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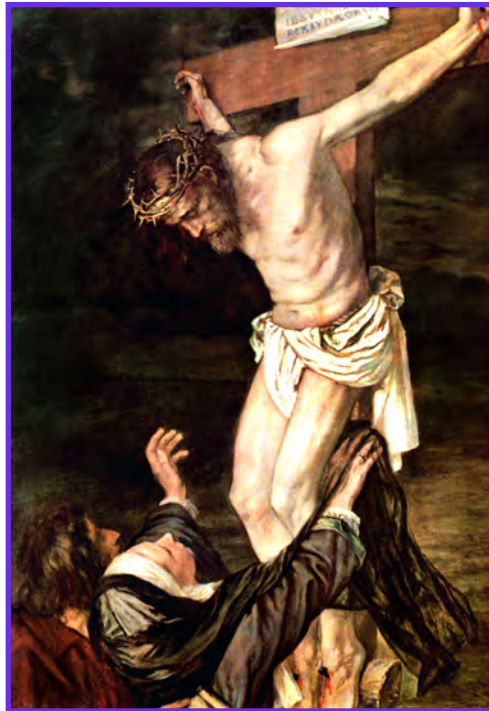
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Our Lady at the Cross

Spring will soon be upon us, and we will celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our dear Lord. May we hold God's love and peace in our hearts as we travel through this Lenten season.

A reminder from Publicity Chairman, Peg Rafferty, follows. Please ask courts to send court activities to newspapers and parish bulletins to let their communities know of CDA activities. Don't keep your light under a bushel!

Your State Officers are busy at this time preparing for our 50th Biennial State Convention in State College. Please share the information that you received in January from the Call to Convention with your membership. We are hoping that we will have as strong a response for the Convention as we did for the State Workshop in

September. For more information, look for the articles on the Convention in this newsletter.

We hope that your courts have participated in the Education Contest and by now have presented your awards to your local winners. We are hoping to have a large number of entries to be judged on the State level. These awards will be presented to the Court representatives at our State Convention.

Did your court submit their newsletter entries to our State Chairman, Sarah Mastrull? A local newsletter is the best way to keep your members informed about what is happening in your court. It gives you the opportunity to notify them of upcoming events that they would want to attend. If your court does not have a bulletin going out to your membership, please think of the benefits of doing this for your court.

May Mary's mantle surround you during this Lent.

Margaret, State Regent



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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STATE AND NATIONAL DUES

Shirley Hall, State Secretary

REMINDER: Fall and Spring State and National Dues are due NOW. These must be paid if you plan on participating at the Pennsylvania State Convention in April. Remember, it does not require a vote of your Court to pay your dues. Dues should be paid when invoices are received.

SPIRITUAL INTENTION CARDS

Dear Members,

All the regents have received in the mail or at our workshop in September, Spiritual Intention cards. This project is just over a year old and it benefits the Pontifical North American College in Rome which is one of our National Charities. Mass is said on the 3rd Sunday of the month by our State Chaplain, Father Grimme, in Altoona. The cards can be used by all members and they may pay with their own personal checks. To date we have had responses from 12 courts. If your court has not used the Spiritual Intention cards, I encourage you to do so. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,

Peggy Guckin, 1st Vice State Regent

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JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Dear Members,

I would like to thank the courts and their leaders who are actively trying to start a JCDA court in their area. These ladies are willing to go the extra mile to share their time and talents with these young ladies. By sharing your time and talent, you are teaching the girls to learn and enhance their own talents and to learn at an early age that it is good to give of their time. Let us all keep them in our prayers that once again we will have JCDA in the State of Pennsylvania.

Information on the Junior Program is in your *Tools of the Trade*, or you may contact me.

Love & Prayers,

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Did You Know?

(see page 4 for answers)

1. When, where and by whom was our Order founded?
2. How much are our National dues?
3. When and where is there a Mass for Catholic Daughters, living and deceased?
4. What is the minimum age for membership?
5. How many meetings can a prospective member come to before taking the Pledge of Membership?
6. Must the District Deputy be at the Financial Review?
7. How many courts are in Pennsylvania at the present time?
8. Which court has the largest membership?
9. How long should meetings take?
10. How long is a local court officer's term?

NATIONAL NEWS

Semi-Annual Financial Review

- ◆ The Spring Financial Review is to be done in April 2013.
- ◆ It is due on May 1, 2013 to National and your State Regent and State Secretary.
- ◆ Please contact your District Deputy to set up a date available to her.
- ◆ Regents are to appoint three members to serve on the Audit Committee.
- ◆ If you have had any additions or deletions in your membership, contact National immediately to be sure that your changes were made in their records.

