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This 'n That...

Shirley Hall, State Regent

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

"Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."

—1 Peter 4:8



omething you may not know!! Territorial Courts are ones that do not meet the five-court requirement for being classified as a State Court. The state of Connecticut, at the present time, falls into this category. Our Pennsylvania State Board has decided to share with our sister courts from Connecticut what we do and what they are doing. They are receiving our "Angelus" newsletter and have been asked, in this issue, to tell us about themselves. WE WELCOME THESE LADIES FROM CONNECTICUT through our newsletter and hopefully, one day, will share personally. Please follow these courts inside.

REMINDERS:

- ◆ National and State Dues invoices are in the mail and payment is due upon receipt. Remember, no action is needed except writing the check, proper signatures and envelope/stamp.
- **→ Financial Reviews** are also to be prepared as of March 31, 2022 and mailed to the individuals listed on the form.
- **◆ Election and Installation of Officers** are being held this spring. Please refer to your yellow By-Laws book if you are unsure of Robert's Rules.
- → Fall Workshop for District Deputies and Court Officers will be held October 14 and 15 at Harkins Hall in Tyrone. The DD workshop will take place Friday afternoon and evening. The Court Officer workshop will begin on Saturday morning. Rooms have been reserved for Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Wyndham Days Inn, Pinecroft, Altoona. More information will follow.
- ◆ 2023 PA State Convention will be held April 21-24, 2023 at the Blair County Convention Centre, Altoona, Pennsylvania. Details to follow.

By the time this issue is in your mailbox, **Election of Officers** will have taken place and you will be preparing for **Installation of Officers**. We, the State Board, would like to **heartily thank all of you** who have served so faithfully your church and community through the Catholic Daughters. Please, keep your eye on future offices within your court and the State. **WE NEED YOU AND YOUR TALENTS!!** •

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CDA Mission Statement

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

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HOTOFFTHE PRESS-National 59th Biennial Convention News

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

July 20-24, 2022 in beautiful, sunny San Juan, Puerto Rico!

2022-2024 National Officers & National Directors Slate

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FYI: Emily Guilherme will be National Regent 2022-2024

Regents, please share the information that you received in early May from the National Office. (agenda, proposed by-law changes, dress code, etc.) All members are asked to wear red, white and blue on Friday for God and Country Mass.



59th National Convention Puerto Rico State Charity

CENTRO RAQUEL PRO LIFE CENTER www.amigosdecr.org

Services: Pregnancy tests, emotional and financial support, family planning, education, and more..."We help you develop a life plan and walk with you step by step until you reach your goals." Donations can be made with Visa Gift Cards, Pay Pal, recurring donor or by check payable to Casa Raquel, Inc.

Prior to the opening of Convention on Wednesday, July 20th, these events will be taking place on Tuesday, July 19:

There will be workshops on Leadership, Spirituality, Family, Membership, Youth and JCDA, keeping a court active and alive, and "Working Together to Make the Best Better."

Tuesday evening there will be a wonderful free concert presented by Msgr. Willey Pena and his troop from the university. It is entitled Enjoy a Fabulous Night of Puerto Rico Culture.

Tours—Shirley Hall sent an email on April 18 to those attending Convention. The link to sign up for tours is in the attachment of Shirley's email. Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 13, 2022. Reservations must be made online.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Puerto Rico. Stay well and safe. Consider a booster around June 21.

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Every child begins the world again.

~ Henry David Thoreau ~



"Why Didn't You Tell Me It Was So Beautiful?"

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



incere greetings to all of you. I hope that the participation in the liturgies of the Easter Triduum was for all of you enjoyable and spiritually nourishing.

I once read a story of a little boy who had been blind since birth. After some research his parents discovered that medical science had developed a surgical technique

that could restore his sight. When the boy was twelve, the surgery was performed. At first, as one would expect, the boy's eyes were exposed to light slowly and very gradually. Then finally, the day arrived when his mother could take him outdoors where his eyes were exposed to the fullness of light. For the first time, he saw the sky and the world around him. And when he did, the little boy said in amazement:

"Oh mother, why didn't you tell me it was so beautiful?" His mother, with tears in her eyes, replied, "I tried to tell you dear, but you couldn't understand then."

The mother of the little boy was correct. The magnificent vision of a beautiful sky and the world around him could come only when her son was able to open his eyes to it.

This is not true just physically. It is very much true also when it comes to our spiritual sight. Jesus can talk to us again and again about enlightening us and dispelling the darkness we encounter, but until we open our spiritual eyes, the eyes of our heart, mind and soul to Him, we will never understand what He is trying to tell us.

The Gospels make it clear, that the early followers of Jesus had to do exactly that. In chapter 20 of Saint John's gospel we read how Mary of Magdala went to the tomb early Sunday morning when it was still dark and discovered it empty. For her it was a moment of deep darkness. She cried because she did not know where the body of Jesus was taken. But then comes the moment when the Easter light enters her life as Jesus calls her by name. Mary opens her eyes and recognizes her risen Lord. She is transformed into a resurrected person, Easter person. After that Jesus tells her to go and spread this most joyous news because He knows that many of His friends and followers are still in the darkness of their doubts, disappointments, fears and many other emotions.

