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This 'n That...

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You are the light of the world.

—Matthew 5:13-16



I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish all of you a prayerful Advent, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By now:

- ❖ Completed Fall Financial Reviews should have been sent to the National Office. Thank you, local courts, district deputies and area supervisors for adhering to these deadlines.
- ❖ National dues should have been mailed to the National Office, and
- ❖ State dues should have been sent to State Secretary, Pam Callahan. Thank you for promptly taking care of these.

Remember:

- ❖ Robe Surveys are due to National by January 31, 2024.
- ❖ All courts will be billed \$7.00 a year for their chaplain/spiritual advisors. If a court doesn't have a chaplain, the *Share* magazine can be sent to the parish office. Courts will be billed with the insurance billing in the spring.
- ❖ Purchase entry tickets for *Trip to The Grand Old Lady* drawing by January 5, 2024.

2024 National Contest Guidelines and Scholarship Applications have been sent to local court regents in the *National Quarterly*, and they are posted on the National website so you can obtain all the guidelines, forms and deadlines.

Contests include:

- ❖ CDA Membership
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Facebook Page
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Website

Circle of Love Forms with State chairman information on them will be sent to all PA local court regents in January. For more ideas on Circle of Love projects, see **Circle of Love Supplements** in the Tools of the Trade at www.catholicdaughters.org/tools-of-the-trade.



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

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This 'n That

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Special Court Anniversary Celebrations—Thank you to those courts who have advised me of the date, so I can mark my calendar. If I can possibly make it, I will! I look forward to hearing from more courts, too!

Diocesan Meetings and Events—Please advise me of these dates ASAP so I can mark my calendar. I hope to attend at least one!

Remember that CDA is all about Spirituality and Service and Unity and Charity. Keep casting your nets out into the deep to catch some new CDA members!

—Email Margaret Giordano: margarettgiordano.cdapa@gmail.com

NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' DAY

*Court Dolores #1675, Pittsburgh Diocese
Celebrating CDA Day, October 14, 2023*



Seated from left: Nikki Meglis, Regent; Anna Marie Glowaski, IPR. Standing, from left: Patty Prekrel; Randi Marodi, Recording Secretary; Andrea Remish, Vice Regent; Bonnie Conley, Financial Secretary; Constance Tuomi; Ann Perchinsky, Charter member; Loretta Antanovich; Pat Coyle; Deacon Barry Krofcheck; Pat McKean; Deacon Mike Gatto, Spiritual Advisor; Father Dilio Onyejiuwa

Philadelphia Archdiocese Celebrating CDA Day



District Deputy, Sara Janulewicz, Michelle Russo, State Treasurer, displaying robes; Local Officers of Day: Kathe Sobczak, Marge Compagna, Dorothy David, Barbara Adams and Deanna Teixeira, Dolly Maronski, altar server, and Rev. Stephen F. Katziner



Rosary Procession

Suzanne Garnett singing accapella
Donna Barone, crowner

NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' DAY 2023

Diocese of Pittsburgh

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, CDA members of the Pittsburgh Diocese celebrated Catholic Daughters' Day with breakfast, formal reception of new members, and holy Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh. We were very blessed that The Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid joined us and celebrated Mass. Bishop Waltersheid spoke to us about his years of studying and then later returning to the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he served as Director of Apostolic Works and then as Vice Rector of the seminary. The bishop was pleased to know that the Pontifical College is a CDA National Charity and receives additional donations from the state of Pennsylvania by way of our Spiritual Intentions.



Janine Littlefield, member of Court Bellevue #655, and Bishop Waltersheid enjoying a conversation. Janine was one of the ladies formally received this day. She is the mother of Mark

who is currently a seminarian in the Pittsburgh Diocese studying and in formation at St. Vincent Seminary, Greensburg, PA.



Our ladies before the altar of St. Paul Cathedral



Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte, celebrated their 103rd Anniversary on National CDA Day



The day started with a beautiful Mass, celebrated by Fr. Brian Saylor, Court Chaplain and a great homily provided by Deacon Tom Boldin. A banquet was held at the American Legion in Pleasant Gap. We celebrated all our milestone anniversaries from five years to 70+ years. We had several join the Lifetime Member group, and we announced our CDA Lifetime Achievement winner, Rose Ennis.

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"The Rosary"

Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent

My Dear Pennsylvania CDA Sisters,

You may have heard the saying, "A family that prays together stays together." I recall as a child being in the living room with my family praying the rosary. Also, when we went on trips in the car, we would pray the rosary and always ask *Our Lady of the Highway* to be with us for a safe journey.

