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This 'n That...

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"Here am I, Lord,
I come to do Your will." —Psalm 40

"That I may make the voice of
THANKSGIVING heard and may tell
of all your wondrous works."
—Psalm 26:7

As we are about to, or already have, celebrated the great American family holiday of Thanksgiving, may our thoughts be heaven-ward to God for all the blessings we experienced in this unprecedented year of constant change.

Our courts continue to work through these changes and I am so **very happy** to report most have elected and installed officers, paid spring dues and completed their spring Financial Review.

Speaking of change, we'd like to thank everyone who participated at our Fall Workshop in an unusual setting, a parish hall. You don't have to be in fancy surroundings to present a learning experience to our membership from around the state. Thank you to all who participated in our educational and fun weekend.

Take a peek (at the National website) and share your court. CDA PA is showing up on the National website and in diocesan and local papers. Is yours one of them?!!

State Officers are, again, featuring in this *Angelus* thoughts on one of the Circle of Love Programs, EDUCATION.

As always, REMINDERS:

♦ State and National Dues—to be paid immediately upon receipt of Invoices

♦ Fall Financial Review—to be completed, IN PERSON, as soon as possible

♦ State Convention—April 16-19, 2021, Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA

♦ **1st Call to Convention – P L E A S E S H A R E!!** (sent out in middle of October)

♦ **Time-table for State Convention**—check this out inside this *Angelus* and mark your calendars.

Finally, we will or have entered the Season of Advent, the first season of the Christian church year, leading to the Christmas Season!

My wish for you is that the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy! ♦

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

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Workshop Held Despite COVID-19 Pandemic

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

CDA members came from far and wide to attend this workshop. Members came from all eight dioceses, seventy members attending, representing twenty-five courts. With a rise of the pandemic in the area, we were unable to meet safely at our original venue. However, Shirley Hall, State Regent, spoke with her Pastor and our State Chaplain, Rev. Jozef Kovacik, who agreed that with wearing masks and social distancing, we were permitted to meet in St. Matthew's Hall.



Members were eager to learn more about the ABCs of CDA. Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent and Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent registered the members as they came in. Shirley introduced the officers and called upon Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement State Chairmen, to open the session with a beautiful prayer service followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our Opening Ode.

Margaret Giordano started the evening with an ice breaker—"Getting to Know You." Laraine McGinnis and Jeanette Kitch presented a Financial Review followed by Margaret Giordano presenting our Circle of Love Program. After Q&A, of course, what we do best—we were served individual servings of cake and water.

Shirley announced that for the first time PA had a winner for the Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarship, Rebecca Bell, a member of Court St. Theresa #562, was one of the recipients of \$2500.00.

The night ended with the drawing of Share the Wealth and a prayer service in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Patroness. We all said good-night and retired at Comfort Suites.

We arrived back at Harkins Hall at 8:45 a.m., bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. After morning prayer, Lisa McCann, State Secretary, announced the "Getting to Know You"—(who was who) and members would go around and guess who they were. Our own Parliamentarian, Pat Gildea, along with the state officers presented an officers' training. Janet Oesterling and Susan Sharer did a skit for membership, "Fishing for CDA Knowledge."

We then had a break and time to prepare ourselves for Holy Sacrifice of Mass, celebrated by our State Chaplain, Rev. Jozef Kovacik. Afterward, we were served a delicious box lunch. Lisa McCann and Peggy Guckin did a presentation on Ceremonials (what to do and what not to do). We again heard from Pat Gildea on Parliamentary Procedure. Shirley, lastly, gave a presentation on communication and how important it is.

"Who We Were" and "Who We Are"...Lisa took the pictures from the wall and went to each participant and asked how many had guessed each person correctly. We then had the Share the Wealth drawing, followed by a closing prayer service, "Walking in God's Presence," and we ended with our Closing Ode.

I would like to thank all the state officers and all those who had presented. It was a great learning experience. A special thanks to all those members

***May Our Lives Be Full of Thanks and Giving
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!***

Workshop 2020



Laraine McGinnis and Margaret Giordano, registering CDA members; Susan Sharer, reviewing program with Shirley Hall



Fishing for CDA Knowledge, presented by Pat Gildea
Pam Callahan, Lucia Stover, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle # 448,
Ann Thome and Rhonda Yahner, our baby Court Roses of Mary # 2766



Getting to Know You!
A great ice breaker—Tina Dambach and Anna Marie Glowaski



Laraine McGinnis, one of four winners of Share the Wealth;
Margaret Gowaty shares her jubilation



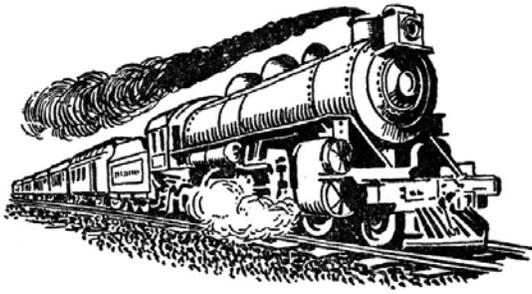
Shirley Hall, State Regent, on behalf of Olga Samaniego, Immed. Past National Regent, presents St. Faustina Award to Peggy Guckin and Susan Sharer for their work with membership



Rev. Jozef Kovacik,
CDA State Chaplain,
and Shirley Hall,
State Regent,
preparing to distribute
Holy Eucharist



Workshop Presenters: Susan Sharer, Membership team; Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent; Shirley Hall, State Regent; Pat Gildea, Parliamentarian; Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman; Peggy Guckin, Past National Director; Janet Oesterling, Membership Chairman; 2nd row: Margaret Giordano, State First Vice Regent; Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer; Lisa McCann, State Second Vice Regent



54th BIENNIAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

“FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH CDA”

(Keeping in mind we are in a big train area – google it)

Shirley Hall, State Regent

WOW! Is it really that time of year that we start looking at another CONVENTION!!

