon
Alice Gismondi

June Selling Court

PSR ND Peggy Guckin
Sylvia Fox
Ave Maria #399
Holy Trinity #1336
St. James #1029
St. Marys #890
Blessed Madonna #2521
Sylvia Fox
Joan of Arc #716
SO Margaret Giordano
Our Lady of Victory #588
St. Catherine #1992
Washington #1651
St. Gerard Majella #2751
SO Margaret Giordano
St. Dominic #2222
Our Lady of Victory #722
SO Lisa McCann
Mary May
St. Francis De Sales #2617
Callistus #66
Sylvia Fox
Washington #1651
St. Rene #1868
Washington #1651
St. Mary #95
SO Lisa McCann
Blessed Madonna #2521
Our Lady of Victory #588
Lambing #314

National Charity Fundraiser Winners - PA

12/26/2018—David, St. Marys
02/01/2019—Rita V., Hiller
2/19/2019—Sandra J., Ridgway
02/28/2019—Deborah L., Philadelphia
03/12/2019—Courtney W., Bedford
03/13/2019—Olga S., Johnstown
04/08/2019—Martha B., Lewistown
04/09/2019—Lorraine G., Philadelphia
04/17/2019—Richard, Ford Cliff
04/30/2019—Mildred R., Johnstown
05/27/2019—Kristy S., Dubois
07/11/2019—Elaine L., Johnstown
07/22/2019—Amy S., Kittanning
07/29/2019—Mary A., Meadville
08/08/2019—Meagan J., Hollidaysburg

Disbanding of a Court

Shirley Hall, State Regent

It is a very sad day when a court has to be disbanded. It is like a death and in some respects it is a death to our Catholic Daughter organization. The responsibility of a court does not lie primarily with state officers but with everyone who comes in contact with a court. We, as Catholic Daughters, are family and, as a result, must look out for each other. When an issue or a challenge arises and nothing is done to resolve it, it can cause even more problems.



**Can you
prevent this
from
happening
in
your
court?**

A local court (family) **cannot** disband themselves nor can they even begin the process. Proper notification must be made to those who are looking after your court (family), your district deputy and/or the area supervisor. And so it begins: **PROPER DISBANDMENT PROCEDURE:**

- ♦ **State Regent** requests a six-month Reprieve on your behalf from the **NATIONAL** office
 - ♦ Once on **Reprieve**, you will no longer be paying dues to National or State for that period of time but should continue to collect dues and have meetings. And, along with the PA State membership team, try to find ways to interest new members who could bring new ideas to the court.
 - ♦ If all efforts fail, and before the Reprieve time is up, **THEN AND ONLY THEN DO WE BEGIN THE FORMAL DISBANDMENT PROCESS.**
 - ♦ **Two meetings** are required
 1. To discuss the court's future
 2. Vote to disband
 - ♦ Local courts are notified and transfer forms are available
 - ♦ The entire membership is notified of final meeting
 - ♦ All court items will be dispersed
- We don't want to lose any more courts (families) in Pennsylvania. We want to be able to help you work through problems and to maintain what was established in your community and our state 10, 20, 50, and now 100++ years ago. Help us **PRESERVE** what we have and compliment it with **NEW** members/courts. ♦

Resolution

*Carmelite Community of the Word
Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry*

Whereas, The Pennsylvania State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas has convened at the Chestnut Ridge Golf and Convention Center, Blairsville, PA for the 53rd Biennial State Convention with the theme, "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," and

Whereas, the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry is a Pro-Life charity the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters courts have supported for many years, and

Whereas, the Ministry continues to be in need of support both financially and spiritually, and

Whereas, the CDA motto is "Unity and Charity," now therefore, be it

Resolved, the Courts of Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas make a united effort to support and pray for the continued success and safety of all involved in the Hands and Hearts Ministry at Court meetings.

—Submitted, Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania

Circle of Love

Sarah Mastrull

State Circle of Love/Family Chairman



Hello, Catholic Daughter Sisters! My name is Sarah Mastrull, and I will be serving as your Circle of Love/Family State Chairman. I am a math teacher in Bristol, PA and I have been a member of Court St. Mark #1097 for the past 13 years.