Recognizing Jesus risen from the dead no doubt brought to Mary an incredible joy, strength and courage and not just to her but to His friends and followers. This happened because she did what Jesus told her to do.

> So now we understand better that if light is to defeat darkness, then what happened that Easter Sunday morning must be an ongoing event. How can we make it so? Our good deeds, reading the Word of God and reflecting on it, prayers and sacramental life are sources of great strength and enable us to conduct our lives the way that makes a difference and show Christ's victory over sin, darkness and death.

> We know that the path to true life is the path enlightened by the love and peace of Christ, so let us refuse everything that is contrary to our Christian values and principles, stay open in every way to Christ's redeeming life and love. We know that the darkness of the tomb was not able to keep Jesus in it, so let us recommit ourselves to rejecting any form of evil, by being the bearers of the light Jesus entrusted to us and calls us to bring to the places where darkness wants to dominate.

> Let us remember that Easter is our light, our reference point in the darkness. May we all, through the intercession of Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of our Lord, in "Unity and Charity," continue to cherish the gift of God's light, keep it burning brightly and always be willing to share it with all we meet. •

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News from National

Essie Walker, National Second Vice Regent and National Representative

reetings and blessings to all my CDA sisters—I hope this note finds everyone in good health and doing well.

Once again, we are approaching the summer months. With the right mindret summer can be a time of root and relevation.

the right mindset, summer can be a time of rest and relaxation. However, we know that everyone is busier than ever during the summer months. Regardless as to how busy we may find ourselves, there is no better way to stay connected than to plan activities in which everyone can take part.

Now is the perfect time to come together and take inventory of a few summer activities that can be shared among CDA members. When planning, take into consideration families, friends and even those in the neighborhood. Think of it as a time to reconnect with those you have not seen in a long time.

As Catholics, we dedicate the whole month of May to honoring our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

To all CDA leaders and members, thank you for sharing your time and talents over the last two years. As we continue to grow in our faith and within our organization, remember to never stop using the gift of growth.

As a reminder, we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico. At the Convention, you will have the opportunity to help make decisions that will enable our organization to grow and move forward. Your presence and participation is very much needed.

As a CDA family, let us continue to pray together and for one another. •

From The State Board—Reasons For Joining Catholic Daughters... ... To enjoy a variety of spiritual, social and cultural activities Shirley Hall, State Regent

This past fall there were three CDA retreats throughout the country that definitely showed how CDA can enjoy the idea of this "reason" with prayer, talks and enjoying each other's company. Margaret and I had an op-

portunity to attend one of these at a beautiful retreat center in the mountains of North Carolina

in the mountains of North Carolina.

I believe that in today's society this is what ladies are looking for as an escape of the everyday family and work demands, a time to get away, within a CDA setting, even if just for an hour.

What specifically can we do locally to provide an opportunity? When we come together as one in CDA, the **activities** that we do for others, leads to our **socialization** and in turn moves us to **see God** where he is in our lives. We can

then share this experience with others. •

ABCs of CDA

A – accessible C - compassionate

B – belonging **D** - dependable

C – communicative **A** – appreciative

This was the theme of our last Workshop, held in 2020.
We took a chance and it worked, with the grace of the Holy Spirit!!
Our 2022 Workshop will be held October 14-15, in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.
The DD workshop will be held on Friday (anyone may come);

the Officer Workshop will be held on Saturday.

Mark your calendars. More information will follow.

—Email Shirley Hall: shirleyhall901@gmail.com

Spiritual, Social, Cultural Benefits of Being a Catholic Daughter

Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent

Catholic Daughters live our motto, Unity and Charity, through spiritual, social and cultural activities. Praying the rosary, having prayer services, presenting retreats, hosting bus trips to shrines and attending Holy Mass together are some ways we bond while increasing our spirituality.

Social activities unify us in our CDA sisterhood. They magnify our good works as we team collectively at picnics, teas, game nights, baby showers, book/video clubs, circles for sewing, crocheting, quilting, crafting, etc. After all, all work and no play make Catholic Daughters dull girls.



No matter where we come from, we are ALL God's children. Celebrating our many cultures unites us, so we can better understand and appreciate one another. I grew up in a parish of many nationalities. We celebrated culturally, sharing ethnic foods and activities. In our communities and at CDA state and national convention fun nights, we celebrate various traditions. GOD BLESS US ALL! ◆

—Email Margaret Giordano: mgiordano.sultzbach@gmail.com

Another Backbone of Catholic Daughters

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent

Catholic Daughters enjoy spiritual, social and cultural activities. Here we find another backbone of what it is to be a Catholic Daughter. Our *Share* magazine, received quarterly by each member, contains many submissions from courts across the world enjoying spiritual, social and cultural activities.

Do you ever read about something and think that could be an activity your court could do? DO IT! Or do it with your own spin to the idea. Even if all members cannot participate in a new activity, try it anyway. Don't let your court get stagnant. Appreciate trying new things.

Remember your court's spiritual, social and cultural activities are three great selling points when you speak to ladies about joining our organization. Make sure you speak enthusiastically about them.