YES! It is... Since the next *Angelus* may will not be available until just before the Convention, here are some early thoughts...

- ◆ **FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION** - REGENTS, DDs, CHAIRMEN received this in the middle of October.
- ◆ **OPENING MASS**—5:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021, St. John the Evangelist Church, 344 Baynton Ave., Altoona. At 4:15 p.m., we will gather for procession. Robes for all officers.
- ◆ **TOMBOLA (basket raffle)**—wrapped basket/gift from courts/individuals in the \$50 price range
- ◆ **CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**—all offices are open. Prayerfully consider serving your state in some capacity
- ◆ **DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE?**—in convention liturgies, be a member of convention committees (check Tools of Trade for info), be a timekeeper, page, etc. Please, contact me or your AREA SUPERVISOR!!

DEADLINES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Prior to January 15, 2021Bylaw amendments to state chairman
 Postmarked **February 1**.....Submission of packets by candidates for state office
 Prior to **February 15** of Convention year..... Elect delegates and alternates
 Postmarked by **February 15**Deadline for delegate and alternate forms
 Postmarked by **February 15** Resolutions to state chairman
 Deadline **March 15**.....Reports to State Regent for printing
 Deadline **March 15**..... National and State donations for PA donation sheet
Two months Prior to Convention..... Official Call to Convention with agenda

In planning ahead, we only have the best interests of PA CDA in mind. We hope you will plan, as we are, to join us in greeting our members across the state for an informative and fun-filled weekend. ◆

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News from National

Essie Walker, National Second Vice Regent and National Representative

Greetings and blessings to all my CDA sisters,

Looking back two years ago, I can recall being assigned as the National Representative for the state of Pennsylvania. Working with the members on the state board was a rewarding experience. The attention to detail and hard work enabled not only the board members but the members of the various courts to develop and grow. Once again, I have been assigned to work with a great group of ladies. I take this opportunity to say thank you to members of the State Board, regents and their members, JCDA and members of the Campus Courts for sharing your time and talents in support of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The full National Board met in Des Moines, IA to plan for the next two years, to install officers and directors and for the reception of our new National Regent, Sherry Nilles. The Installation Mass and Reception was well attended by CDA members, family and friends. Please keep the State and National board members in your daily prayers. The Installation Mass can be reviewed on the National website and on the National Facebook page.

If you have not done so, please take a moment to visit the new CDA website for up-to-date information and the National Facebook page for daily prayer led by National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman and Secretary//Treasurer, Connie Dronette.

The National Board is looking to hold three CDA Retreats in 2021. This will give all members the opportunity to attend one of the retreats. Everything is still in the planning stages. I will share more details as they develop.

Congratulations to our newest court, Court Roses of Mary #2766. On behalf of the National Board and members, we welcome each of you.

As we move forward with the business of CDA, please continue to pray with and for one another. Happy Holidays to you and your family members. ◆

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Put on the Face of God

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,

We are in the process of preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth. In all likelihood, Christmas this year will be a little bit different for many of us due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has plagued our world for almost a year now. There is so much fear and negativity around us. We need something truly good and positive like Christmas to raise our spirits. We certainly need to celebrate and enjoy every aspect of this beautiful and important Holy Day, especially if we want to look into the future with hopefulness and joy.

Sometimes we hear adults say that Christmas is for children. I think we can easily disagree with that. Especially now during these difficult times, we adults have even more reason to celebrate and rejoice at Christmas time than the children. We are able to understand the themes, symbols and traditions of the season and to celebrate the deeper realities of life that the birth of Jesus is meant to celebrate—namely, the principles, values and teachings of the Gospel taking hold more deeply and more firmly in people's minds and hearts.

These days we are still encouraged to wear a mask or some form of face covering not because we enjoy it but because we do it out of love, respect and safety for others. Mask wearing certainly changes our lives. I can tell you that I have not recognized some people over these last few months and I am sure some people have not recognized me when in public. It was because of the masks we have been wearing. This leads me to the following short reflection and a story that can give a positive spin on the mask wearing of our current days.

The word **hypocrite** finds its origin in Greek language. In it the word *hypokrites* describes "an actor" or "a stage player." It literally translates as "an interpreter from underneath," which reflects that ancient Greek actors wore masks and the actor spoke from underneath that mask. Obviously, the mask helped the actors get into the characters and communicate the story as accurately as possible.

