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Madonna and Child
 Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685)

The State Officers wish all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. At this time of the year, we think of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope that you and your family enjoy many graces from our Blessed Lady and her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in 2013.

By now, National has notified your court as to how many delegates and alternates that you are entitled to send to our State Convention in April. Will your court help to beat the numbers of officers and members (138) and the numbers of courts (42) that attended our State Workshop? We certainly hope so!

We received many wonderful suggestions from the survey that was taken at the Workshop. We hope that you enjoy seeing the results in this edition.

Please check the articles on the new Education contest requirements. Hopefully, we will surpass the number of entries that we had last year.

Our Newsletter Chairman has included an article this edition to help you submit your editions for our contest. Every court should have a newsletter to inform their members of the upcoming events.

Margaret



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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Spiritual Intention Cards for Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters

Our **Spiritual Intention Cards** were distributed to the courts represented at our State Workshop in September. Our State Clergy Consultant, Father Grimme, has agreed to say a Mass on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church in Altoona for all of your intentions.

The intentions should be sent to **1st Vice State Regent Peggy Guckin, 203 Harmony Court, Bensalem, PA 19020**. You may send any donation you wish with a check made payable to CDA. A personal check will be accepted for these intentions. We have seen an increase in the use of the cards since the September allocation. If in need of more of the cards, please contact 1st Vice Peggy to have additional cards sent to you.

All donations received for these intentions will be sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome to help our seminarians studying there.

If you have any questions concerning these Spiritual Intention Cards, please contact State Regent Margaret at **814-735-3386** or **cdamargaret@gmail.com**.

Youth-JCDA Report

Dear Members:

If you are interested in having Junior CDA Court or want to know what it entails, please contact me.

Also, anyone who has a college-age daughter or grandchildren could see if they might be interested in starting a CDA Campus Court at their college.

May the Child Jesus and His Sacred Heart help us to grow in this area again and watch over us.

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Newsletter Editor

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

We regretfully announce that our Newsletter Editor for the past year, Pattie Fromknecht, has resigned due to personal commitments. We thank Pattie for all of the work that she put into our past editions. A Plaque of Appreciation was given to Pattie from the State Court at the State Workshop.

We are happy to introduce you to our new Newsletter Editor. Marge Bradley lives in Duncansville and has just joined Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755. She and her mom, Stella, were at our Patriotic Rosary in November and feel that CDA is an organization in which they are proud to be members.

Marge and her husband, Doug, moved to Pennsylvania from Michigan four years ago. She has much experience in putting various styles of newsletters together—Blair County *Life News*, for Citizens Concerned for Human Life, and *Lifespan News* for Right to Life - Lifespan in southeastern Michigan. Welcome aboard, Marge!

NATIONAL NEWS

STATE CONVENTION 2013

National and State dues must be paid 30 days prior to the State Convention for a court to be entitled to representation. Courts shall elect delegates to the State Convention at a business meeting preceding the deadline for submitting delegate registration to the State Regent (Bylaws, page 36).

If you do not have court meetings in January or February, please elect your delegates and alternates at your December meeting. This will insure that your court will have representatives at this important event. All are welcome to come to the convention, but only those elected as a delegate will be able to vote. You will be notified by National as to the number of delegates and alternates your court is eligible to have after November 15, 2012.

EDUCATION CONTEST 2013

The rules and regulations for the 2013 contests were sent to you in your September National Update. If you have any questions, please contact your State Chairman for clarification.

FALL FINANCIAL REVIEWS

The Fall Financial Review was due on November 1. If your court has not completed this review, please do so as soon as possible.

CONTACT CORRECTIONS

Please have your Financial Secretary completely fill out the correction form for a change of address for any member. Only listing the Court and Member Number leads to confusion and errors. We are charged over \$2.50 for Share Magazines that are returned to the National Office because of an incorrect address. If you have a member in a nursing home who no longer wishes to receive the Share Magazine, please let National know this.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2013

Due to the Presidential Inauguration, the March will be held on January 25, 2013. Please note the change in dates.