I hope, as our courts across Pennsylvania welcome new officers, that new ideas will be embraced, welcomed and enjoyed. I pray each of you have a wonderful summer. ◆ —Email Lisa McCann: ljmccann114@gmail.com

... To Enjoy a Variety of Spiritual and Cultural Activities

Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary

This is only one reason to join CDA. I like this one because you get to travel all around the world. You meet and see a lot of ladies from different cultures. You get to taste different foods, swap recipes and you get to see lots of beautiful statues, paintings, scenery and churches.

Every culture has a special devotion to Mother Mary. It is interesting to learn about them and that the rosary is very important as well as how Mother Mary has helped them in difficult times.

I know that in CDA we wear robes or whites on special occasions, but seeing some of the beautiful dresses that are worn for special occasions in other cultures is very interesting. I enjoy them. I like going places, meeting other people, eating different food and taking pictures to share with others.

When I was in the service, I enjoyed seeing the Red Sea and where Moses parted the sea. It was beautiful—clear water, no rocks, seaweed or bushes—just pure white sand as wide as an old country road. It still gives me goose bumps to talk about it today. What a sight that must have been. We can see lots of sights in person or through others' eyes, TV, magazines and pictures. So, ladies even though we come from different places, we all believe in the same God, Jesus and Mother Mary. We are all his children, and they love us, and I thank them for making us all unique. So, ladies please share your special ways with those in your own court as well as with those we meet. •

—Email Jeanette Kitch: jkitch18@outlook.com

Spring is in the air, it's time to get outside and socialize!!

Pam Callahan, State Treasurer

Why should you join Catholic Daughters of the Americas?...well, let us count the ways! An all-encompassing reason is...to enjoy a variety of spiritual, social and cultural activities.

I enjoy the retreats and feel recentered after getting together with my fellow Catholic Daughters. I love to share stories and reflections with them. It is so rewarding and helpful to me and my prayer life. In all the business that goes on in life, being able to focus on God sometimes gets lost, but surrounded by my fellow sisters in Christ, I can always find Him.

The social and cultural aspects, sometimes go hand in hand. We take trips together, gather together for meals, and various other court activities. We learn so much about each other and our diverse

array of backgrounds. So, until we meet again my friends, enjoy your time together with each other and get to know one another, outside of church. With much love and blessings. ◆

—Email Pam Callahan: pamc.pacda2021@gmail.com





Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Diocesan Meeting, Jim Thorpe

Members from Courts Easton #358, Ryan #911 and St. James #1029, along with Margaret Giordano, Area Supervisor, met in church in Jim Thorpe and prayed the Pro-Life rosary, followed by continental breakfast and meeting.



ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Officers and members of Court St. Rita #523 commemorated Good Friday, carrying a cross through the streets of Tyrone during Stations of the Cross.



ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Anniversaries

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg
65th Anniversary
Come share in our joy and celebration
Sunday, September 25, 2022

Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Late morning Mass followed by luncheon and program

Celebrating 100 years, Sunday, June 5, 2022 St. Francis Xavier Church ◆ Mass 11:00 a.m. Reception and dinner will follow in church hall

Court Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Celebrated 100 years on April 24th

At the anniversary festivities, the Lifetime Membership Award was given to Ruth Semonich for her 75 years of service.



Left to right: Frances Rhoa, Ruth Semonich, Annette Fissanich, Sandy Owens, Merlann Malloy, Cindy Keefe

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 Hollidaysburg, Welcoming New Members

A t Mass, twelve new members were received. A luncheon followed. Court officers, Shirley Hall, State Regent, and Frances Rhoa, District Deputy, attended.



HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Harrisburg 95th Anniversary Celebration

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Lawrence W. Sherdel and assisted by Deacon Fran Phillips at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After Mass, members and guests proceeded to the K of C for breakfast. Members had a brief meeting followed by a program including presentations of favors and CDA pins and concluding with a prayer service involving participation of all members present.



Front row, left to right: Robin Burgoon; Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Mary Clare Selway, Treasurer; Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent; Peggy McGinley, Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent Second row, left to right: Janet Kreiner; Father Lawrence W. Sherdel; Alessandra Hoskins; Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; Andrea Accardi; Fran Phillips, Deacon



Around the breakfast table, left to right: Andrea Accardi, Peggy Mc-Ginley, Mary Clare Selway, John Manzella, Paulette Manzella, Susan Sharer, Margaret T. Giordano, Alessandra Hoskins, Robin Burgoon, Janet Kreiner, Lee Ann Hrycaj, Jim Hrycaj

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Harrisburg 50-Year Pin

Lautsch, visited by Margaret T. Giordano, received her 50-year CDA pin from Court Queen of Peace #1023. LaRue is the longest-time member of the court. God bless you, LaRue!



ERIE DIOCESE

Court Columbia #2, Meadville Centennial Celebration!



Thank you, Catholic Daughters, Court Columbia #2, for your generous donation to our school. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. The \$1000 donation will be used for our technology fund. Since November 1903, you've embodied Charity.

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Deal or No Deal

over one-hundred members and friends, after two years of COVID, came out and enjoyed catching up over a continental breakfast, hearing funny jokes, and playing the game Deal or No Deal to win one of twenty-eight prizes.