"The Happy Hypocrite" is the name of a story, I read not that long ago, written by the late Max Beerbohm. Sir Henry Maximilian "Max" Beerbohm was an English essayist, parodist and caricaturist under the signature Max. He first became known in the 1890s as a dandy and a humorist, but eventually became one of the most respected writers of the 20th century. "The Happy Hypocrite" is the story of a man named, "Lord George Hell," a man with no scruples—a terrible villain who not only is mean but also looks mean. Just looking at his face is enough to put one in mortal fear. Lord George Hell falls in love with a beautiful and innocent maiden named, "Little Miss Jane Mere." She refuses his offer of marriage, saying, "I can never be the wife of a man whose face is not saintly." As a result, Lord George Hell engages the services of the finest mask-maker in the land, Mr. Aeneas, and asks him to fashion for him a mask of a saint. When his work is done, the mask is perfect in every detail. Again, Lord George Hell seeks the hand of the beautiful and innocent Little Miss Jane Mere. But this time, he is wearing the saint's mask, and she accepts his marriage proposal. Minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour, and day-by-day, Lord George Hell does everything he can to keep up the hypocrisy. In short, he tries to act like a saint. He is careful, always, to portray himself as a kindly, unselfish, patient and attentive husband. He is especially careful not to reveal any of his evil tendencies. He is successful in maintaining this saintly image until the day when he encounters an old enemy, La Gambogi, who sees through the facade. She tears off the mask in front of Lord George Hell's lovely wife. The mask lays before her on the lawn, upturned to the sky. But when she looks at his face, line for line, feature for feature, a saint's face is revealed. Lord George Hell had actually become the person he was trying to be, minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour and day-by-day. Practicing being a good person had made him one.

Of course, I am not suggesting that we wear masks of saints. But we are called to wear Christ. We are called to practice our faith and become the Christ-like person God intends us to be: *that is the spirit and meaning of Christmas*. Minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour and day-by-day, practice becoming the beautiful, peaceful, loving, caring and forgiving person God made us to be. Minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour and day-by-day, practice living in defiance of everything in this world that disfigures the picture of God's loving face revealed in His only begotten Son, from the Manger to the Cross.

We know that December 25th is not the actual birthday of Christ. It is set aside as the day to celebrate the birth of Christ around the world. Originally, December 25th—*Dies Natalis Solis Invicti* (the "Birth of the Invincible Sun")—was a celebration dedicated to Mitra, identified with the Roman god, Sol, meaning the Sun. Christians chose to give December 25th a new meaning and set it as the day to celebrate the birthday of the true and only Son of God as a triumph over paganism. December 25th was also selected due to its proximity to the winter solstice because of its symbolic theological meaning. After the solstice, the days begin to lengthen with longer hours of sunlight, which we Christians see as representing the Light of Jesus Christ entering the world.



Sacred Heart of Jesus
José Maria Ibarra y Ponce, 1896
—restoredtraditions.com

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Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court St. Joan of Arc #716, Cresson, Celebrating Catholic Daughters Day

Officers and members of Court Joan of Arc #716 celebrated CDA Sunday on October 18th with Mass at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church in Lilly, PA, with Fr. Matthew Reese as celebrant. The CDA Proclamation was read at the beginning of Mass. Those in attendance gathered for brunch after Mass.



Left to right: Lillian Repko, Mary Lou Zimmerman, Catherine Iapalucci, Regina Watts, Doreen Braniff, Fr. Matthew Reese, Millie Bodenschatz, Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Dot Deangelo and Constance Stransky

Catholic Daughters Face Masks Available!



Court name can be added at no extra charge



Price is for each ♦ Minimum of 10 ♦ Shipping included

| Quantity | Price Each |
|----------|------------|
| 10 | \$10.45 |
| 25 | 9.41 |
| 50 | 7.84 |
| 75 | 6.79 |
| 100 | 5.75 |

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 (Additional mask designs are available; see cdapa.com)

Pennsylvania State Court History Book

Our Pennsylvania State Court is in the process of updating our **History Book**. The initial book covered courts from 1903 to 2005. There are some courts that did not send in information for the initial book, so we hope you will consider sending us information on your court for the second edition. Please email me and I will email you the form. For those courts that are listed, email me and I will send your courts information that is in the current book.

We would like your information by the end of December. We will also be offering "Patrons" to help defray the cost of printing. A "Gold" Patron donation is \$25.00 and a "Silver" is \$15.00; Gold and Silver patrons will receive a copy of the book. A "Bronze" Patron is \$10.00. A "General" Patron is \$2.00 per name. Send me your donation for Patrons by February 1, 2021. Make checks out to CDA. Thank you for your support. Any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

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PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE
Philadelphia Celebrates 44th Annual Catholic Daughter Day, Saturday, October 17, 2020

Court Rose Cecilia #1641 hosted this annual event at Holy Innocents Church. The celebration started with a rosary, followed by Mass concelebrated by Rev. Thomas Higgins, Pastor and Chaplain and by Msgr. Kenneth McAteer, Pastor and Chaplain, Court St. Ephrem #2230. Brother Andrew McCarty, OFM Cap Chaplain, Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, also attended.



Dolly Maronski, placing rose before our Heavenly Mother Mary

Participation was the smallest ever in forty-four years, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-five members from other courts attended—Court Holy Trinity #1336, Court St. Dominic #2222 and Court Mystical Rose #2628.

After Communion, we had a Dedication of Roses to Our Heavenly Mother Mary, carried by Marge Campagna, Henrietta Estrada, Joanne Walker, Dolly Maronski and Sara Janulewicz. Father Higgins said a prayer and blessed our statue. then Tina Dambach crowned the Blessed Mother. There was no luncheon this year due to the virus and this was only the second time in our history that we did not have one. However, all the participants received a piece of homemade Irish soda bread. Since we are in a “new normal,” our forty-fourth celebration was live-streamed by Sean Brassil, courtesy of the Capuchin Franciscans.



Tina Dambach, crowning our Blessed Mother

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Installation of Officers and Meeting

Left to right: Dolly Maronski, Regent; Diane Bieh, Jenn Wrazen, members; Barbara Jackson, Financial Secretary; Joanne Marie Hayers, Vice Regent; Barbara Cooper, member; Rose Marie Medash, Treasurer; Carol Parsons, Recording Secretary



Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia

The officers and members attended Mass together. After installation of officers, we had our first in-person meeting since March.