—Excerpts from September National Update

NATIONAL REGENT RECEPTION

The Maryland State Court held a Reception for our new National Regent, Anne Nelson, in September, in Linthicum, Maryland. Pennsylvania was represented by our State Regent Margaret P. Novak, 1st Vice State Regent Peggy Guckin, State Treasurer Margaret T. Giordano shown here with National Regent Anne Nelson. Immediate Past 2nd Vice National Regent, Letty M. Calvetti, and her husband, Lou, were also in attendance, as was Pat Gildea, State Parliamentarian.



*Him whom the heavens cannot contain
the womb of one woman bore.*

—St. Augustine of Hippo





2013 National Education Contest

The 2013 National Education contest themes are: **"JESUS IS REFLECTED IN ME"** and **"MY LIFE IS A REFLECTION OF GOOD."** First, each local court should make a supreme effort to sponsor the Education Contest. The themes selected this year encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought when students' talent and application go hand-in-hand.

Our contest is open to our communities' schools and CCD classes to compete and strive for awards while following certain guidelines.

The choice of categories is: **ART, ESSAY, POETRY, COMPUTER ART, MUSIC and PHOTOGRAPHY.**

Adult CDA members may submit entries in **POETRY, ART, COMPUTER ART and PHOTOGRAPHY.**

The local court will decide the amount of the prizes to be awarded to the first three winning entries in each division within each category.

Once the panel of judges has picked the winners, plan a special event, invite the parents, teachers and principal. Take pictures, write an article and send it into the local newspaper, showing the winners and their awards. You could have an ice cream social or a pizza party.

The most important thing to keep in mind are the **RULES:**

ESSAYS are not to exceed 500 words.

POETRY must not exceed 8 lines.

ART must be 12" x 18" with **NO LETTERING**

COMPUTER ART must be 8^{1/2}" x 11" with **NO LETTERING.**

MUSIC must be the contestant's own creation, on a **CASSETTE** or **CD** only. If you are using a tape format, please make sure to punch out the tabs on the tape to prevent accidental erasure.

And, lastly, **PHOTOGRAPHY** must be an 8" x 10" picture depicting the theme. It can be color or black and white. **NO collages.**

Entries will be disqualified if rules are not followed.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO STATE COURT CHAIRMAN AND MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2013.

I wish everyone will enter, and I wish all of you the best of good luck!

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CORRECT FORMS

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

It has come to our attention that forms are being sent to incorrect addresses, old forms are being used and incorrect information is being forwarded. **PLEASE**, make sure that you follow the directions given on your forms.

Our 1st Vice State Regent, Peggy, was mailed meal reservations for our State Workshop to an address that she hasn't lived at for four years. These letters were returned to the sender and then had to be resent to the correct address. Her correct address was listed on the meal reservation form.

There are still a few courts using the old form for the Financial Review. Every six months, National sends you a new form to use. What happens to the new forms? Incorrect information is passed along to new officers because old forms are not destroyed.

PLEASE throw away old forms as soon as you get a new form to replace it. This will make your life easier as well as your State Officers. Thank you for following this request.

*"Not to oppose error is to approve it;
and not to defend truth is to suppress it;
and indeed to neglect to confound evil men,
when we can do it, is no less a sin
than to encourage them."*

~ Pope St. Felix III ~

Pennsylvania

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

An adventure is an exciting experience, a bold journey with an uncertain outcome. I offer you this prayer as we begin our new adventure in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2012-2014.

Dear God,

Please bless us as we start our new adventure. Continue to fill our spirit with hope and prosperity. We ask that you protect us from any negative energy. Help us to move forward and grow each and every day. May God, His Son Jesus, Mary and all the angels surround us. May our patroness, Blessed Mother Mary, be our guide.



I wish you the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the peace of Love at Christmas and always.

Arline Rich, National Director

Report of State Newsletter Chairman

It's time to begin thinking about the 2013 Local Court Newsletter Contest! As your newsletter chairman, I encourage all Local Courts to consider entering their newsletters this year. Last year, we only had nine Pennsylvania Courts enter the contest. Court Patricia #998 went on to win a National Award—they won First Place in their Division among all National entrants. Congratulations, Court Patricia #998!