Catholic Daughters is an organization of spirituality and service. We begin all our meetings and events with prayer. Prayer aids us in doing all the things we need to do everywhere—at home, at work, in our neighborhoods and communities, for CDA, for our God.

Each day I pray the rosary—not one, but all the Mysteries—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous. This helps me focus and get through each day. I pray, with the help of our Patroness the Blessed Mother, to do what God wants me to do.

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in two special rosaries:



the Fatima Rosary with the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary Unit #1306



and the Patriotic Rosary with Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755

Let us "pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of war, for she alone can help." (July 13, 1917)

We have so many things to pray for...Each day I pray for you; please pray for me, too! God be with you.

—Email Margaret Giordano: margarettgiordano.cdapa@gmail.com



The Rosary

Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent



Iwould like to share the beautiful devotion my court, Court Westinghouse #759, has been offering in our parish for several years now. Twice a year, in May and October, we organize a scriptural rosary of the four mysteries of the Holy Rosary that includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

There are eight churches in the parish most of our members belong to and we have offered this devotion in each of the churches. We invite everyone to come for part of or the whole two hours it takes for this devotion and advertise it well that it is sponsored by CDA.

We use a beautiful booklet published by Gospa Missions (www.gospa.org). *My Scriptural Rosary* was written by Gospa Missions founder, the late Thomas Rutkoski.

Praise be Jesus Christ for putting Mr. Rutkoski in my path shortly after joining CDA and as I was starting my journey back from being a lukewarm Catholic. Tom Rutkoski was an author, international speaker, and humanitarian. But foremost, he worked for souls for Our Lady. Mr. Rutkoski, and his legacy of Gospa Missions and Abode for Children, continue to impact thousands of lives. I thank God for those moments God used and continues to use Thomas Rutkoski to impact my life. I was truly blessed by God to have known his soldier, Tom.

If you do not have a Scriptural Rosary to follow, I urge you to contact Gospa Missions to get *My Scriptural Rosary* for yourself, court members and all your loved ones. I promise it to be a devotional that will change your life.

—Email Lisa McCann: cdapalisa@gmail.com

What the Rosary Means to Me

Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent



I say the rosary for all those on the prayer list and those that need to be.

For those in the way of the natural disasters—please help them to rebuild their homes, lives, families and faith.

For the young and elderly that are shut in or alone—let them know they are not alone that you are with them and people are thinking about them and praying for them.

For those in the bondage of slavery—let them know freedom and let their captives learn that everyone's life is important and no one should own another.

For those under the snare of the devil—please help them see the light and turn back to you.

For all the souls in purgatory—welcome them into heaven one day.

For the men and women in the armed services—please keep them safe and we thank them for doing their job and keeping us safe.

For policemen, firemen and health care workers—we thank you for them. Keep them safe and help them do their jobs compassionately and treat others as they would their own family members.

For all priests, deacons and nuns in training or already working—please watch over them and let them be able to continue spreading the word with what ever means they have possible.

For those in political office—please help them turn to you when making important decisions.

For my family, friends, CDA and Altar Rosary ladies and their families.

I thank you God, Jesus, Mary, Holy Spirit, Angels and Saints.

For all you do and all you continue to do. I thank you for watching over me and keeping me on the right path.

I thank Mother Mary for being in my life and allowing me to pray for those in need.

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What Happens When You Pray the Rosary?

Pam Callahan, State Secretary

What happens when you, or I, pray the Rosary? In many cases, we have no idea. But every now and then, Jesus and Mary work together to give us a glimpse of what can be accomplished by praying the Rosary and asking Mary to intercede for us.

When I pray the Rosary, I am transported to a different place in time. It isn't always the same, but I feel closer to God, and to Mary. As I walk through the different stages of each mystery, I feel a contrast of emotions, the harshness of the sorrowful mysteries and the wonder of the glorious mysteries and all the feelings in between that the mysteries provide. I feel more spiritual, connected, and centered when I pray the Rosary. Try joining in the next Rosary at your local church or CDA court/event and get closer to God. He and Mary enjoy your company and you will walk away with a feeling of peace. With much love and blessings.

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The Rosary

Michelle Russo, State Treasurer



According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The mysteries of the rosary center on the events of Christ's life. Furthermore, the repetition in the rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The rosary can be said privately or with a group.