Members dressed in their funnies: Chris McClosky, whoppie cushion; Peggy Guckin, Convention that didn' thappen 2020; Mary Ann Morley, Minnie Mouse; Rose Medash, Deanna Teixeira, Eileen Ketler, banana.



Sara Janulewicz, Diocesan Coordinator, reading the gift

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia Rosaries for Ukraine

Court Mystical Rose #2628 made rosaries for Ukraine with parishioners of St. Katherine of Siena Church. More than 100 rosaries were made for the people in Ukraine.



Sara Janulewicz, Financial Secretary; Mary Mullen, Connie Scholl, Marge Hall, Mary Becker, Maryann Voystock, Regent and Donna Bradley, Treasurer

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia Designer Bag Bingo

After two years of not being able to meet and fundraise, a good time was had by all—seeing friends and making new ones playing bingo; it was especially nice for lucky winners who received nice prizes. JoAnn Lynn from Court St. Mark #1097 was one of the winners.





Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia Financial Review



Anne Albertson, Shirley Wybranski, Rose Malczewski, Treasurer, Henrietta Estrada, Regent; Christine Moncrief and Mary Anne Voystock, District Deputy

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia Youth Education Project

Tina Dambach, Regent, invited her niece, Angelina Dambach, a homeschooled student (in blue), to give an oral presentation on Friendship as a youth education project to the court. Pictured far left, member Dolores Madden; also pictured with Angelina are her friends Joey Gaunt and Destiny Dunn. About 20 members attended. Angelina is homeschooled by her Aunt Cathy Martin who is also a member of the court.



Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Wonderful Cake Sale

nce again Court Ephrem held a successful cake sale—so many goodies from great bakers.



Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan, Chaplain; Pat Lafferty; Carol Parsons, Recording Secretary; Jennifer Wrazen; Dolly Maronski, Regent; Rose Medash, Treasurer; Diane Beal; Alisha Baer and Linda Gilmer

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek Celebrating 100 Years

Court Westinghouse #759

Celebrating 100 years, Saturday, June 25, 2022
St. Emma Monastery
Day of Retreat—Registration 8:30 a.m.
Retreat begins 9:00; Cost \$35.00
Mass 4:00 p.m. ◆ Banquet 5:30 p.m.
Overnight accommodations available single, \$65.00 per night,
limited number of doubles, \$95.00 per night
If interested, contact Donna Egan, Vice Regent cell #412-999-4685 or email donname6@comcast.net

2022 PA State Education Contest Winners

Art Division 1 Name Court # and City

First Place Gage Scanlon Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven Second Place Alayna Bott Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Third Place Hadley Steinhoff Monessen #776, Monessen

Art Division 2

First Place Drew Zucco Our Lady #647, Johnstown
Second Place Clara Holt Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek
Third Place Jason Feri St. Rene #1868, Monroeville

Poetry Division 1

First Place Mario Stiehler Washington #1651, Washington Second Place Jillian Radkowski Our Lady #647, Johnstown Third Place Ava Seben New Kensington #860, New Kensington

Poetry Division 2

First Place Bella Cribbs St. Bernard #339, Indiana Second Place Vivian R. Wilt Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven Third Place Emma Maxwell Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Poetry Division 3

First Place Andreas Jaramillo Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Poetry Division 4

First Place Kathleen Byron Monessen #776, Monessen
Second Place Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Third Place Barbara Minor St. Bernard #339, Indiana

Essay Division 1

First Place Gloria Cominsky Our Lady #647, Johnstown
Second Place Caroline Siuta Blessed Madonna #2521, State College
Third Place Lydia Lanzendorfer Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Essay Division 2

First Place Zach Zuber Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Second Place Madison Rezk Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

Third Place Madison Delauter Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Essay Division 3

First Place Joseph Martin Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster Second Place Max Clement Blessed Madonna #2521, State College

Computer Art Division 1

First Place Meradi Knapp Our Lady #647, Johnstown
Second Place Kateri Hong Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Third Place Gavin Bolognone Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia

Computer Art Division 2

First Place Madelyn Williams St. Thomas #1483, Franklin Second Place Maleana Bonnoni Patricia #998, Kittaning Third Place Angelina Watson Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven

Computer Art Division 3

First Place Matthew Hong Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Photography Division 2

First Place Rachel Cribbs St. Bernard #339, Indiana
Second Place Katie Kibler Our Lady #647, Johnstown
Third Place Peyton Dailey Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia

Photography Division 3

First Place Breanna Cribbs St. Bernard #339, Indiana

Photography Division 4

First Place Ann Nemec Patricia #998, Kittaning Second Place Christina Bell St. Theresa #562, Blairsville









News from Connecticut Territorial Courts

ArlineRich, PastNationalDirector
It sounds strange after being a State
Court for 115 years. Yet we are continuing as usual in our local courts'

good works. We are pleased that Sr. Arlene Vannie, RSM, continues to guide us as our Spiritual Director.