National Dues

Please remember that National dues are now \$15 per year per member. Your court will be charged \$7.50 per member for the Spring dues. Your court has two options with this increase; you may increase your court dues by \$5 or hold a fundraiser to make enough to cover the added expense. To make sure that your roster does not include deceased or resigned members, contact the National office to have a roster emailed or mailed to your Financial Secretary to check your membership numbers.

Store on National Website

On the National Catholic Daughters website, www.catholicdaughters.org, you will see the CDA Store where you can find articles for sale. An officer from the Court can place orders for less than \$50 via email. Any orders over \$50, should be mailed in with a court check to cover a 50% deposit. On the website, you can see a picture of any of the items for sale in the Store. All invoices are billed to the Court and must be paid with a court check. No personal checks are accepted.

We are Evergreen Trees

As CDA members, it is time to look at our own clutter. It is time to get ride of jealousy and replace it with appreciation. It is time to get rid of our lack of co-operation and replace it with unity. It is time to put away "me-ness" and put "our" into our court's goals and plans. It is time to bury criticism and plant praise and support. It is not a time to go dormant. We are evergreen trees, always full of color and life.

Anne Nelson, National Regent



*Mary stands before her Son,
unceasingly praying for sinners.*

~ St. Bede ~

Membership Report

Margaret P. Novak, State Regent

We want to inform everyone that the State Membership Team configuration is changing. Janet Oesterling, our State Membership Chairman, has announced that she is asking our District Deputies to be more involved in membership drives. Janet is planning to hold workshops in each diocese to give further training on the proper way to handle drives. We are hoping that this will make it easier for courts to attract new members by having not only their Diocesan Membership Chairman but also their District Deputy to help them.

To keep our courts functioning and dynamic, you should have a drive at each parish represented in your membership at least once a year. If you wonder where your next Circle of Love chairman will come from, look to a new member. This will include her in your court activities and help her to learn more about CDA. Go, CDA!

"When I was hungry..."

When I was growing up in Russia, my father was a diplomat. One time he and my mother gave a big, fancy tea party at our home for several hundred ambassadors and dignitaries. We were in the middle of having formal tea, with everyone using nice china and so forth. I was about nine years old at the time, and I was allowed to be there, all dressed up and carrying little cakes and being polite. Suddenly, the butler opened the door and announced to my father, "Christ is at the door." Well, the French ambassador's wife dropped her expensive tea cup on the rug. She was not used to such interruptions!

Father excused himself, mother excused herself and off they went. And whom did they welcome? A hobo who had come to the door begging. And what did they do? My mother and father served him themselves, even though we had fourteen servants in the house. My mother laid out the best linen, the most expensive silver and our best china and so forth, and she served a hobo. My father did likewise. I saw all of this and I wanted to serve the hobo too, but Mother said, "Oh no. You were not obedient last week; you cannot serve Christ unless you are obedient." So, in my little mind, to serve the poor was a great honor and a great joy.

Now that's Christianity. You don't have to have catechism lessons when you see that sort of thing. That was how my parents treated the poor, so that was what my brother and I learned from growing up in that kind of household, thanks be to God.

Of course, I was like any other kid too. I would say, "Well, do we live in a monastery or something like that?" My parents would say, "No. We live in a family, of which Christ is the head." So, in the end, it all seemed quite natural to me to serve the poor. Christ was in the poor and we must serve him.

*Servant of God Catherine of Hueck Doherty
Catherine de Hueck Doherty (+1985) was born in Russia and was the
foundress of Madonna House in Combermere, Canada.*



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!

State Chairperson, Jane McKenna
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Answers - Did You Know?

(see page 2 for questions)

1. In Unity, New York, in 1903, by the Knights of Columbus.
2. National Dues are now \$15 per year, per person.
3. A Mass is held monthly at the Catholic University for CDA members.
4. 18 years of age.
5. Prospective members may attend ONE meeting before taking the Pledge.
6. The DD must attend at least ONE Financial Review a year.
7. Pennsylvania has 80 courts at this time.
8. Ct. St Bernard #339, Indiana.
9. Your meeting should last no longer than 1 – 1 ½ hours.
10. A term is two years, but an officer is permitted to serve two consecutive terms before leaving that office.

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing
in each trial,
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Author Unknown

This Irish blessing reminds me of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We are there to give...to people in the world through our Circle of Love program, National Projects and Charities. We are there to give... to each other. May God give you...JOY and HAPPINESS.