I remember receiving my first rosary beads when preparing for my First Holy Communion in second grade. The girls received a small white shoulder bag with a prayer book, scapular and rosary beads. Here it is, 58 years later, and I still have my gift. I do not have the heart to part with it. Again, many years later, while visiting my girlfriend, she invited me to sit on her front step with her and her young children to say the rosary. With the sun shining down upon us, keeping us warm, praying the rosary warmed my heart and soul. I am very thankful for this opportunity to assist her in teaching her young children how to pray the rosary.

Now, with the Catholic Daughters, I enjoy praying the rosary while we are driving in the car. The serenity, calmness, and peacefulness brings comfort to my heart. The harmony of reciting the prayers is like music for your soul.

<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

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Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Allentown Diocesan Meeting



An Allentown CDA Diocesan meeting was held October 14th, hosted by Court Ryan #911. All courts from Allentown Diocese were present: Court Easton #358 (Easton), Court St. James #1029 (Frackville) and Court Ryan #911 (Jim Thorpe), as well as courts from neighboring Harrisburg and Scranton Dioceses, Court Queen of Peace #1023 (Lancaster) and Court St. Martin #418 (Honesdale).

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg, Patriotic Rosary

The 12th Patriotic Rosary hosted by Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 was held on November 4, 2023, at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. It is held annually on the Saturday before the General Election. The purpose of the Patriotic Rosary is to ask the Blessed Mother and her son, Jesus, for guidance in voting. Participating in the event were Pennsylvania State Regent Margaret Giordano and Immediate Past State Regent Shirley Hall as well as members State Senator Judy Ward and Blair County Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills Anita Terchanik, Parliamentarian Pat Gildea, State Cantor Mary Dively and other court members; it was officiated by Deacon Charles Aheam.



ERIE DIOCESE

Court Columbia #2, Meadville

70-Year Member Pinning and Snack Party



Sitting: Angie Adams (70 years); left to right: Peggy Acker and Angie Lewis (72-year members), Mary Ann Cochran, Pat Say, Phyllis Vrobel; standing in back: Jeanette Kitch

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

National Essay Winner, Division 3, Essay



Left to right: Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Margaret T. Giordano, Education Contest Co-Chairman; Adelynn Connors, Essay, Division 3, National Education Contest Winner; Robin Burgoon, Co-Chairman; Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Washington #1651, Washington

70th Anniversary Celebration

held at the Washington Elks. Don Shaw, Grand Knight of K of C Council #1083, expressed gratitude to be associated with such a fine group of Catholic women who are true role models for our mission as part of the "Church Alive."

Court Washington #1651 celebrated their 70th anniversary September 24 at Mass in Immaculate Conception Church, St. James Parish. Mass was celebrated by Pastor Rev. Edward Yuhas, assisted by Spiritual Advisor Deacon Jeff Hirst. Following Mass, dinner was



Left to right: Past State Regent Peg Witas, Banner Bearers Linda Kubacka and Sarah Bagay, Past State Regent and Court Treasurer Laraine McGinnis, Recording Secretary Denise Morris, Deacon Jeff Hirst, Reverend Edward Yuhas, State Regent Margaret Giordano, Regent Denise Quayle, Vice Regent Andrea Alderson, Financial Secretary Pam Bamberger, District Deputy Debbie Genemore

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Successful Fall Cake Sale



Anne Albertson, Alicia Bair, Carol Parsons, Rose Medash, Dolly Maronski, Kathy MacElroy

Court St. Mark #1097, Bristol

Designer Bag Bingo



Sarah Mastrull, Valerie Berrocal and Cathy Sanelli selling tickets at Designer Bag Bingo

More NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' DAY 2023

Philadelphia Archdiocese - Celebrates 47th Annual CDA Day on October 14



Sitting: Dolly Maronski, Michelle Russo, Peggy Guckin, Louise Pepe (new member # 2230)
Standing: Gayle Noll (new member # 1097) Sara Janulewicz, Donna Opferman (new member # 650), Amanda Berrocal (new member # 1097), Tawana Coates (new member # 2222) (Missing new member # 2230 — Vickie Williams-Dougherty)

Officers and members of Court St. Dominic #2222 with Rev. Brian Connolly, Parochial Administrator and Court Chaplain



America Needs Fatima

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Prior to 2012, when Anne Nelson was National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, she came out with *Take Time, Say Three Hail Marys for Peace and the End of Terrorism*. Now, Robert E. Ritchie, Director, America Needs Fatima has asked us to say three Hail Marys for the future of the United States.