Court St. Matthew #2640, Norwalk, had a women's retreat in February. The speaker was Dr. Joan Kelly from Sacred Heart University. The topic was "Marion Devotion Through the Ages." Our annual tea party was held Sunday, April 3 and had 200 women in attendance. The highlight of the afternoon was a fashion show with clothing from Chicos and Soma. We will attend a brunch on August 23 with Bishop Caggiano. The topic is Feminine Genius. We are also attending a living rosary at Enders Island in Mystic, Connecticut, on May 15.

Court All Saints #1435, Somers, participated in the Lenten Stations of the Cross at their parish. During the COVID challenges, members volunteered in cleaning the church and Faith Formation Center, became teachers for the First Communion and Confirmation classes and assisted in preparing for All Saints Ecumenical Service. Court All Saints initiated the first gathering for the CT Territorial Courts. All were extremely pleased with the number of people who attended.

Court St. Cecelia #735, Stratford, celebrated their 100th Anniversary on March 22, 2022. They are making preparations to have a formal celebration on June 11th which will include the installation of their new officers. They are delighted that Second Vice National Regent, Essie Walker and Past Connecticut State Chaplin, Rev. Mathew Mauriello will be attending.

Court St. Augustine #1104, Hartford, enjoyed their annual Christmas Tea for the first time since 2018 because of Connecticut's COVID-19 restrictions. The monies collected at the Tea were donated to Catholic Charities to purchase Christmas toys for children in Hartford.

Connecticut CDA courts plan to meet twice a year to keep in contact with each other.

Our state project this year is to collect items for "Homes for the Brave" and local veteran's hospitals. Court St. Matthew has donated a carload of personal care items to Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport, Connecticut. All Saints filled two SUVs with bed linens, mittens, tube socks, clothing, toiletries and packaged food for the veterans.

The invitation to join the Pennsylvania State Court in their many activities is so appreciated. THANK YOU. ◆ Email Arline Rich: arline19@att.net

2022 PA State Newsletter Winners

Category 1 - Division 1 - First Place, Court Westinghouse, #759, Turtle Creek Category 1 - Division 2 - First Place, Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia Category 1 - Division 2 - Second Place, Court St. Dominic, #2222, Philadelphia Category 2 - Division 1 - First Place, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte

It's NOT That Hard!

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman



That's the title of the Pennsylvania Leadership Project selected to be submitted to National for the March 2021–February 2022 period. There were 10 Circle of Life Leadership forms submitted by Pennsylvania courts. Of those, two reported no Leadership Project and eight projects were submitted for consideration. In the previous reporting period, 11 forms were submitted with three reporting no projects and eight projects submitted.

Congratulations to all for participating in the Circle of Love Leadership Program. There were a good variety of projects, including an expanded audit committee to familiarize members with the various leadership roles, to an expanded Sunshine Card program, to a Bazaar Crafts fundraiser and a monthly newsletter. Previous submissions included a campaign against pornography project,

100th anniversary celebrations, increasing contact with shut-ins, a Small-Steps to Leadership project, attending meetings that included multiple courts and church community involvement.

Thank you to Court Westinghouse #759 for their compelling submission seen below:

"The goal of the **It's NOT that Hard Project** was to show that stepping up to a role of leadership is not that difficult and that by doing so you can grow and become more confident and know yourself better.

More committees were created and business from the floor was encouraged. Several members participated and through the different event, topics and items of business, one person has definitely seen that she can step up into a leadership position and a couple more are getting more confident and may also step up.

This project also showed that by different people and leadership roles a court can thrive and grow. When the officers are the same people all the time or the same people take charge all the time, a court starts to stagnate and heads toward disbandment."

Good Luck to Court Westinghouse in the National Competition and thanks to all of the courts who submitted Leadership Projects. ◆
—Email Sue Kelly: vozarkelly@zoominternet.net

I am the Potter

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chair

"Yet, Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and You our potter: we are all the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:7



Each of us has been fashioned by the hand of God. What kind of an earthen vessel do you think you are?

Do you have a wide base with short sides or tall sides, allowing you to reach many people?

Do you have a narrow base with tall sides because you do many things

for a small group of people?

Some may picture themselves as a narrow base that widens—they started helping those close to them and

with time expanded their ministries.

Or it could be the opposite, they started with a wide base and slowly narrowed, realizing that they could do more good for less people.



How do you picture yourself? This was an activity of one of our courts during a retreat. They did not have to share their results with each other. If they had, I believe others would have had different pictures of their friends. How do others picture you? I picture St. Mother Teresa as a wide base with tall sides. Would she have said the same of herself?

The pictures we have of ourselves or others are not important. God is the potter. He has made each of us into a beautiful vessel in which to share his work in whatever capacity we are able. As Catholic Daughters, may we continue to fill our earthen vessels with all those in need of our help.

Pray for Ukraine

God of Peace and Justice,
we pray for those caught up
in the current violence in Ukraine.
We implore you for peace
Holy Spirit, Our Consolation,
comfort all those who fear.
Grant wisdom and discernment to those in power.
Holy Family, who fled to Egypt,
guard all those who have sought refuge
away from the land they love,
and bring them safely home again.
Mary, Mother of us all, cast your protecting veil
around all suffering lands and peoples.
Turn all hearts back to your Son,
our only Savior and the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Prayer implores the swift aid of Heaven, and the Rosary in particular is a powerful means of obtaining peace. Our Lady of Fatima especially begged us to pray the Rosary for peace in the world.