The court newsletter is just one way to communicate your court's current activities, upcoming events and special projects being planned. The newsletter is of special interest to those members who are unable to attend meetings due to illness or being homebound. In addition to local court news, the newsletter is also a way to relay CDA information from the national and state levels.

The deadline for Local Courts to enter is March 15. Everything you need to know to enter can be found using the link at the bottom of the National CDA home page, www.catholicdaughters.org. There you will find the requirements, score sheet and cover sheet. There are many Categories and Divisions, based on how many members are in your Court and how often you publish a newsletter. If anyone needs a copy of these materials, please contact me and I will be glad to send the materials directly to you via U.S. Mail. All you need to submit to enter the contest are copies of the last three newsletters that you gave to your members, along with the cover sheets which can be found on the website as mentioned above.

Please consider entering your newsletter, especially if you've never done so in the past. I would love to see the number of entries at least double this year. Again, feel free to contact me if you need more information or would like me to send the contest materials directly to you. I am looking forward to reading about all of the wonderful things that your Court has been doing!

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***"Only after the Last Judgment
will Mary get any rest;
from now until then,
she is much too busy with her children."***

~ St. John Vianney ~

Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Peggy Guckin

1st Vice State Regent

Officers and members celebrated their 36th Annual CDA Day on Saturday, October 20th with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. The day started with a rosary procession followed by Mass celebrated by Father Thomas Higgins, Pastor of Holy Innocents Church and Chaplain for Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Father Sylvester Peterka, C.M., Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church and Father Michael Shea, C.M. Assoc., Director of the Miraculous Medal Shrine. After the homily, a Reception of New Members was held for 18 members.

Welcome!

#650—Carolyn Adams
#1055—Terry Ritter
#1336—Monica Maio
#1641—Henrietta Estrada and Wilfreda Benitez
#1828—Delores Pisiechko
#2617—Mary Carroll, Nicole Marchino,
Mary Kemmerer and Florence Stanowski
#2222—Barbara Beaver, Sandy Gindlesperger,
Regina Lynn Kelly, Carol Kennedy and
Cecelia Sheehan
#2230—Josephine Ciera
#2628—Mary Jane Becker, Irene Wilczynski

After Mass, 130 members enjoyed a great lunch and were entertained by Carol Hee who is certified in laughter. Members had time to look around the shrine and, of course, time to shop in the gift shop.

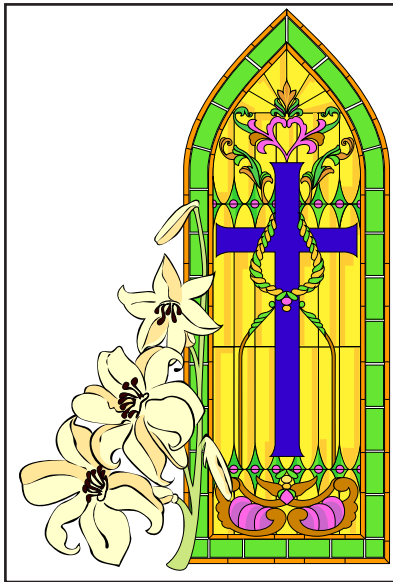
DID YOU KNOW?

(answers on page 6)

Margaret P. Novak

State Regent

1. How many State Pro-Life Funds are there?
2. Name one of these Funds.
3. What is the insignia on the Vice Regent robe?
4. Who keeps track of the membership list in a local court?
5. How much are our State dues?
6. How many sections are in our Circle of Love?
7. Name two.
8. How do you get a copy of your court roster?
9. Under the 501c, how much should a court give to charity?
10. When should you give a stipend to your District Deputy?



Excerpts from Presentation by State Chaplain

*Father D. Timothy Grimme
State Workshop 2012, State College*

From the National Chaplain's Keynote Address

- ◆ The chaplain of the court is the "Internal Anchor." Be rooted in God's grace, love and faith. This is expressed in the chaplain being present.
- ◆ He/she is to show the attitude of gratitude. This gratitude recognizes God working through the court and their activities.
- ◆ He/she is the keeper of the Vision AND the communicator of the Vision. The chaplain draws the connection between faith values and court values.
- ◆ Don't depend on your influencing of others; God is with us through them. Do not foist spirituality on the court; rather share your own with the court and embrace the court's.