In the 13th century, a Benedictine mystic named Saint Mechtilde was concerned about her eternal salvation and began praying to Our Blessed Mother to assist her in her hour of death. Our Lady appeared to her saying, "I will, certainly. But I also want you to say three special Hail Marys to me every day."

"The first Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Father, Whose omnipotence raised my soul so high above every other creature that, after God, I have the greatest power in heaven and on earth. In the hour of your death, I will use that ability to keep any hostile influence far from you."

"The second Hail Mary will be said in honor of the Son of God, Who communicated His inscrutable wisdom to me. In the hour of your death, I will fill your soul with the light of that wisdom so that all the darkness of ignorance and error will be dispelled."

"The third Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Holy Ghost, Who filled my soul with the sweetness of His love and tenderness and mercy. In your last hour, I will then change the bitterness of death into divine sweetness and delight."

It's amazing what Our Blessed Mother can do with three simple prayers—if we say them. Given the current state of the culture here in America—where traditional Catholic values are challenged every day—our team at America Needs Fatima feels compelled to commit to praying three Hail Marys for the future of the United States each day.

And I'm hopeful you will join us. Will you show your commitment to this special devotion by signing our Three Hail Marys Pledge at this secure link? <https://americanneedsfatima.org/three-hail-marys-pledge>. All you have to do is pray three Hail Marys every morning or evening in honor of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.

Then, you simply say this invocation at the end of each Hail Mary:

"O my Mother, preserve me this day (or night) from mortal sin."

Please take the pledge today and join with thousands of other Catholics. And once you do, I hope you'll share it with others so that we can get even more people praying Hail Marys for the good of America every single day.

— Robert E. Ritchie, Director, America Needs Fatima



Jesus is the Light of the World

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life. —John 8:12



Jesus invites every one of us to dispel the darkness from our lives. In 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, Paul talks about dispelling the darkness on three levels: first, God dispels the darkness from the world in Genesis; second, Jesus dispels the darkness through his new covenant; and third, Jesus dispels the darkness within our own hearts.

First, God dispels the darkness from the world in Genesis. God, the father saw the universe was filled with darkness. He said, “Let light shine out of darkness” (Gen 1:3). The purpose of God is to dispel the darkness through the light, so that we can see everything in the world, including God. It is not only about us seeing God; it is also about God wanting us to see Him face to face. Our first parents saw God face to face. But, because of our original sin, we lost the privilege to see Him this way. In other words, through our original sin, we dispelled the light, and we were pushed back into the darkness again. However, God never left us. He has always been trying to establish his relationship with his people all the time.

God the Father saw that the world is filled with darkness. He wants to purify the world. He wants to bring light back into the world. He chose a new nation through our ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which is Israel. God chose Israel so that they would bear witness to him and they would be truthful to him in every way possible. God wants Israel to be a light to the nations. In other words, Israel should be like a burning candle through which the whole world will be redeemed. But then, Israel again proves to be a failure to God through their sins: their disloyalty to Him, worshipping idols, and breaking the commandments. In other words, Israel does not want to be in light; they went back to darkness. But God sent his only son as a light into the world. God does not want anything from Israel. He wants them to accept Jesus as the Son of God. He wants them to believe Jesus is the true Messiah. But then, they rejected Jesus in every way.

Second, Jesus creates his new covenant through the light. Jesus created the Church so that every one of us will live in the light. This is a reminder that we are given a candle during our baptism, and we also carry the burning candle during Easter. This is light’s victory over darkness. This is our salvation. Through baptism, we are all promised that we will receive eternal life. So, Jesus brought the light back into the world. Through our new covenant, we are all brought into the light. Put differently, we all receive the privilege to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Again, Jesus wants to transform our hearts by bringing the light. Jesus does not stop to dispel the darkness around us when we enter into the Church. He wants something interior to happen within us. As Paul says, we, as followers of Christ, should carry Jesus Christ in our lives. Paul is the perfect witness, an exemplary role model for all Christians to live courageously even while being persecuted from others. Even he was accused of being a false apostle. As he says, he was afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. How did Paul receive this courage? It is through the new creation in his heart: his conversion. Paul personally experienced the effect of this light when the light of Christ outshined his past nature by transforming him into a new creation. In other words, Paul was always carrying in his body or heart the death of Jesus. Through Jesus, Paul was able to overcome all his troubles.