—Email Dolores Croyle: scocro@comcast.net

Take a New Look at a National Charity: Catholic Extension

Lynn Kelly, National Projects State Chairman



atholic Extension was founded in 1905 by Father Francis Clement Kelley to help Catholics build up the Catholic faith communities in America's poorest regions. Today, Catholic Extension serves 87 "mission dioceses" and funds approximately 2000 projects annually throughout the United States and its territories.

Catholic Extension donors provide grants to build churches and fix facilities. They provide scholarships for emerging leaders and empower diverse ministries. They are also investing in the future of the faith through efforts to engage young people. Examples of how Catholic Extension organizes their work:

- ◆ Develop Leaders: They help develop Hispanic Lay Leadership, Deacons, Young Adult Leaders, Catholic School Leaders and Catholic Sisters by supporting scholarships, training and salary support.
- → **Build Churches:** Catholic Extension has extended 12,000 grants for construction and repair of churches and church facilities.
- ♣ Reach out to the Poor and Vulnerable: They strengthen Catholic family life by providing resources to ministries that support both marriage and family. These ministries include faith formation and religious education programs for all ages, such as Catholic bible studies, religion and CCD classes for young students, and classes on sacramental preparation. This support includes Bibles for Bible study programs, other religious education resource materials, and funding for liturgical ministries. Support also extends to Catholic media, such as radio and television programs, that evangelize a broader audience to the faith.
- ◆ Educate Seminarians: Each year, Catholic Extension supports 400 seminarians in their path to the priest-hood. They provide scholarships that help struggling dioceses pay for seminarian tuition as well as room and board. In addition, they support vocational programs in these areas.
- → Engage the Youth: Their donors help dioceses and parishes provide for the pastoral and faith formation needs of young Catholics. These grants support operational costs and salary subsidies for campus ministry, religious education for children and families and young adult programs.

I liked that this organization considers the whole Catholic family when developing their mission projects. Read about Catholic Extensions and take a look at their mission to spread the Good News; consider supporting their efforts. (https://www.catholicextension.org/)

At the request of Sherry Nilles, National Regent, Shirley Hall sent an email to regents—if courts would like to donate to Ukraine, National will send all donations to Catholic Extension. Please send a check to Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary, earmarked for Ukraine. •

-Email Lynn Kelly at: eirelynn28@comcast.net

February Lottery Winners February Selling Court Debbie Bennett Javne Wisniewski Carolyn Adams Michael Ternoway, Sr. Francis Shannon Thomas Giordano Christina Bell Rosemary Pawlowicz Carol Myers Kathleen Porter Mary Leonard Louisa Clawson Charlene MacDonald Marguerite Sweeney* Theresa Chanko Alyssa Brisbin Sara Janulewicz Leona Haag Pattie Fromknecht Nichols Medash Barb Oliveros

Maryann Thomas

Christian Leonard

Dolores Madden

Margaret Gowaty

Connie Maryott

Pat Gawryla

Annette Ajay

Linda Meyer

*\$100 winner

Domenic Campagna

Queen of Peace #1023 Lambing #214 Ave Maria #650 SO Lisa McCann Our Lady of Victory #588 SO Margaret Giordano St. Theresa #562 Butler #443 St. Florian #2240 St. Ephrem #2230

St. Catherine of Siena #1992 Annunciata #260 Washington #1651

St. Dominic #2222 SO Margaret Giordano St. Rita #523

Mystical Rose #2628 SR Shirley Hall

Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755

St. Ephrem #2230 Our Lady #647

Our Lady of Victory #588 Holy Trinity #1336

Allegheny #664

St. Francis De Sales #2617 Blessed Madonna #2521 Westinghouse #759 Conception #35 Prince Gallitzin #2625

St. Marys #95

March Lottery Winners

Pat Hubler Angela Gill Christian Leonard Cheryl Mclaughlin Irene Dedinsky Ct. Westinghouse #759 Susan Hutchins Cindy Ostroskie Jeanne Manz Julie & Todd Rittenhouse Thomas Barbush Ct. St. Rita #353 Bernie Cybach Debra Christy Lorraine Andrews Teresa Bayly Ct. Ave Maria #399 Dawn Walters Barb Oliveros* Tim Ieffries Thomas Barbush Pat McKean Cynthia Carlson Verny Keplar

Antoinette Sharetsky

Monna George

Chris Palamone

Monroe Keplar

Carmela Weber

Will Kocher

*\$100 winner

Barbara Starcovic

Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 Westinghouse #757 St. Rita #523 Allegheny #664 St. Rita #353

March Selling Court

Blessed Madonna #2521

Allegheny #664

Allegheny #664 Monessen #776

Westinghouse #757

Ryan #911

Callistus #66

New Kensington #860 Butler #443

PND, PSR Peggy Guckin

St. Martin #418 Ave Maria #399 Allegheny #664 Our Lady #647 St. Rita #523 Allegheny #664 Dolores #1675