Left to right: Fr. Thomas Higgins, Pastor and Chaplain; Mary Ann Voystock, District Deputy; Henrietta Estrada, Regent; Peggy Guckin, Vice Regent; Doris Kitt, Recording Secretary; Rose Malaczewski, Treasurer; Shirley Wybranski, Dorothy Andrilla, Sandy Bilinski and Chris Moncrief



Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia Prepared 25 Ditty Bags

More than ever, the seafarers coming into our ports are in need due to restrictions of COVID-19. Our bags contain toiletries, pens, postcards, playing cards and candy.

Left to right: Rose Marie Webster, Anne Albertson, Rose Malaczewski, Sandy Bilinski, Dorothy Andrilla, Henrietta Estrada, Doris Kitt and Chris Moncrief



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE
Eight Pittsburgh Courts Support Seminarians

Despite having to cancel the annual Seminarian Benefit Luncheon in September due to COVID-19, the eight courts of the Pittsburgh Diocese were able to raise \$2,525 for the seminarians. The money came from selling Pot of Gold tickets and monetary donations from the courts and individual members. They also prepared 25 Welcome Bags with personal care items. The Courts are: Butler #443 (which also donated bags with snack items), Bellevue #655, Allegheny #664, Westinghouse #759, Washington #1651, Dolores #1675, St. Rene #1868 and Greene County #1923. On September 29, the officers of the Diocesan Committee and several court members delivered the check and bags to St. Paul Seminary.

Left to right: Fr. Tom Sparacino, Rector; Laraine McGinnis, Diocesan Chair from Court Washington; Bridget Wallace, Diocesan Secretary from Court Butler; Robin Krofcheck, Regent of Court Washington; Johanna Leonard, Diocesan Co-Chair from Court Allegheny; Lisa McCann, Diocesan Treasurer from Court Westinghouse; Barb Byerly, Member of Court Butler; Sr. Cindy Ann Kibler, Apostolic Works Coordinator. Also, in the picture are six seminarians. Present also was Fr. Steven Neff, Spiritual Director.



Left to right: Fr. Tom Sparacino, Rector; Laraine McGinnis, Diocesan Chair from Court Washington; Bridget Wallace, Diocesan Secretary from Court Butler; Robin Krofcheck, Regent of Court Washington; Johanna Leonard, Diocesan Co-Chair from Court Allegheny; Lisa McCann, Diocesan Treasurer from Court Westinghouse; Barb Byerly, Member of Court Butler; Sr. Cindy Ann Kibler, Apostolic Works Coordinator. Also, in the picture are six seminarians. Present also was Fr. Steven Neff, Spiritual Director.

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek, Praying to End Abortion



Court Westinghouse #759 honored our Blessed Mother in a very special way in October. The Court sponsored Eucharistic Adoration and a Scriptural Rosary of all four Mysteries. This first-time endeavor was well-received and well-attended by the parish. We believe we may have interested several ladies in joining CDA!

Court Westinghouse #759 members, Denise Simpson and Lisa McCann, praying to end abortion

SCRANTON DIOCESE
Court St. Martin #418
Honesdale

Court St. Martin #418, Scranton Diocese, assembled 30+ shoeboxes for Cross Catholic International's "Box of Joy" campaign to supply Christmas packages to the children of Haiti. A total of 75 boxes are planned for delivery. This is the second year that the court participated in the program. Many court members donated items, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, some members did not feel comfortable coming to gather together for the assembling.



Left to Right: Patricia Kandrovoy, Judith Poltanis, Judy Casteck, Gladys Welsh, Mary Fowler, Karen Batten, Regent Linda Malinowski and Joan Liuzzo. Arlene Battista took the photo.

Youth/Education

Shirley Hall, State Regent



We have talked about the role of YOUTH in **Legislation**, YOUTH in **Leadership** and YOUTH in **Quality of Life**. How appropriate it is at this writing that we do YOUTH in **Education** as schools continue to figure out a safe way to educate our children. Of course, school" is not the only way for education, but it is the beginning!

Education serves as a means to cultivate youth socially, physically, mentally and spiritually. It is a time to develop the principles of life. It is important for youth in their growing stages and should help them realize their goals for the future.

The **Education** of youth should also bring before them the present-day problems faced by our society. Youths may come up with innovative solutions to the present problems. As youth are experiencing different types of schooling, sometimes on a weekly basis, we would be remiss not to mention those responsible for the **EDUCATION OF OUR YOUTH**, the teachers who are continually making changes to adapt to weekly COVID situations. May God bless the **youth** and **teachers** as they struggle to work with each other in these trying times. ♦

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Family Education

Jeanette Kitch, State Treasurer



Hello Ladies!
I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDUCATION!!! Education is very IMPORTANT—it is not all math, reading and writing. Education is about God, Jesus, Mary, family history, family traditions and family values. Educate your family (children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters). Educate them about good old-fashioned fun, playing cards, board games, playing outside, playing in the rain, leaves or snow (snow angels). If we don't educate our youth about the good old days, they won't know how much fun they are missing because playing on your phone, computer or TV is not family-oriented and it won't give you long-lasting MEMORIES to share in the years ahead. God Bless You. ♦

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*Feed your faith
and your doubts
will starve to death.*

Lifelong Education

Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent



One of the seven spokes, the upper spoke, of our CDA Circle of Love is EDUCATION. Wow, that encompasses so much! After all, learning is a lifelong process. It is much more than formal schooling. We learn every day of our lives, and the amazing thing is that no matter how much we learn, there is always more knowledge and understanding that we can acquire.