Encourage Courts to Have a Ministry

- ◆ Beyond the court or parish. [Give knowledge of what is beyond the court through attending and encouraging attendance at Diocesan, State and/or National level events...workshops, conference and conventions.] Reach out—encounter the world with Christian values.
- ◆ Encourage members to ask every Catholic woman they know to join CDA; REMEMBER one membership drive per parish to which members belong (and don't forget about parishes without courts).
- ◆ Have FUN at meetings (parties, picnics, fashion shows, card parties), non-fundraising meetings. Each court should develop their own particular style of FUN.
- ◆ Assist (offer to assist) to make parishes more spiritual. Lay leadership in devotions [at my parish someone wanted to start Sacred Heart Devotion. They expected me to lead them. I declined. It is only truly their devotion if they lead it; priests will come and go.]

Involvement

PRESENCE at meetings; impress on officers the importance of continued spiritual growth; give advice in program planning and at court meetings.

Activities with Chaplain

Includes Eucharistic planning (along with installations and reception of members); arrangement for annual Memorial Masses or services in memory of deceased members; vigil services of members (and relatives of members) [funerals?]; arrange days of spiritual renewal [retreats, public forums, lecture series] with the Spiritual Enrichment chair; give advice to membership regarding controversial and moral issues. Exchange ideas if possible with other chaplains.

Conclusion

The chaplain is afforded the opportunity to work with Catholic women, to listen to them as well as inspire, direct and instruct them. The underlying thought is that the chaplain's role is one of spiritual guidance, helpful advisor and consultant.

September 28, 2012

Answers - Did You Know?

(see page 5 for questions)

1. Three
2. General (sent to eight Pennsylvania bishops in December for their Pro-Life activities), Advertising, Haiti Birthing Center
3. The Crown
4. The Financial Secretary
5. \$2, payable \$1, twice a year
6. Seven
7. Spiritual Enhancement, Education, Leadership, Legislation, National Projects, Membership, Quality of Life
8. Call or email the National Office
9. At least 5%
10. At her three mandatory visits, Financial Review, Installation of Officers, Reception of New Members

50th Biennial State Convention 2013

April 26 - 30, 2013

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

Your State Officers are busy planning our State Convention which will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center on April 26-30, 2013. This is the same site that the State Workshop in September was held.

To fulfill requests for breakout sessions for individual officers, we are planning to have sessions on Friday before the Convention begins and on Monday after the Convention is over. The exact schedule for these sessions will be sent to you in your Convention packet. We are hoping to have sessions on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. On Monday, we hope to have them begin after the brunch, ending by 3 p.m. You will receive a form to return when making your reservations so that we will know how many people to expect at each session.

We are expecting to have vendor tables again at the Convention. We are investigating having religious articles for sale, as well as home-party demonstrators. Look for more information on this in the future. The more the merrier!

We will be having our Tombola Table at the Convention. Please consider bringing a gift or basket from your court to place into the auction. Each Convention, this fundraiser grows. Everyone enjoys winning something special from the Table. Perhaps 2013 will be your time!

We are always looking for members who are willing to wear their "whites" to help with the color guard, banner bearers and escorts. If you would like to join in at this Convention, please come prepared. We would appreciate anyone who can serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or altar server to volunteer for these duties.



We are very happy to tell you that our choir has eight members signed up already. We have a choir director who will be leading our singers. The music will be sent to you in advance so all have an opportunity to practice before coming to State College. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact Peg Rafferty, 2nd Vice State Regent.

~~See you in April!~~

Pro-Life Advertising

By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have elected our President for the next four years.

Will policies change or will we have to work even harder to end abortion?



Thank You
for your
support!

Your grateful donations for this worthy cause spreads the word of alternatives while having our name in print promoting a stand that all life at all stages is precious. Please continue to use your baby bottles for the collection of our Pro-Life Activities. Don't forget to report this on Circle of Love Projects. Show all the good works your court does.