St. Gerard Majella #2751 Brownsville #1141 Easton #358

Joan of Arc #716 St. Rene #1868

St. Gerard Majella #2751 Brownsville #1141 SR Shirley Hall Allegheny #664

April Lottery Winners

Margaret T. Giordano Father Alan Grote Dolores Glowacki Nicholas Campagna Laura Rumbol Dennis Patti Letty Calvetti Dorothy Costulas Bill Buskirk David Borelle Cindy Greco Colette Mccaffrey Victoria Gilley Sylvia Fox Becky Rozick Betty Geis Robert J. Walter* Dolores Berardicelli Rita Mroz Sylvia Fox Alan Mongelluzzo Mary Mullen Dale Egan Judith Lerch Gilda Simeoni Bridget Wallace Edward Guckin

Stephen Parish Louisa Clawson

Debbie Bennett

*\$100 winner

April Selling Court SO Margaret Giordano

Patricia #998 Lambing #314 Holy Trinity #1336 Sylvia Fox Easton #358 PND, PSR Letty Calvetti St. Veronica #111 St. Marys #890 SO Lisa McCann Washington #1651 St. Dominic #2222 New Kensington #860 Sylvia Fox St. Rita #523 Monessen #776 SO Margaret Giordano SO Margaret Giordano Ryan #911 Sylvia Fox PSR Margaret Novak Mystical Rose #2628 Westinghouse #759 Easton #358 St. Dominic #2222 Butler #443 PND, PSR Peggy Guckin Westinghouse #759

Annunciata #260

Queen of Peace #1023

Lucky Lottery Calendars for 2022-2023 are still available

Remember, the sale of these calendars keeps our state dues down and helps with day-to-day operations of the State Court and enables us to give to our charities; makes a great gift for Priest Appreciation Day and/or Father's Day too. Contact Lisa McCann via phone or email (contact information on front page).

Forms, forms, everywhere...forms!

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



Forms for this, forms for that, who knew there were so many...forms! This is a good thing! Forms are good! They keep us and everyone who interacts with us, individually or as a court, on track. They help to disseminate information, in a concise and accurate way.

Everyone who is in receipt of the "same" completed form, will have the "same" information. This is important, especially as it relates to contact information.

The "New (Local) Court Officers" form is due immediately after the court's monthly meeting in May. Whether or not your officers have changed or not, this form must be completed in full and be submitted, to show who the officers are, for the coming two-year term. The financial secretary com-

pletes the form and submits it, sending the original to national; one copy goes to our Worthy State Regent Shirley Hall; one copy goes to your local court's district deputy; and one copy remains with your local court records. If you have any questions, in regard to this or any other form, please contact your local court's district deputy.

Please, remember to send a copy of any form regarding membership in Pennsylvania, to the State Secretary.

Sometimes forms are sent via USPS or emailed to the court regent, but you can also find them on our state website: https://cdapa.com/index.html#forms. Or go to: https://cdapa.com/ then, select "Resources" from the top navigation menu; then, select "Forms" from the drop-down menu.

The forms section of our state's website has been recently updated. There are four sections. There is a section on how to complete and submit forms and there are sections for the Circle of Love and contest forms, national forms, and state specific forms.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable spring and summer season! ◆

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: web@cdapa.com

Transition—2022-24 Local Court Officers *Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian*



What's in the Works??

At the May meeting, each local CDA court will have election of officers for 2022-24. When the election takes place, at a court meeting by plurality vote or by motion, if there is only one nominee for an office, each officer shall

assume the office to which she has been elected, with or without installation, thirty (30) days after her election. (Bylaws: Article XIII, Section D, Elections, p. 40)

What's Next??

Set meeting date for the NEW 2022-2024 corp of officers WITH the 2020-2022 officers:

- ◆ Each outgoing officer brings all data pertaining to her office: responsibilities, instructions, minute books, ledgers, reports, bank books and statements, forms, info from National and State Courts and Diocesan Committee, BYLAWS BOOK, which outlines duties of each office. (Article XII, Local Courts, Sec. 7) (Duties of Local Court Officers, pages 35-39)
- ◆ Each outgoing officer explains duties she performs: displaying books, documents, etc. Each new officer now knows the responsibilities of her sister officers.
- ♦ Develop tentative list of committee chairs, with at least two other members on each committee. Call each for her commitment to serve.
- → Review upcoming events, develop tentative yearly calendar, consider new project/program to present as an Officers' Recommendation at next court meeting.
 - ◆ Be "on call" to help a sister officer! ◆

—Email Pat Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

Remembering Our Youth

Karen Mastriania, Youth State Chairman



We are in the heart of Spring, seeing things come back to new life, and looking forward to summer, with hopefully a little relaxation. The state chairmen for the Circle of Love are also in full swing gathering together all the reports from local courts, so they can choose one that stands out the most to them and get

the report they chose to the National Chairman for that part of the circle.

This year was my first year to be a State Chairman for the Circle of Love. Writing articles for the *Angelus* came to me semi-easy due to writing many letters for other organizations to which I belong.

As the reports came to me for Youth from the different courts, I enjoyed reading each one of them, finding it difficult to decide on just one to forward to National. I did manage to pick one that I felt told me how the court supports its youth not only by buying items, but also that members make items that took time and work. I do hope the courts keep up the excellent work they do for our youth, and I look forward to reading them again next year if I'm still the State Chairman for Youth.