Yes, dear friend in Jesus Christ, Jesus wants us to transform our hearts by dispelling all the darkness in our lives. Many times, in the world, we sin in one way or another. One may sin through words and action. Today, in a special way, Jesus invites everyone of us to transform our hearts. But how can we transform our hearts? It is through the sacraments. Jesus wants us to be closer to Him. He wants us to spend more time with him. He wants to purify all of our hearts. He wants us to confess all our sins. In fact, Jesus wants us to confess all our sins regularly. He does not want us to be in the darkness. He does want us to be in the light. With prayer and a firm commitment to God and Jesus, it can surely happen.



*The Adoration of the Shepherds — Bernardo Strozzi 1581-1644
—restoredtraditions.com*

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Mark your Calendar!

2024 60th Biennial National Convention

August 14-18, 2024

Riverside Hilton

New Orleans, Louisiana

JoAnn Lynn, State Education Chairman

2024 National CDA Education Contest

Themes: God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. (Luke 1:78) OR, How does my love shine for others?

Students may be Catholic or non-Catholic

Division 1: Grades 4 and 5—Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art

Division 2: Grades 6-7-and 8—Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music and Photography

Division 3: Grades 9-10-11-12—Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music and Photography

Division 4: Adult CDA members—Essay, Poetry and Photography



PLEASE FOLLOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

Court Chairman: Please send local

First-Place winners to me by

March 1, 2024. Thank you!

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Circle of Love Legislation

**Angela Deemer, State Legislation
Chairman**

The following are a few suggestions to help your court participate in the Legislation part of the Circle of Love.

Ask a local representative to attend your meeting and talk about upcoming bills and discuss their positions on issues.

Let your voices be heard—write, phone or email your legislators about your thoughts on upcoming bills.

*Have a letter writing campaign at a meeting.

Report to your court about issues addressed in the *Operation Morningstar* newsletter.

Hold a prayer service for the unborn at your meeting.

Sponsor a voter registration drive.

Sponsor a special PEACE or PATRIOTIC Mass.

*Please remember the Catholic Daughters of the Americas does not support, endorse or oppose political candidates or any political party.

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Unity and Charity



March for Life, State Capital, Harrisburg, January 16, 2023

Margaret Giordano, State Regent and Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent



Thank You
for your
support!

Friendship Cake

1 cup greetings
1 large handshake
1 tsp. sympathy
1/2 cup smiles
2/3 cup love
2 cups hospitality

*Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly.
Add handshake separately. Slowly stir in love.
Sift sympathy and hospitality; fold in carefully.
Bake in a warm heart. Serve often.*

Family

Robin Krofcheck, State Family Chairman

Greetings Catholic Daughters,



My name is Robin Krofcheck. I will be serving as your Circle of Love Family State Chairman. I am from Amity, PA and have been a member of Court Washington #1651 for 10 years. The upcoming months offer many opportunities for you to strengthen the families in your parish and community. Be creative and filled with faith, hope and love. I look forward to learning how the PA courts embrace and promote the FAMILY.

FAMILY

Faith The center of the family
Actions Support those in need
Minister Spread the Faith
Invite New members into your court
Love Works together with Faith
Yearn To Celebrate the Family

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For today in the
city of David
a Savior has been
born for you
who is
Messiah and Lord.

—Luke 2:11

Pro-Life Christmas Cards



Borders and text are in gold foil. The cost is \$9 for a package of 11 cards. Your purchase supports the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County, PA. For more information, call or email Marge Bradley, 814-505-5025; mkobradley@verizon.net. Thank you!



State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer



As noted on our national website... The Apostleship of the Sea, one of our national charities, is seeking priests to become a part of their cruise ship priest program! Personally, I know such a priest, and he speaks very highly of his years of experience. If your court chaplain or any other priest you know is interested, they can obtain more information by contacting **Doreen Badeaux at 409-985-4545** and/or by visiting: <https://www.aos-usa.org>.

The role of a spiritual advisor, for our Catholic Daughters of the Americas national, state, local and campus courts, is an important one. A spiritual advisor for each of these divisions (national, state, and local/campus courts) are defined differently in our *National Bylaws*.

Our National Chaplain Reverend Shenan J. Boquet has put together a presentation regarding the "role," which he shared with those attending the State and Territorial Officers meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. In his presentation, Fr. Boquet addresses the need for a closer examination of this "role" of a spiritual advisor/chaplain, why it is needed, and by whom it should be addressed. You can read about the details here: <https://cdapa.com/pdf/role-of-the-chaplain-survey-for-state-officers.pdf>.