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State Workshop 2012

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

We want to thank all who participated in any way for making our State Workshop 2012 a resounding success. We are happy to say that 52% (42) of our (80) courts were represented during the two day Workshop. This is the largest turnout for a Workshop that any can remember. The 138 officers and members attending felt that they learned many new things as well as got a refresher on items they already knew.

A testimonial was held in honor of Letty M. Calvetti, our past 2nd Vice National Regent. All enjoyed seeing the video shown of Letty's career in the CDA. Pat Gildea prepared "Letty's Salad of Success" with many members being the vegetables and Letty being the salad mixer. A good time was enjoyed by all with this skit.

The fundraisers introduced by members from across the state were well received. Hopefully, these will be introduced at the local courts for different ways to raise money.

While many were very happy with the Officers Seminar that we held, reviewing the duties and responsibilities of local officers, some preferred the breakout sessions held at previous workshops, as time limited us to the number of questions that could be asked. In response to the request for breakout sessions for the different offices, we are scheduling breakout sessions before and after our State Convention in April.

One new member stated that the best part of the Workshop was getting to meet and make so many new contacts from across the state. She is looking forward to the Convention to have a reunion with her new friends.

Please plan on attending the next State Workshop in 2014. It will strengthen and enhance your knowledge of the CDA.



Chatter From Courts

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358, Easton, sponsored a Bake Sale/Raffle at St. Jane de Chantal Church, Easton. The baking response was incredible—Rachel Ray, the Barefoot Contessa, and the rest of you, watch out! We tantalized everyone's taste buds to the tune of a \$1,137 profit. This money will be very helpful in all our projects and charities for the year. A tremendous Thank You went out to Msgr. Radocha, Pastor, and all the parishioners who helped make our sale such a huge success.

Our November meeting was very special as we had our Vicar General from the Diocese of Allentown, Msgr. Schlert, speak to our court ladies.

Deborah Starace, Regent

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court St. Veronica #111, Renovo, held our Holiday Bazaar in November. We sell cookie trays and the orders are starting to pile up. We just bought 100 new chairs and caddies for our church hall for \$1,999.99, paid for with our Bazaar profits.

Mary Ann Kennis, Regent

16 new members joined Court Our Lady #647, Johnstown. Court Our Lady #647 held Installation of Officers with three of the officers being new members taken into the court. Membership drives really do work! Officers, members and State Regent Margaret P. Novak attended the annual Marian Celebration held at St. Benedict's Church in Johnstown. Bishop Mark commented how colorful it looked with the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Daughters wearing various color schemes.

Carol Watson, Regent

ERIE DIOCESE

Court Columbia #2, Meadville, the oldest court in the Order, will hold their 110th Anniversary on Saturday, October 19, 2013. More information will be forthcoming in the future. God bless.

Jeanette Kitch, Regent



*"In Cana, Mary did nothing else
but think of others' needs
and make Jesus aware of them."*

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta ~

This fall Court St. Thomas #1483, Franklin, will initiate a Donut Sunday to promote a social/fellowship time within our church family. We are looking forward to helping those not as fortunate this holiday season through food pantry, etc. We wish you all a Blessed Holiday!

Our Court Officers attended this year's State Workshop with great enthusiasm and we were not disappointed. We learned some new things, but more importantly, it gave us some new ideas to share with our home court. We felt a part of the "big picture" and were made to feel very comfortable giving our opinions and taking part in the activities. Looking forward to meeting up with our new friends soon! God bless.

Kathy Horner, Regent

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court St. Bernard's #339, Indiana, hosted 41 court members and guests, as they participated in an all-day retreat with Father Tim Kruthaupt on the subject of defending our religious freedom. It was very inspirational as he traced the contribution of the Catholic Church in helping the working men and women who labored to make this country strong and who built thousands of beautiful churches and founded many schools to educate the poor. He talked about how our culture has changed and those in authority are trying to get rid of God. We have a responsibility to defend our faith, even if it means persecution.