For our EDUCATION spoke of the Circle of Love, we may often think of the CDA National Education Contest. There are also the National Scholarships, one for college graduates called the Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarship, and one for youth entering ninth grade, the National Youth and JCDA Scholarship.

EDUCATION in CDA, however, is much more than that: Education for our members includes learning more about CDA, its history, procedures and ceremonies, spirituality and service. Education can be learning about all seven spokes of the Circle of Love—EDUCATION, YOUTH/JCDA, SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT, QUALITY OF LIFE, LEGISLATION, LEADERSHIP, and FAMILY. We can send our members to State Workshops and State and National Conventions.



EDUCATION is also about educating others, those not in our organization. We have a Catholic duty to uphold the moral values and teachings of the Church, and to help educate others regarding those issues. How do we do this? Our CDA works of Unity and Charity are a prime method of educating others about what we do. We can also host speakers and have displays at various events. Yes, during this COVID-19 pandemic, we may not be doing much face-to-face, but we can continue to educate using technology, too. Many courts have already established newsletters, websites and even joined Facebook. Remember our church bulletins, too! Most have already been using email as well as snail mail. Lately, many are using Zoom and teleconferencing calls, to name a few, as methods to communicate. For me personally, this itself has been education, to say the least.

Whatever methods and topics we care to share, we encompass EDUCATION in almost every facet of our CDA being. It truly is a lifelong process! May Mary, our Patroness, guide us in our CDA EDUCATION endeavors. God be with us and keep us safe. ♦

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It's a "No-Brainer"—Education & Quality of Life

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent



Proper education deals with facts, not half-truths or lies. Philosophers are very knowledgeable and can teach us a lot but they, too, will put their own reasoning behind their thoughts to guide our behavior. It is their aim to get you to think and act in their way of thinking.

The great President Ronald Reagan is quoted as saying, "I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born." There is no half-truth in this line of thought. Every one of us has been born and we will all die. This is the will of God and it is God's will when we die.

We, as Catholic Daughters, do an outstanding job in promoting life from conception to natural death. I encourage you to continue the great works that you do personally and within your courts. Please continue to have your baby showers and hold fundraisers for your local crisis pregnancy centers, attend the March for Life, and pray, pray, pray that all people realize the basic truth that life begins at the moment of conception.

I write this as we are on our final day of the Fall campaign of Forty Days for Life worldwide. My local campaign began on September 23rd with a 6 a.m. Holy Mass at Epiphany Church in downtown Pittsburgh. A Eucharistic Procession was then led through the streets of Pittsburgh that brought us before the doors of the laboratory in the heart of town. From that time on, for these forty days, the faithful have stood in peaceful prayerful witness for the lives that will end behind the walls of 933 "Liberty" Avenue. The street name is so ironic as there is no Liberty for the babies. This evening we will reverse the opening of 40 Days praying in front of the Planned Parenthood building, process with the Eucharistic to Epiphany Church and attend Holy Mass.

I encourage Catholic Daughters to seek out where there is a local 40 Days for Life campaign. There will be another campaign that begins on Ash Wednesday—for 40 days. Maybe, physically, you cannot be there in person, but please pray for an end to the worldwide killing of babies through abortion. Statistics show when there is a 40 Days for Life campaign, women DO turn away and choose life for their babies! ♦ —Email Lisa McCann at: ljmccann114@gmail.com

PPP...Parliamentary Procedure Pointers

Patricia M. Gildea, Parliamentarian

CDA Needs a Decision-Making Process



CDA Bylaws provide Robert's Rules of Order—as our Parliamentary Authority

1. Assures courtesy to all
 2. Only **ONE** item at a time is considered
 3. Rights of minority are preserved
 4. Will of the majority will prevail
- Abiding by these rules assures a streamlined meeting

Streamlined Business Meeting (10 Elements)

The gavel is a valuable tool for the regent, to be used at each Business Meeting.

1. Call to Order (One loud rap of gavel)
Opening Ceremonies—Prayer, Flag Salute, Ode
(Three loud raps for members to stand; one loud rap for members to be seated)
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Financial Secretary's Report
5. Correspondence—all items read must be out of envelopes
6. Reports of Committee Chairs (check ahead to know who has report)
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Announcements
10. Program; Closing Prayer and Singing of Ode
(Three loud raps of gavel to stand) If there is no further business to come before the court, meeting is adjourned (one loud rap of gavel) ♦

—Email Pat Gildea at: pagildea1@gmail.com

Increasing Membership

Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman



As I look over all the membership report forms that your courts have sent to me, I find that membership drives work. One court took in eight members, another took in four by doing a drive.

With parishes having Masses via television, YouTube, etc., now is a good time for doing Mass talks, because more people are attending virtual Masses. You never know when someone who never has heard of Catholic Daughters might just want to learn more about our organization. In looking at the dioceses in Pennsylvania, I find that dioceses with the most churches have fewer courts than dioceses with fewer churches.

During this COVID-19 time, we instituted one new court in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and another was to have been instituted on October 14th, but because I was near someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19, and there was an increase of COVID-19 in that community, we had to cancel the institution.