Our National CDA website reminds us that in today's society, there are many different types of families, each of which is equally viable as a supportive, caring unit.

A family is two or more people, who consider themselves family and who assume obligations, functions and responsibilities generally essential to a healthy family life style.

Courts should continue to strengthen family relations by interacting with one another in service and work of the family community. Families praying together, working together and playing together will fully encompass the Circle of Love program.

Please send a description of any family programs in which your court participates to **Sarah Mastrull, 19 Shadetree Lane, Levittown PA 19055** or to **seimonkee@aol.com**. Your court's activity could be featured in the next newsletter! ♦

Jesus is God's selfie.

"If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."

—John 14:9



Pattie Fromknecht
State Web Designer

The district deputy and state chairmen list may be updated by the time you read this article; once I receive it, I will publish it. The 2019-2021 district deputies assume their positions in September. Visit: **cdapa.com > Contacts > State > List of District Deputies and State Chairmen.**

Diocesan officers/members are encouraged to contact me to include their upcoming events within their diocesan section. Visit: **cdapa.com > Events > Diocesan CDA Happenings.** I can also include email contact information for your diocesan officers; just send me the information.

If you would like to be notified when the next newsletter is published or any announcements are made, please join our email list! Visit: **cdapa.com > Contacts > State Contact Form.**

Did you ever want to know more about our national projects and charities or more about our state projects? Visit **cdapa.com > Events > National Projects (or National Charities) > Show National Project Contributions (or National Charities Contributions) ...** and there you will find out how much Pennsylvania gave; a brief statement about their program; and, a link to their website. State projects can be found by selecting the Events > PA State Projects.

Local courts are encouraged to contact me if they are interested in updating their state-sponsored web page, which can be found using local court numbers, such as: **cdapa.com/2625/**. Just use your court number where you see 2625 and you'll be taken to your court's state-sponsored web page! If you have your own web-site, I can link to that instead of your state-sponsored web page; just send me the link. If you have a social media account, let me know and I can include that on your web page; just send me the link.

I am thrilled to once more be our state's web designer and I thank our worthy State Regent, Shirley Hall, for the privilege to do so! If I can ever be of assistance to anyone, please just let me know. As together, in Unity and Charity, humbly we state, "Lord, we have come to do your will." ♦

*Tweet others
as you want to be Tweeted.*

Quality of Life

Tina Dambach

State Quality of Life Chairman



I am pleased to be acting as the State Chairperson for the Quality of Life spoke in our Circle of Love wheel. I am sure that this is an area that all courts are involved with in some way. Quality of Life issues are issues that cover the basic needs of those in our local neighborhoods.

Over the years, I have read of so many ways that Catholic Daughters help—from running food cupboards, to something as unusual as helping young people get rid of gang tattoos after they have left that life. Catholic Daughters help women in shelters as well as mothers and mothers-to-be in crisis. We support a myriad of children's programs such as collecting school supplies or toys. We help the homeless with clothing and food. We visit, call and send notes of encouragement to shut-ins, the lonely and the elderly. We support servicemen and first responders.

In other words, in strengthening quality of life for others, Catholic Daughters perform the Corporal Works of Mercy. We feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Spiritual works also fit under quality of life—comfort the afflicted.

I know you are all doing loving and empowering things in your courts. It's so important that we share our works with each other as encouragement and inspiration. Don't feel that what you are doing is insignificant. Like the story of the boy throwing the starfish back into the ocean, it made a difference to that one starfish. Make a difference in someone's life.

I look forward to seeing your Quality of Life Reports, so watch for the deadlines. ♦

♦ let your ♦
imagination
soar
to new heights!

Are You Leading If No One Is Following?

Sue Kelly, State Leadership Chairman



Whether you are leading a court or a committee or a fundraising project, you need to present yourself and your ideas effectively. You need to get the attention of your listeners or you will not be able to get your message across to them. Keeping their interest is vital in asking for cooperation or help and getting it.

We want to avoid our listeners' thinking, "why doesn't she get to the point?" or "why is this taking so long?" or "this a waste of my time."

Organizing your thoughts and keeping your message brief and focused will grab and hold your listeners' interest and attention. It also helps you to make your point. We all face the challenge of keeping conversations or discussions on track and keeping meetings to a reasonable time frame; the rest of this article includes some suggestions that may help.