Our next planned activity is Breakfast in Bethlehem. All the children come in costume and we act out the Christmas story and sing carols to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

Mary Micco, Regent

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster, celebrated Catholic Daughter Day with Mass at St. Leo the Great Church followed by a luncheon at Millersville University with invited guest, Father Mark Speitel, Campus Minister, Catholic Campus Ministry, Millersville University. Additionally, the Court is now on the Diocese of Harrisburg web page under diocesan organizations.

We will hold a holiday bazaar at St. Philip the Apostle Church in December. Our men's auxiliary will be helping out, too. Our proceeds will sponsor the 2013 Education Contest.

Rita Smith-Wade-El, Regent

Around Our State

PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE

Court Holy Trinity #1336, Philadelphia, is constantly making rosaries for the missions. To date we have made and mailed 15,074 rosaries for the missions which includes black bead rosaries to our military troops. This undertaking began in 2007.

We have a crocheting group which makes lap robes, shawls and pillows for the patients of Fox Chase Cancer Center in the area. This year, 230 knitted items and 61 pillows have been made and given out to patients. We pray for those who receive these items, and pray for the hands that do this charitable work.

We collect aluminum can tabs for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Neuroblastoma "Research Unit.

Religious articles are sent to the missions as well.

Alice Woodford, Regent

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh, will have their Christmas Party on December 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bellevue where we meet. This year, in addition to inviting our neighbor courts, we are also inviting the wives of the K of C members (and their husbands). Hopefully, good fellowship, a tasty lunch, and enjoyable entertainment will result in an interest in the CDA.

Rosemarie Faller, Regent

Court Monessen #776 celebrated their 90th Anniversary in October with State Regent Margaret P. Novak and 2nd Vice State Regent, Peg Rafferty, attending as well as their immediate and past chaplains. The court was instituted December 10, 1922, with 64 charter members.

Debbie Genemore, Regent



***"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his
people. God Himself will always be with them as
their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, [for] the old order
has passed away."*** ~ Rev. 21:3-4 ~

SCRANTON DIOCESE

CDA Court Our Lady of Victory #588 celebrated Catholic Daughter Sunday on October 21 with a Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church followed by a luncheon in the senior center. We took in two new members at our meeting. They were very impressed with the Mass and came over to the luncheon and meeting afterward and joined right away. (They are also in the accompanying photo—Mary Jane Bradley and Alma Coroniti.

Mary Catherine Wydra, Regent



Front Row: Nora Avellino, treasurer; Rosemarie Koronkiewicz, financial secretary; Mary Snyder, honor guard; Mary Catherine Wydra, regent; Judith Hooper, vice-regent.

Middle Row: Deacon Martin McCarthy, Marie McDonald, Donna Sassani, Loretta Cuff, Mary Jane Bradley, Patricia Shihinski, Lois Sejuitt, Helen Carroll.

Back Row: Mary Rose McCarthy, Kate Grybos, Alma Coroniti, Theresa Conniff, Anna Mae Augustine, Jacqueline Skorski, Father Frank Karwacki, Chaplain.

Also in attendance, but missing from photo: Helen Marie Pasierb and Christine Connor.

FUNDRAISERS FOR ALL SEASONS

Excerpts from the Presentations at our State Workshop

Applebee's

This was presented by Letty Barnes, District Deputy and member of Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia. Members of the Court served as waitresses to serve breakfast to people coming with pre-bought tickets. Applebee's cooks and prep people prepared the food. Members were cashiers. A good time was had by all, and a nice profit was made for the Court. Need more information? **Call Letty at 215-332-5194.**



Vendor Sale

Laraine McGinnis, IPSR and Regent of Court Washington #1651, presented the requirements to hold a vendor sale in your area. Laraine has been in charge of this event for her Court in the past. They also have a food table selling lunch to vendors and buyers alike. **More information can be obtained from Laraine at 724-263-2161.**



Deal or No Deal

Peggy Guckin, 1st Vice State Regent and Jane Mckenna, State Education Chairman, Philadelphia, showed everyone how to play this fun game with a group of people and make money, too. Tickets are sold in advance, prizes are given to winners and a good time is enjoyed by all. **Peggy can be reached at 215-638-9217.**

"Baked" Potato Bag

Pauline Radasevich, Vice Regent, Court Sharon #507, explained the hot fundraiser in her parish. Women sew bags to use to bake potatoes in the microwave. They have found that many other vegetables and sandwiches can be cooked this way, as well. Wash and dry the potato, do not prick, wrap in a paper towel, microwave 8-9 minutes. The potatoes are light and fluffy.