You can help to start a new court in your diocese by sending me the following information: name of diocese, parish name, address and phone number, name of the parish priest, church secretary, phone number and email. ♦

—Email Janet Oesterling at: jmoest@yahoo.com

UNITY AND CHARITY

National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Lynn Kelly, National Projects State Chairman



The National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is the leading organization exposing the links between all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation. With sixty years of experience, its mission is to defend human dignity and oppose sexual exploitation. It is a non-profit organization which investigates a wide-range of sexual abuse areas including child sexual abuse, child-on-child harmful sexual behavior, image-based sexual abuse, institutional sexual abuse, men's violence against women and many other forms of abuse and its repercussions.

NCOSE develops projects that strike at the roots of systems which support and sustain sexual abuse and exploitation. It believes that identifying and understanding how sexual abuse and exploitation overlap and connect supports their strategy in eliminating all sexual abuse. NCOSE seeks to educate the general public, corporate leaders and policymakers, in order to create and support a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation.

One of their activities involves corporate advocacy. There's a lot of money to be made from the sex industry. NCOSE produces a yearly list called, "Dirty Dozen List" listing the organizations which continue to spread sexual exploitation by shining a light on their poor business policies and practices. Its Law Center helps to defeat radical and damaging legislation, helps establish legal precedents and construct lawsuits to fight sexual exploitation.

White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) is now 30-years-old. This group was established to give a voice to those opposing pornography. It created a White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week which encourages a national awareness and activism week. This year, the White Ribbon Against Pornography week ran from October 30–November 6. It provided an important platform for citizens to raise awareness about the public health crisis of pornography.

In the past, many Catholic Daughter groups got involved, on the last Sunday of October, distributing a white ribbon to their parishioners. They would proudly wear a white ribbon to show their stance against pornography. WRAP would put up anti-pornography billboards, organize anti-pornography motorcades and parades and rally dignitaries, such as mayors and governors, to join together to fight against pornography.

Next year, consider joining in this effort. Join with your Catholic Daughter sisters to financially and prayerfully support this organization. Information can be found on its website: <https://endsexualexploitation.org/> ♦

—Email Lynn Kelly at: eirelynn28@comcast.net



Pennsylvania State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



Life is certainly different, in many ways, due to COVID-19. In many ways we are stronger, have a firmer resolve, to see this and much more, through. Hold tight, hold true, we will find ourselves all the better...for God always has a reason for what happens, we're just not always privy to it at the moment!

The state's website has been updated to include the charitable contributions for our national projects and charities. From June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020, the state of Pennsylvania has contributed a total of \$20,314.69! To see where the national project contributions went, along with a link to the specific charity, visit: <https://cdapa.com/index.html#NationalProjects> and select the link "Show National Project Contributions..." To see where the National Charities contributions went, along with a link to the specific charity, visit: <https://cdapa.com/index.html#NationalCharities> and select the link "Show Charitable Contribution List ..." As a reminder, we learned at the 2018 National Convention, National Projects differ from National Charities only in the focus each receives from Catholic Daughters.

Additionally, the highlighted news section has a few updates, such as a message from our State Education Chair, Margie Gowaty. She shares some great ideas and challenges, for your court to have the best-ever education contest! You can find highlighted news here: <https://cdapa.com/index.html#HighlightedNews>.

It's been nearly six months since the national website was updated and new information continues to be made available! In "Tools of the Trade," the first 11 sections have been revised. You can see and download them here: <https://catholicdaughters.org/tools-of-the-trade>. If you are considering your options for health care, you can find benefit information here: <https://catholicdaughters.org/benefits>.

The CDA Store now has copies of the "2020 Bylaws." You can find them by going to the store, here: <http://store.catholicdaughters.org/>, select: Supplies; then select: Manuals, Handbooks & Brochures; then select: CDA Guidelines; and lastly, select: #107 Bylaws revised 2020. They are \$3.50 each and this includes shipping.

My love, good thoughts, and prayers are with, and for, everyone during this time of pandemic. ♦

—Email Pattie Fromknecht at: web@cdapa.com

Put on the Face of God

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Soon, we will be saying to one another, *Merry Christmas* and *Happy New Year*. However, these should not be just words though, for Christmas should not be just a one-day celebration of the birth of Jesus. The birth of Jesus is something



Adoration of the Shepherds, Bernardo Strozzi, ca. 1615 —restoredtraditions.com

that should happen inside of us each and every single day. How? By us, his disciples and brothers and sisters, wherever and whenever by never hiding but showing the true face of God's love. For sure, in the upcoming days (but really every day of our lives), we will have plenty of opportunities to be loving, kind, patient and forgiving. Let us not let them pass by, but communicate to those around us that Christmas is not just a historical event that happened over 2,000 years ago. Let us show by words and deeds that we understand that Christmas is a mindset, a way of life where the birth of Christ happens each and every single day of the year.

May we, as God's children through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother, in "Unity and Charity," continue to be deeply thankful and to celebrate that God let us see His face in such an awesome, humble and inspiring way when His Eternal Word became one of us to bring God's peace to all people of good will. May others see in us the face of God's love and light as we journey together into His Kingdom. ♦

—Email Rev. Jozef Kovacic at: jozefkov28@gmail.com



A Christmas Prayer

*God of love and mercy,
in this season of Christmas,
we offer you our thanks and praise.*

*We want to spread the word of peace
you give us through Jesus Christ.*

*May the birth of your son
Overcome human suffering, calm our fears
and bring peace to our homes,
our families and the world.*

~ Sacred Heart League ~

Encouragement

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman



Sometimes it helps us to know we are on the right path or doing the right thing by listening / reading what people we admire have to say. For instance, Mother Teresa said, "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." She also said that, "We shall never know all the good that a smile can do."