One of the things that help us is to create an agenda. CDA has one for us to use, and spending some time adding our own notes to it will help you keep on track and not forget important items for discussion, especially in old and new business and updates about our members.

Another important aspect is to know, as well as possible, your audience or the group of CDA members with whom you are working. If you ask for volunteers for a project or committee and don't get any or enough to make it successful, which member can you call on to help? Make sure all of their questions are answered and what needs to be done is outlined clearly. So many times members are not listening or didn't hear the specifics and so they don't want to volunteer. A short information sheet on the committee or project and what needs to be done can save a lot of confusion. Then, for example, you might be able to ask the computer competent members if they would help make a flyer or tickets. Or suggest that two members co-chair if no one wants to do it themselves. In getting to know your members better, you might discover hidden talents.

Sometimes we may have to use a "hook" to get members' interest. It could be a closer review of the Treasurer's Report to get members interested in a fundraiser or a review of what charity projects have been done to get interest in doing something different or new. Consider if there is something unusual, interesting, exciting or humorous about what you are going to bring up to members and then tell them briefly about that aspect to get their attention. Or ask a question that gets them thinking about what is important to them. Don't forget that a "visual hook" may also be effective, such as

a picture or a brochure or a list of options. Anecdotes or personal experiences make excellent "hooks."



Then deliver the message. It should as always contain the what, who, where, when, why and how.

What am I talking about? Who is involved? Where is it? When is it? Why is it? How do I do it?

At the end of your message you must ask for what you want? "Please sign up to help with this fundraiser. Please serve as a member of this committee or project." Remember that your facial expressions—especially your smile—are important. Enthusiasm and sincerity are also important. It is hard to convince members to do something that you don't believe in yourself. Think through what you are going to say ahead of time and you will be better prepared to answer questions and get cooperation. Good luck in all your endeavors! ♦

A Roman Holiday Mystery

I had an opportunity to go to Italy a few years ago with a friend of mine on the CDA pilgrimage. There were approximately 70 people on the trip from all parts of the US. For my friend and myself, it was a trip of a lifetime, even though I had been there a few times before, seeing things through her eyes.

Our first sighting of something really "Roman" was the Coliseum and she could not be contained. Shouting, "I can't believe I am here seeing this and will be able to walk through it!" This was just the beginning of the many, many things I re-experienced with her.

But, a first for **me** and my "**roomy**" came one evening following dinner and a "little wine." **We** separated and said **we'd** meet at our room. I went up the elevator to the floor I thought was **ours** and realized I didn't have my key. I sat near the elevator waiting for **her** to come. When I finally saw **her**, **she** was going floor to floor looking for **me** and had a distressed look on **her** face. It seems **she** didn't have a key either, went to the desk, gave them what **she** thought was **our** room number, got a key and went to that room. Upon opening the door, **she** was shocked to find the TV on, towels scattered and the shower running, but no one in the room. (THANK GOODNESS!!!) Bottom line, **we** both had the wrong floor, wrong room but right roomy, each other.

Who are we? When you figure out who the person was waiting for her "roomy," let Peggy Guckin know. First person to respond will receive a "prize" at the 2021 convention. ♦



SOAR—

Supporting Our Aging Religious

One of Our Five National Projects

Did you know that SOAR was founded in 1986 with \$25,000 seed money received from Catholic Daughters?

At the May board meeting for SOAR, the board approved \$1.3 million in grants to assist our aging Catholic priests, brothers and sisters in religious orders. These grants will be distributed to 74 Catholic religious congregations of men and women in 17 states and the District of Columbia, and 9036 senior men and women religious will benefit. These grants help ensure the safety and dignity of men and women religious.

The following religious from Pennsylvania were awarded. Does your COURT SUPPORT SOAR?!