National has established a policy regarding PayPal and Venmo. We, local and state courts, can receive funds via deposits made through PayPal and Venmo into our respective bank accounts, but we cannot use PayPal or Venmo to make purchases. You can read more about it here: <https://cdapa.com/pdf/policy-regarding-funds-and-purchases.pdf>.

National, with the help of a local court member, Madeline Marcoux, Court St. Clare of Assisi #2677 in Surprise, Arizona, has updated the Member Deletion form, as well as the New Local Court Officer form. You can read more about it here and get a copy of these forms and other forms too: <https://catholicdaughters.org/links-to-member-forms>.

National has moved the contest forms from the "Forms" section and placed them in the "Activities" section. They can be found here: <https://catholicdaughters.org/2024-contests>.

National is conducting a robe survey! All responses must be submitted by individual members and are due by January 31, 2024. Additional information can be found in *Share* and in our *National Quarterly* or here: <https://catholicdaughters.org/robe-survey>.

I wish one and all a very wonderful, faith, family and friends-filled upcoming holiday season! May you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: cdapa.com@gmail.com



Parliamentary Procedures' Pointers

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



DUTIES OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER / CHAIR / REGENT

- ...inspires confidence
 - ...knows the Bylaws, Roberts Rule of Order, Standing Rules, Tools of the Trade
 - ...comes to meetings with her bag of tools
 - ...prepares customized agenda; copy to secretary, advisor, vice regent, parliamentarian
 - ...gets items of unfinished business from secretary
 - ...highlights parts of CDA mailings and correspondence to be read
 - ...follows up with all chairmen before meeting; calls on those only who have a report
 - ...appoints a parliamentarian
 - ...presides at all meetings
 - ...maintains control; keeps "center stage" at all times
 - ...uses lectern and microphone (if possible)
 - ...calls meeting to order with one rap of the gavel
 - ...stands when conducting the meeting; sits for reports
 - ...projects voice, so all can hear
 - ...three raps of the gavel for members to rise for prayer, flag salute, "Opening Ode," one rap to sit
 - ...informs the assembly, clarifies, but does not express an opinion (unless vacating the chair)
 - ...can suggest a certain motion to resolve a situation
 - ...requests member to stand to present a motion, or discuss a motion
 - ...follows the agenda for reports—secretary, treasurer, chairman (only those who have a report)
 - ...does not have the right to cut off discussion
 - ...denies acceptance of "I so move"
 - ...handles all motions, amendments, and subsidiary motions
 - ...confers routinely with the court advisor
 - ...when the agenda is completed, says "Is there any further business to come before the court?" (pauses for any response), then says "the meeting is adjourned" and makes one rap of the gavel.
- The next meeting is _____.
- Closing Prayer and "Closing Ode" (three raps to stand)
- ...Calls on the program chairman, if there is a speaker

—Email Patricia Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

Preparing for Our Savior's Birthday



Susan Moné, National Regent-Elect, PA National Supervisor

I was blessed to get a kick-start on my Advent as I traveled with my CDA sisters on the Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal for 12 days. It was very inspiring as we visited so many beautiful churches and, of course, being at Fatima for a few days. I also had the opportunity to get to know your own PA Pam Callahan and her husband, George, as we shared the journey together.

If you want a companion for the journey, National has an Advent book you can order from the store for \$5.

In addition to the spiritual aspect of Advent, it is also time to do for others with our service to those in need. Think of a way or ways that you can help, such as donating to the food banks, serving at a shelter, or dining hall; clean your closet out of all those clothes that haven't fit for years, or you have had for years, visit and pray with those members of your court who are home-bound or in nursing homes and are lonely to let them know they are still an important part of your court.

As the Advent and Christmas season approach, be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families that the newborn Child will bless you on His birthday and in the New Year 2024. God's peace and love.

—Email Susan Moné: smone2164@gmail.com



Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good, His Mercy Endures Forever.

Aug. Lottery Winners

Mary Serafini
John Rhoa
Sylvia Fox
Karen McDade
Betty Dombrosky
Jamie Bordell
Jennifer Buskirk
Annette Ajay
Mary Catherine Wydra
Melody Yeardie
Charles Hulse
Ct. St. James Greater #2180
Robert Trombetta
CDA Ct. Ave Maria #399
Jenn Kocher*
Lydia Phillip
Barbara H. Starcovic
Caron S. Leath
Ben Gehlman
Mary Silbaugh
Debbie Coughenour
Jean Rankin
Dolores Madden
Sarah Uncapher
Alison Schmer
Vivian Cribbs
Emily Fromknecht
Payton Fox
Carol Liberi
David Borelle
Ginny McDowell
*\$100 winner