These are difficult times, and there are many stressors for the Catholic Daughters and each of us as leaders. We need to keep everyone safe while we allow them to make decisions about attendance and safety precautions. It can make us very serious sounding and looking. So, a smile can go a long way when we are asking our members to do something they are not sure they want to do, such as participating in a court activity or fundraiser. Trying to have someone see that you are smiling behind a mask can be very challenging for sure. Take that moment to socially distance and slip off the mask for a second or two so that your smile can be seen and your good will communicated.

When we smile, we also encourage ourselves. It makes us feel better and improves our spirits as well as those of the person to whom we are smiling. As we carry out our CDA responsibilities, let us remember Mother Teresa's words and spirit. ♦

—Email Sue Kelly at:
vozarkelly@zoominternet.net

More National News

National Charity "Fun" D Winners, started on Oct. 18, 2020, and in the week of Nov. 2-6, 2020, there was a winner from Sharpsville, PA—Joseph D. Congratulations!

National Bylaws Update

The National Bylaws were updated by the 2018-2020 National Board at their final meeting. The revised National Bylaws are ready for purchase from the National Office: www.catholicdaughters.org. Cost is \$3.50. Does your court have a copy?

Aug. Lottery Winners

Laura Ann Rumbol
 Leslie Torsell
 Judy Christensen
 Linda Plozner
 Judy Christensen
 Diane Haupt
 Merland Malloy
 Grace Schall
 Linda Scott
 Marcella Fazio
 Letty Calvetti
 Ben Mongelluzzo
 Michael Bello
 Flo Marchetti
 Lorraine Andrews*
 Fr. Justin Pino
 Ct. Our Lady of the Alleghenies
 Marie Kerwin
 Deborah Lutz
 Mary Ball
 Lisa Mays
 Janet Ternoway
 Ann Langenbacher
 Angela Deemer
 Andrew Fox
 Laura Ann Rumbol
 Letty Calvetti
 Constance Kuziel
 Ginny McDowell
 Margaret Crossey
 Joseph Dagon
 *\$100 winner

Aug. Selling Court

Sylvia Fox
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Columbia #2
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Columbia #2
 St. Bernard #339
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 SO Margaret Giordano
 Washington #1651
 St. Bernard #339
 PSR Margaret Novak
 Uniontown #505
 St. Ephrem #2230
 PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
 St. Leo 356
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 Lambing #314
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Butler #443
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Rita #523
 St. Marys #890
 Sylvia Fox
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Bernard #339
 Allegheny #664
 Annunciata #260
 SO Lisa McCann
 Easton #358

Sept. Lottery Winners

Dolores Bagan
 Michelle Dugas
 Linda Scott
 Victoria Gilley
 June Weaver
 Dorothy Fritsch
 Denise Ciprich
 Bertha Allen
 Genevieve Marszal
 Frances Rhoa
 Mary Silbaugh
 Court St. James the Greater
 Margaret Gowaty
 Marlene Mancini
 Sylvia Fox*
 Betty Dombrosky
 Charlene MacDonald
 Daniel Martin
 St. Betty Hart, CSJ
 Cindy Marconi
 Joann Lynn
 Marge Krajci
 Laura Rumbol
 Andrea Christoff
 Aldia Pavlik
 Judy Rolick
 Sylvia Fox
 Stephen Walter
 Ernie Leonard
 Frances Rhoa
 *\$100 winner

Sept. Selling Court

Lambing #314
 Allegheny #664
 SO Margaret Giordano
 New Kensington #860
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Holy Trinity #1336
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Ave Maria #650
 Brownsville #1141
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Washington #1651
 St. James the Greater #2180
 Westinghouse #759
 Brownsville #1141
 Sylvia Fox
 Westinghouse #759
 Washington #1651
 SO Margaret Giordano
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Marys #95
 St. Mark #1097
 New Kensington #860
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Catherine of Siena #1992
 Allegheny #664
 Callistus #66
 Sylvia Fox
 SO Margaret Giordano
 Allegheny #664
 Our Lady of Victory #722

Oct. Lottery Winners

Eric & Wendy Jasper
 Marilee Prough
 Lorie Earnest
 Tony Glowocki
 Deacon Richard Malamut
 Laura Rumbol
 Joane Krynicki
 Laura Rumbol
 Margaret T. Giordano
 Fred Fox
 Barbara Minor
 Charlene MacDonald
 Letitia Rushton
 Tina Strible
 Annamaria Trombetta
 Rev. John M. Lynam
 Jean Lenz
 Paul Gavin*
 Mary Snyder
 Michael Bello
 Judy Kavulic
 Patricia Surovec
 Heather Graff
 Donna Campaigna
 Letitia Rushton
 Michele Edinger
 Laurie Staub
 Mary Jane Hodak
 Ct. St. Rita #353
 Rev. Charles Speicher
 Judith Poltanis
 *\$100 winner

Oct. Selling Court

St. Theresa #562
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 St. Victoria #646
 Lambing #314
 St. Mark #1097
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Florian #2240
 Sylvia Fox
 SO Margaret T. Giordano
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Bernard #339
 Washington #1651
 St. Ephrem #2230
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 Washington #1651
 St. Bernard #339
 Easton #358
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 Uniontown #505
 St. James the Greater #2180
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Sylvia Fox
 Holy Trinity #1336
 St. Ephrem #2230
 SO Lisa McCann
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 St. Bernard #339
 St. Rita #353
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Martin #418

Oh No, Not Another Thing for Us to Sell!

Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent

I know it is challenging supporting the State Court fund-raisers for many courts. Unfortunately, just like taxes and death you can count on receiving 10-Week Tickets in the Spring and Fall and Lucky Lottery Calendars in the Winter. By now, all courts should have received their 2021-2022 Lucky Lottery Calendars to sell to support all that the State Court does. If you have not received them, please call me immediately. My phone number is on page one.

Remember to think outside the box. Calendars can be sold to anyone, not just court members. An advertisement in your church bulletin can bring you much success. Contact me for a sample of what can be published.

Support from ALL Courts is necessary for the success of the fundraisers. Success = donations made on behalf of all courts to many charities; Membership team helping all courts with membership; State dues not being raised; publication and mailing of this outstanding newsletter and many other costs associated with keeping our state involved and moving forward in this wonderful National organization of Catholic women. Please, do your best and do not hesitate to contact me with any problems or concerns you have regarding the fundraisers. ♦

—Email Lisa McCann at: ljmccann114@gmail.com

*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: _____

Blessed Catholic Daughters Day 2020

All Catholic Daughters

*Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Officers*

Congratulations on Your Institution

Court Roses of Mary #2766

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Most Heartfelt Thanks/May God Bless Them

My Officers of the Past Four Years: Barbara Materna,

Karen Pipta, Pam Callahan and Lucia Stover

*Requested by: Christine A. Surovec, Past Regent
Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448*

Congratulations and Many Prayers

New Officers of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Lucia Stover, Karen Pipta, Pam Callahan,

Phyllis Galio and Mindy Terpak

*Requested by: Christine A. Surovec, Past Regent
Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448*

Thank You and Wishing You Health and Safety

Father Deo, Lancaster General Hospital Chaplain

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in September, October and November 2020. 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!**

In Thanksgiving for a Successful Workshop

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy Birthday

Alessandra Hoskins

CarolAnne Ferreira, Immediate Past Regent

Mary Selway, Treasurer

LaRue Lautsch

Janet Kreiner

Tammy Rivera

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Tina Morgan, Niece

James A. Giordano, Brother

Alessandra N. Hoskins, Granddaughter

Mary Clare Selway, Sister

Susanne Gillespie

Charlie Sultzbach, Father-in-Law

Cathy Roth

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Complete Recovery

Janet Kreiner

Pamela Daly Smith

Mary Ellen Majors

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Get Well

Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Peace and Mercy in Her Illness

Ann Sands

Requested by: Marge Bradley

Prayers for Continued Improvement

Colette McCaffrey

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Speedy Recovery

Dorothy Andrilla

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Thinking of You

Catherine Robinson

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Rest in Peace/Repose of Soul

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck, Sister

Dorothy Mankowski

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Court Ryan #911

Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Peggy Guckin, Past ND, PSR

Robert Goley, brother-in-law of Tina Dambach

Dorothy Mankowski, Court St. Dominic #2222

Lorraine Gribben, Court Mystical Rose #2628

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past ND, PSR

Rest in Peace/Repose of Soul contd.

Dear Member Rosa Luciano

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

Rose Marie Laverty

Requested by: Court Allegheny#664

Johanna Leonard

In Memory

Henry A. Horn, Grandfather

James A. Giordano, Father

Margaret H. Giordano, Mother

E. Margaret Horn, Grandmother

Robert F. Leath, Jr.

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

M. Michael Parks

Requested by: Lee Ann Hrycaj

Agatha Gerz

Mary Painter

Rita Smith-Wade-El

E. Margaret Horn

Margaret H. Giordano

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Strengthening of Faith

Clergy Team of St. James Parish

Requested by: Members of Court Washington #1651

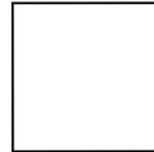
Welcome/Welcome Back

New Member Janet Bennett

Member Pat Jacobs

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

The Gratitude Rosary

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman



With so much negative news these days, please consider meditating on joy and gratitude while reciting the rosary. Lift up your mind to God in joy and gratitude. The way it's done is simple. Take each bead of the rosary and thank God for something. Learn to appreciate things you may not have noticed before. An alternate option is to also say the Hail Mary on each bead after your thank you to God.



A guideline designed for the Catholic Daughters is as follows:

Begin the Rosary in the usual way—the Apostle's Creed, the Our Father, Three Hail Marys and the Glory Be. After the Our Father for each Mystery, think of ten (10) things for which you are grateful.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

THE ANNUNCIATION: *Mary rejoices to do God's will.*

As Mary said "yes" to God, think of 10 ways we say "yes" as members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Some examples could be the yes to membership, yes to an office, or yes to help with projects.

THE VISITATION: *John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb.*

How do we leap for joy as members of the Catholic Daughters? Or what opportunities for visiting others is given to us through CDA?

THE NATIVITY: *God himself was born as a child.*

How do Catholic Daughters help children or expectant mothers?

THE PRESENTATION: *The child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God.*

How do our courts recognize the importance of each person as a child of God? This includes adults—when we look at the face of others, we see the face of Jesus.

THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE: *The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God.*

How do we help with the education of others in the ways of Christ? How do we acknowledge the accomplishments of others?

Once you complete the Joyful Mysteries, you can be grateful for the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Mysteries of Light and the Glorious Mysteries.

This suggested list is for Catholic Daughters, but please, do the same for your own life blessings.

Your outlook and attitude toward yourself, others, our country, our world, nature, should be—"In Him, we live and move and have our being." —Acts 17:28

Fifty blessings every day! Thank you, God! ♦

—Ideas taken from the National Catholic Register Web Site
—Email Dolores Croyle at: scocro@comcast.net