PENNSYLVANIA

Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh—Bakerstown
Purchase safety heaters, install sound panels and bed rails

Congregation of Divine Providence—Allison Park
Upgrade kitchen equipment

Benedictine Sisters of Erie—Erie
Renovate bathrooms for accessibility

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius—Danville
Purchase patio furniture and outdoor awning

Sisters, Servants of Immaculate Heart of Mary—Scranton
Replace flooring in the infirmary

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia—Aston
Upgrade the security camera system

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great,
Jesus Lover of Humanity Province—Jenkintown
Replace air conditioning units

Missionary Sisters
of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—Reading
Replace damaged roof

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters—Reading
Make facility repairs and technology upgrades

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COURT DONATIONS

3 MONTHS 3/1/2019 - 5/31/2019

State Pro Life

Advertising	20.00
Courage Lion	145.00
General	435.22
Haiti Birthing Center	600.00
Knights Of Columbus Ultra-Sound	170.00
TOTAL STATE PRO-LIFE	<u>1370.22</u>

National Projects

Habitat for Humanity	115.00
Holy Cross Family Rosary	40.00
Laboure Society	640.00
National Center on Sexual Exploitation	90.00
SOAR!	65.00
TOTAL NATIONAL PROJECTS	<u>950.00</u>

National Charities

Apostleship of the Sea	75.00
Catholic Extension	85.00
Catholic Relief Services	135.00
Covenant House	105.00
Disaster Relief	205.00
Missionaries of Charity	85.00
National Shrine	100.00
North American College in Rome	50.00
Smile Train	410.00
Tutwiler	165.00
TOTAL NATIONAL CHARITIES	<u>1415.00</u>
Spiritual Intentions (North American College in Rome)	<u>137.00</u>
TOTAL 3 MONTH DONATIONS	<u>3872.22</u>

*Honk if you love
Jesus.
Text while driving
if you want to meet Him.*

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Pennsylvania State Court Local Court Donations



Make check payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 and mail to:
Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary
3813 Dartmouth Place
Philadelphia, PA 19136

Court Name & Number _____

Pennsylvania State Pro Life Projects

Advertising	\$ _____
Courage Lion	\$ _____
General	\$ _____
Haiti Community Birthing Center	\$ _____
Knights of Columbus - Ultra Sound	\$ _____

National Projects

Habitat for Humanity	\$ _____
Holy Cross Family Rosary	\$ _____
Labouré Society	\$ _____
National Center on Sexual Exploitation	\$ _____
SOAR	\$ _____

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Catholic Extension	\$ _____
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Covenant House	\$ _____
Disaster Relief	\$ _____
Missionaries of Charity	\$ _____
National Shrine	\$ _____
North American College in Rome	\$ _____
Smile Train	\$ _____
Tutwiler Clinic	\$ _____

Total Donation & Check Amount

\$ _____

Check Date _____

Check # _____

One Check Only

Revised: May 17, 2019

More photos of Tea Honoring New Regent, Shirley Hall!

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Education News

Margaret Marie Gowaty, State Education Chairman



It is an honor and a privilege to be serving Pennsylvania CDA members as their Chair for Education for another year. There is so much under Education when you read Tools of the Trade. I am encouraged every time I read a Circle of Love report that does not involve the Education Contest. That tells me that there are courts out there with greater vision.

The Education Contest is wonderful and I am very proud that two of our Pennsylvania Entries won at the National Level.

Computer Art Division 3 - First Place

Brendan Boylan

Submitted by Court Patricia #998, Kittanning

Poetry Division 1 - Third Place

Olivia DellaVecchio

Submitted by Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

Congratulations to our National winners and to all our State winners. Remember, as your new court year begins, think beyond the Education Contest.

I hope I won't see another Circle of Love form that says, "we didn't do the Education Contest." ♦

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

—Men of the Sacred Hearts

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 110th Anniversary

Court St. Veronica #111

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 95th Anniversary

Court St. Marys #890

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Congratulations - 10th Anniversary

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, National Director

Happy Anniversary

David & Connie Dronette, ND

Richard & Rose Holschlag

Greg & Debbie Lattus

Olga and Sam Samaniego

Lee & Sherry Nilles

Dorian & Martha Hamboussi

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Happy 50th Anniversary

Bill and Shirley Hall

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations on your 50th Jubilee
as a Daughter of Our Lady of Mercy

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Laraine McGinnis

Peggy Guckin, National Director

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, June-August 2019. 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, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Congratulations & Prayers

for a Fruitful Two Years

Newly-Elected State Officers

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

For God's Continuing Blessings
on the Women of the Court

Court Officers and Members – St. Francis de Sales #2617

Requested by: Marleen Duley, District Deputy

For a Fruitful Year in Unity and Charity

All Our Officers and Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Appreciation