Aug. Selling Court

St. Veronica #111
Our Lady of Victory #722
Sylvia Fox
Immaculate Conception #2454
Westinghouse #759
Our Lady of Victory #588
Easton #358
Prince Gallitzin #2625
Our Lady of Victory #588
Uniontown #505
Patricia #998
St. James the Greater #2180
Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
Ave Maria #399
IPSR Shirley Hall
Ave Maria #650
St. Gerard Majella #2751
SR Margaret Giordano
St. Rita #523
Washington #1651
Roses of Mary #2766
St. Thomas #1483
St. Francis de Sales #2617
St. Theresa #562
Ave Maria #399
Patricia #998
State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
Sylvia Fox
St. Dominic #2222
SO Lisa McCann
Annunciata #260

Sept. Lottery Winners

Fr. Joseph Petrone
Ed Burkett
Cindy Phillifent
Alan Mongelluzzo
Janice Gavalik, Regent
Gloria Kehrl
Cynthia Greco
Ron Faller*
Annette Ajay
Sylvia Fox
Marianne Rook
Frances A. Rhoa
Christina Bell
Denise Barr
Susan Hutchins
Andrea Christoff
Mary Ann Kennis
Tina Strible
Laura Rumbol
Lorraine Benner
Mary Mullen
Julie Le
Linda Ducean
Anna Marie Pfeil
Mary VanCise
Janice Gavalik
Laura Robson
Mary Jane Davidson
Virginia S. Rhoa
Dennis Patti
*\$100 winner

Sept. Selling Court

Columbia #2
Our Lady of Victory #722
Westinghouse #759
Roses of Mary #2766
St. James the Greater #2180
Ryan #911
Washington #1651
Bellevue #655
Prince Gallitzin #2625
Sylvia Fox
Callistus #66
Our Lady of Victory #722
St. Theresa #562
St. Dominic #2222
Callistus #66
St. Catherine #1992
St. Veronica #111
St. Gerard Majella #2751
Sylvia Fox
Bellevue #655
Mystical Rose #2628
Sylvia Fox
Our Lady of Victory #588
Of Our Lady #647
Conception #35
St. James the Greater #2180
Roses of Mary #2766
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Our Lady of Victory #722
Easton #358

Oct. Lottery Winners

Mary Maglione
Annette Fisanick
Dawn Walters
Donna Miknis
Traci Connor
Pam Callahan
Sheila Garcia*
Monna George
Reverend James Power
George Rumbol
Janet Lefeure
Vincent DiBianca
Joanne Marcinkevage
Janice Gavalik, Regent
Rosemary Biskup
Gail Rhodes
Betty Jane Jaroneski
Essie Walker
Ernest Shaulis
Michelle Fleming
Sylvia Fox
Kathy Haught
Pat Moore
Nancy Kilpatrick
Ct. Ave Maria #650
Mark Glowacki
Genya Bannon
Charlotte Resek
James W. Ferguson
M. Yvonne Busee
Rachel Faller
*\$100 Winner

Oct. Selling Court

St. Dominic #2222
Our Lady of Victory #722
SO Lisa McCann
St. Marys #890
St. Francis de Sales #2617
SO Pam Callahan
Westinghouse #759
Joan of Arc #716
Immaculate Conception #2454
Sylvia Fox
Monessen #776
Sylvia Fox
Ave Maria #399
St. James the Greater #2180
Greene County #1923
Lambing #314
Prince Gallitzin #2625
SR Margaret T. Giordano
Roses of Mary #2766
SR Margaret T. Giordano
Sylvia Fox
Washington #1651
Callistus #66
Easton #358
Ave Maria #650
Lambing #314
St. Victoria #646
Washington #1651
Roses of Mary #2766
Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
Bellevue #655

**Time for a Chuckle!**

An elderly woman had a serious hearing problem for a number of years. The doctor fitted her for a set of hearing aids that allowed the woman to hear 100%. The woman went back later to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The woman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet—I just sit around and listen to the conversation. I have changed my will three times."

An elderly lady who was a faithful employee of a company for many years before her retirement was invited to the company's Christmas party. Every time she ordered a drink at the open bar, she said "Scotch with two drops of water." After the third time, one of her former bosses asked her, "Do you always ask for scotch and two drops of water?" She answered, "At my age, I can hold my liquor, but I can't hold my water."