Please remember to add our youth to your daily prayers to keep them safe and healthy over the summer months. Our youth are our future, so it is up to us to help them grow in mind and faith. May the Blessed Mother keep watch over each child throughout the year. •

—Email Karen Mastriania: mastrianiama@aol.com

There are three rules of dealing with all those who come to us: 1. Kindness, 2. Kindness, 3. Kindness.

~ Fulton Sheen ~

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.

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<u>Congratulations on Celebrating</u> <u>Your 100th Anniversary</u>

Court Our Lady of Victory #722
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Officers
Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Blessed and Joyous Easter

All My Family and Friends

All My CDA Family

Requested by Margaret T. Giordan

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

All Our Members and Their Families

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

All Our Pennsylvania CDA Members

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy Birthday

Danielle Christian, Niece
Adam Christian, Nephew
Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM
Nicole Kreider, Daughter
Jada Hoskins, Granddaughter
Valerie Hatfield, Daughter
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in March, April, May and June 2022. 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!

Happy Birthday

Danielle Christian
Regent Lee Ann Hrycaj
Spiritual Advisor Sr. Mary Paul
Vice Regent Nicole Kreider
Roberta Stefanow
Valerie Hatfield
Robin Burgoon
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Carol Bogaz

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Happy Feast Day of Saint Joseph Happy Feast Day of Saint Mary Joseph Rossello

Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy First Mother's Day

Jada Hoskins Karen Burgess

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Get Well Wishes, Speedy Recovery Good Health, Improved Health

Father Tony, Past State Chaplain Sr. Mary Paul

Requested by: Jeanette Kitch and Audrey Albaugh

Johanna Leonard Lorraine Andrews Father Tony Gargotta Theresa Shields

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Get Well Wishes, Speedy Recovery Good Health, Improved Health

Father Tony Gargotta, CDA PA Past State Chaplain Theresa Shields

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Father Tony Gargotta, Past State Chaplain
Adelynn Connors

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Prayers

All Those on Our Prayer List
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Special Intentions

Richard Druckenmiller
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Jackie Phiele, Niece of Paulette Manzella Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Successful Surgery

Carly Long

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thank You!

Father Sherdel and St. Philip the Apostle Church
Knights of Columbus Council #867
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Rest in Peace

Steven Simonson

Daisy May Erline, Mother of Tammy Rivera Jackie Phiele, Niece of Paulette Manzella Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Hector J. Santiago
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Lew Snyder Betty Maier

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director



The Soul's Flight
Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

In Memory

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck
Agatha Gerz

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Dolores Leath

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Kevin Grady

Requested by: Lee Ann Hrycaj

With Sympathy

Mary Snyder

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Tammy Rivera

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Appreciation For All They Do For Our Parish

St. James Parish Clergy Team

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

In Honor of His 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Joe Sioli

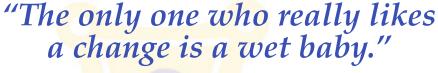
Requested by: Court Washington #1651

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





Return Service Requested



Sherry Nilles, National Regent My Dear Sisters in Christ,

y term as National Regent is coming to an end. I have enjoyed every minute of this fantastic journey. Each of you, as a member of Catholic Daughters, has been a joy and delight. Even with the many challenges of the past two years, every court has made adjustments in their meetings and moved forward to make the best even better. When we can finally meet in person, how thankful we will be!

The theme of this term and also the theme for the 59th Biennial National Convention, *Let all you do be done with love* (1 Corinthians 16-14), has served very well as a reminder of how we should willingly accept our journey through life.

This love is not a romantic love, but a true and complete love of God and acceptance of our neighbor.

Without love for our neighbor, this world would be hurting.

Without innovative women, this world would be stagnant and never changing.

Without women who dare to take a chance, this world would be dull and never move forward.

Without women willingly accepting all the problems of COVID-19 and making the necessary changes, our beloved Catholic Daughters could not survive and remain alive and active.

Love helped change our ways of doing many things. Using technology made meetings, workshops and even state conventions possible. That was a change in our lives!

There is an old saying that I quote many times: "The only one who really likes a change is a wet baby."

Although I fought change, using Zoom did force me to accept changes. I learned to use a new tool that allowed meeting face-to-face, have necessary discussions and keep moving ahead.

Change is necessary and can be good! Our vision and our purpose in this life is to love one another as God loves us. A priority should be to love all, therefore representing Jesus to everyone we meet.

As Catholic Daughters how do we do this? By following the first and greatest commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind." The second commandment completes the explanation, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love is always willing to help. Love is free. The only cost is that we truly open our heart and mind to Jesus and allow Him to lead us without reservation on this journey of life.

May God continue to bless us, everyone. ◆

Email Sherry Nilles: cdasherry@gmail.com



The launching of the **National Eucharistic Revival** in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will take place Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Loretto, Pennsylvania. Eucharistic Adoration and confessions, 3:00-6:30 p.m. Bishop Mark Bartchak, will be concelebrating Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Eucharistic Procession near the Shrine. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS have been asked to participate in this celebration. Officers are asked to robe and bring a lawn chair.