All Our Priests

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

CDA PA State Officers

Thank You for Your Service to God's People

All Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Harrisburg

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thank You for Your Service to Our Country

All U.S. Military and Veterans

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Blessings

All Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Birthday

Margaret T. Giordano

Susan Sharer

USA

Patti Boley

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Birthday

Marialice Sagan

Essie Walker, National Secretary Treasurer

Rose Holschlag

Debbie Lattus

Connie Dronette

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Robert Sultzbach, husband

Jeremy Hatfield, son-in-law

Kereem Brooks

Nolan Gillespie

Nicholas Christian, Nephew and Godson

Jaymir Burgess-Rivera, Great Grandson

Dylan Lewis, Nephew

Caron S. Leath, Lifetime Friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Belated Birthday

Margaret T. Giordano

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Healing/ Blessings for Improved Health

Linda Cullen

Nadine Roth

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Naomi Schaide

Roberta Stefanow

Charlotte DiCola

Christine Goodreau

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Prayers

Alida

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Sr. Mary Paul, DM, Spiritual Advisor

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Complete/Speedy Recovery

Tom Woratyla

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Terry Fellman

Maryann Voystock

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Special Intention

Peg Witas, Immediate Past State Regent

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Rest in Peace

Edward Guckin, cousin

Tanga Radford

Ethel Anna Rudy

Grace DiCairano, Past National Regent

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Court Member Helen DeStefano

Dolores Swartsworth, Regent, Ct. Allegheny #664

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

In Memory

Margaret H. Giordano, mother

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Giordano, parents

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Horn, grandparents

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Mary Hodak

Requested by: Officers of Court St. Bernard #339

With Deepest Sympathy and Prayers

The Oberst Family

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Dolores Swarthworth (Regent, Court #664)

Requested by: Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

Welcome

New Member Lee Ann Hrycaj

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, PSR, National Director
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

Seeking to Do the Will of God

Father Jozef Kovacik, State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



Soon, we will enter the season of autumn. For some people, it is their favorite because it is the season where adaptations or changes, if you will, on various levels of life are clearly visible. All we have to do is look at the trees and their leaves changing colors or the bountiful harvests. It is quite a beautiful scene to look at. It leaves us in awe of the beauty God can create.

I write these lines not long after we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This celebration reminds us of how much spiritual beauty God created in Mary and through her. It also reminds us that to accomplish that she had to adapt to the life that raising the only begotten Son of God required of her. She had to listen to His words let them guide her entire life. Even when Jesus was young, like twelve years old and got lost in Jerusalem around the feast of Passover, Mary and her husband Joseph diligently looked for him until they found Him.

We read in the Gospel of Saint Luke: *When His parents saw him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? But they did not understand what He said to them."* (Luke 2: 48-50)

This Bible account clearly shows how Jesus challenged, in this case, Mary and Joseph, who did not understand, to change or adapt by seeing Him as embracing, already at young age, His call as the Son of God and living that call.

Sometimes, we too may not understand or feel confused, anxious or even afraid of the unknown future. We can say that's part of every life journey. What is important is to pause and look to the future through the lens of the past and present. Indeed, our very faith, is all about looking to the future with gratitude and great joy based on our experiences of the past and the present and, most importantly, based on God's promise to be with us always. He keeps His promises.

Through the life of Jesus, many are filled with the Spirit. Each because he or she has received Jesus with an open heart and made changes He called for in one's life. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit was possible because Jesus made it possible. It was a gift He offered to those who were open to it to help them with anything they might encounter on their life journey.

In the above lines, I mentioned the leaves changing their colors, but they do more than that; towards the end, they seek communion with the earth and fall off. Of course, we should not wait to seek communion with God just towards the end of our life. Today, and every day, we are called to look hopefully to the future while committing ourselves to God in the present and building deeper and deeper communion with Him.

May we all, as God's beloved children, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in "Unity and Charity," remain inspired by the beautiful growth and changes we see around us and seek to become the people our good and gracious God intends us to be. ♦



Jesus Found in the Temple
James Tissot (1836-1902)
RestoredTraditions.com