Powerful Woman's Motto

Live your life in such a way that when
Your feet hit the floor in the morning,
Satan shutters and says...
"Oh no,...she's awake!!!"

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Altoona, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: _____

From: _____

Intention: _____

Happy 70th Anniversary

Court Washington #1651

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 45th Anniversary

Tom & Denise Voisard

Requested by: Your sister, Peggy

Happy 20th Anniversary

Court Blessed Madonna #2521

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 99th Birthday!

LaRue Lautsch

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Alessandra Hoskins, Granddaughter

Tina Morgan, Niece

Mary Clare Selway, Sister

James A. Giordano, Brother

Rita Bigley, Cousin

Charlie Sultzbach, Father-in-Law

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Alessandra Hoskins

CarolAnne Ferreira

Mary Clare Selway

Janet Kreiner

Tammy Rivera

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in September, October and November. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Happy Birthday

Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Your Sister CDA PA State Officers

Shirley Hall, Immediate Past State Regent

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy National CDA Day!

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Get Well Wishes/Good Health

Improved Health/Speedy & Complete Recovery

Prayers

Joanne Walker

Requested by: Court St. Dominic #2222

Marianne Midora, Regent

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Susan Sharer

Lee Ann Hrycaj

Paulette Manzella

Peggy McGinley

Carly Long

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Susan Sharer

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

*Get Well Wishes/Good Health
Improved Health/Speedy & Complete Recovery*

Prayers

Celeste Eckman

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Mary Becker

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Shirley Hall, Immediate Past State Regent

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Madeline Walsh

Requested by: Court St. Ephrem #2230

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

All Those on Our Prayer List

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy

Blaine Galonski, Husband of Mary Ann

Requested by: Court St. Bernard #339

Tina Dambach

2019-2023 Quality of Life State Chairman

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Henry A. Horn, Grandfather

Rita Smith Wade-El

James A. Giordano, Father

E. Margaret Horn, Grandmother

Margaret H. Giordano, Mother

Robert F. Leath

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Anne Nelson, Past National Regent

Shirley Ettestad, Past National Director

and Past State Regent of Minnesota

Paul Martineau, Husband of Janet Martineau,

Past State Regent and Past National Director

from Montana

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy

All Deceased CDA Members

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Patricia Holscher

Requested by: Marge Bradley

*Tom Carlisle, Husband of Ruth Carlisle,
Past State Regent and Past National Director
from North Carolina*

Requested by: CDA State Court

Successful Term

Margaret Giordano

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Thank You!

Denise and Al Ricci

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Thank You for Your Love, Support and Prayers!

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Thinking of You

Arline Rich, Past National Director

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, PND

CDA State Court

*Wishing All Members and Families
Happy Thanksgiving, A Blessed Christmas &
Happy New Year*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, PND

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



Return Service Requested

National Catholic Daughters Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal **October 2023, hosted by National Chaplain Father Shenan J. Boquet**

Pam Callihan, State Secretary, and her husband, George, along with National Regent Emily Guilherme, National Regent-Elect Susan Moné, First Vice National Regent Essie Walker, Second Vice National Regent Connie Dronette, Susan Killan (secretary for Emily Guilherme) along with 45 CDA members and friends, participated in this journey. Tour operator was LeAnn Brand (also CDA member) from L. P. Pilgrimages Services.

Pam gives her highlights:

This trip was amazing! Never in my wildest dreams before becoming a Catholic Daughter, did I ever envision myself going to Portugal or Spain. At my first National Convention in Puerto Rico, little did I know that the flyer that was sent around about the National trip to Spain and Portugal would be so spiritual for me.

I suggested to my husband that we go, we were not sure that we wanted to, as we had already committed to going on our first pilgrimage to Italy with our own pastor. But we said yes!

I am so glad we did. We started in Lisbon, spent three days in Fatima, during which time we participated in the International Pilgrimage Rosary and Candlelight Procession; we also walked the Way of the Cross. We worked our way up the coast to Santiago de Compostella. I was privileged to be able to lector for one of the Masses held when we were there.

We had Mass every day in some amazingly beautiful churches and cathedrals; Father Shenan chanted every Mass. It was music to my ears, literally; I love singing and this was the highlight of my day every time! Unfortunately, it rained every day, we were drenched several times over, but we kept reminding ourselves, this was not a vacation, it was a pilgrimage, and our suffering was nothing like that of our dear Lord and that of St. James. We were walking the way of St. James, and a little rain would not detract us from our mission.



Pam Callahan, seated, center, with National Officers and other pilgrims taking a little break