The sacks sell for \$5 and turn a very good profit (the cost is \$1.60). The bags are made from cotton material with fiber batting, 10" wide, 18" long. Hoping to make \$1,000, the ladies ended up with \$24,000 in 2 years!



Needless to say, this was with donated material and lots of hours at their sewing machines. For more information, **contact Nancy Bernola, 6256 Seneca Road, Sharpville, PA 16150-9606.** We are hoping to have these available to buy at our State Convention.



Our prayers have quite a different sort of merit when they are presented by the Blessed Virgin, because she is the only creature who has never offended God. The Blessed Virgin alone has fulfilled the first commandment: to adore God only, and love him perfectly. She fulfilled it completely.

—St. John Vianney

Membership Report

Margaret P. Novak
State Regent

We are very happy to report that the membership drives held for two courts since our last issue have been very successful. State Membership Chairman, Janet Oesterling, and her team conducted the drives for Court Our Lady of Victory #532 in Williamsport, Scranton Diocese. The drive produced enough new members so that the court will be taken off reprieve. At their meeting in November, an election of officers was held with positions being filled with new inductees. Their Installation of Officers was held at the same meeting.

A drive lead by Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Chairman, Sue Sharer, and her team brought in many new faces for Court Our Lady of Victory #722 in Northern Cambria. The court celebrated their 90th anniversary in October, 2012. We hope that these new members will ensure the continued presence of the court for years to come.

We congratulate all courts who are working to bring in new members to do the work of our Blessed Lady and her Son, Jesus Christ.

Reception of New Members

We will again be having a statewide Reception of New Members at our State Convention, April 2013. This will be for anyone who has not attended a formal reception. The ladies who participated in the first Class held at the 2011 State Convention have said that it was a very unique experience for them. They will always remember the special blessings they felt from attending that ceremony. Please, come and join us at the Reception of New Members in State College on April 26, 2013.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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. Through the spiritual programs in each local and state court, we help our members to nourish and develop their relationships with God.

Out of those developing relationships comes the realization of God's love and everlasting mercy, and because of that realization, the desire to serve Him by serving His people grows. Our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God's love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness.

Please join us in Court _____

We meet _____ at _____ p.m.

Annual Membership \$ _____

Court Contact _____ Phone _____

The above form could be handed out to all ladies attending Mass when our Membership presentation is given. By handing out this form as they enter the church, the ladies will have your contact information in case they decide to join you at a later time. These may also be left in the back of the church. Those ladies who sign up that day, should be given the three pamphlets available from the National Office, #167 Unity and Charity, #174 Invitation to Join, and #180 12 Reasons to Join. It is much easier to speak to the ladies as they come in for Mass rather than when they are leaving the church in a large crowd. We hope that this will be a helpful tool for you in your future drives.

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PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

On November 3, 2012, Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 sponsored a Patriotic Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, for Religious Freedom in our Country before the Presidential Election. As each Joyous Mystery was recited, prayers were said for the discernment, wisdom and knowledge for people in all states, songs honoring our Blessed Mother and our country were sung and eight Blair County officials read passages from men who influenced the structure of our country. Mary Ann Bennis, member of Court #1755, heard this ceremony on Radio Maria and felt it should be brought to our members. We hope that this will be an annual event in our Diocese.

Participating in the ceremony (top photo), front row, are Regent Rose Long, Court St. Rita #523, Regent Dorotheanne Simendinger, Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, State Regent Margaret P. Novak, State Secretary Shirley Hall, Monsignor



Attendees at Patriotic Rosary

Robert Mazer, Pastor of the Cathedral, Regent Carol Galioto, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, and Pat Gildea, organizer of the event.

In the back row are several Blair County officials who took part.