Arline Rich, National Director



*God, moved by the fire of divine charity,
sent the gentle incarnate Word, his Son,
to ransom us and rescue us from slavery.
And his Son ran to surrender himself
to the shame of the cross.*

~ St. Catherine of Siena ~



50th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention

April 26-29, 2013

The Penn Stater Conference Center, State College

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Saturday, 8:45am

Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
National Anthem
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Opening Ode
Seating of Delegates and Roll Call
Introductions
Welcome by National Supervisor
Appointment of Committees
Report of Credentials Committee
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules
Report of Nominating Committee
Nominations from the Floor
State Officers
2015 Nominating Committee
Approval of Minutes of 2011 State Convention
Address by the National Supervisor

Sunday, 8:30 am

Election of Officers and Nominating Committee
Reports:
Credentials
State Officers
Resolutions Committee
Bylaws Committee
Elections Committee
State Chairman
Unfinished Business
Election Results
New Business
Motion to Destroy Ballots
Report of Courtesy Committee
Report of Registration Committee
Retiring of Colors
Closing Prayer and Ode

CONVENTION BADGE HOLDERS

Please remember to bring the badge holder that you received in the past. If you do not have a badge holder, they will be available to purchase for \$2. Your badges need to be showing when you enter the Convention Hall.

RUNNING FOR A STATE OFFICE

Is it too late to Run for a State Office? NO, it is not!!! While the Nominating Committee has already received resumes for those running for a State office, you can still do so FROM THE FLOOR. All you need is the willingness to serve your state along with the talent and ability to do so. Ladies, why not step up to the plate??

Running from the floor at the State Convention will give the members of our state the option to choose from the slate or the floor candidate. Remember, you are not running against a person, you are running for an office. Competition is good for the organization!

What do you need to run from the floor? Before the gavel goes down to open the convention, be sure that the State Regent has the following:

- ◆ A statement of your qualifications (resume) with a current picture
- ◆ A letter of intent to serve
- ◆ An endorsement letter from your local court

Just think, you may be able to provide the new vision, creativity and balance that are needed in our state for it to be a vibrant, active and productive State Court.

More State Convention News

BANQUETS

We are happy to tell you that His Excellency Mark Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, will be our main celebrant at our 4:30 p.m. Opening Mass on April 26. At this Mass, we will have a Reception of New Members. The Mass will be at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College.

The theme for our Opening Banquet will be "The Rainbow and God." We have asked each diocese to dress in certain colors (check Call to Convention to find your colors).

After our Banquet on Friday evening, we are planning a Talent Show. Each diocese will have 5 minutes to perform an act based on the Rainbow. Please contact your Diocesan Chairman to volunteer your help with this. This should be a fun event with a Pot of Gold going to the winners. After the closing song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow," there will be time to visit different rooms and get reacquainted with friends from across the state.

On Saturday evening, we will enjoy a Tailgate Party and a Roast for the outgoing State Regent, and then meet with the candidates for State Offices and the 2015 Nominating Committee. This is a good time to wear your yellow or white Pennsylvania CDA shirts. Perhaps you may even be invited to a Chinese wedding afterward!

We will celebrate on Sunday evening with the newly elected State Officers after their Installation Mass is held. Please come through the Receiving Line to congratulate our new officers and give them your best wishes.

A Patriotic Mass will be held on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. If possible, wear either red or blue this day. Our Closing Brunch will be held immediately after Mass.

OFFICER WORKSHOPS

There will be workshops held for District Deputies, Regents/Vice Regents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer immediately following the Brunch. These are to review the duties and responsibilities for each office. These sessions will be completed by 1:30 p.m. Any member is welcome to come. Please indicate on your pink registration form which session that you would like to attend. There is no charge for these sessions.

VENDOR INFORMATION

Immediate Past State Regent, Laraine McGinnis, will be in charge of the vendor tables for the State Convention. Please contact Laraine at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net to register your product. The Registration Convention fee for vendors will be \$25, there will be a \$10 per table charge, and we would ask vendors to donate half of their profits to the State Treasury. We will also have religious articles, items from National and State, available to purchase.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At our Opening Mass on Friday afternoon, a Reception will be held for anyone who has taken the membership pledge at a meeting, but not attended a Formal Reception of New Members. Since each new member is to attend a Reception within a year of joining CDA, this is a good time to join the 2013 Class. You will always remember the people who were in your class at a formal reception.



2011 Class at State Convention

BOOKLET ADS

It is not too late to send your court or personal ad to Shirley Hall, State Secretary, to be included in our Convention Booklet. These ads help with the printing that is necessary for the Convention. A full-page is \$50, half-page is \$25 and quarter-page is \$15. Please consider sending greetings from your court to all who attend the State Convention.

TOMBOLA

We hope that your court or diocesan committee is planning on bringing a basket or gift for the Tombola table. Last year, we had over 40 prizes. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning names will be drawn at the Installation Banquet on Sunday. Prizes will be available for pick up after the Banquet. You will need to sign for the prizes when picking them up.



We are very happy to tell you that our new State Choir now has 20 members to praise the Lord in song. Arrangements have been made to have a CD made of the songs that will be sung at our Masses at the Convention so members will be able to practice with the music. If you would like to add your voice to our Choir, please contact 2nd Vice State Regent, Peg Rafferty. "Lift your voices to the Lord!"

MARCH FOR LIFE 2013

January 25, 2013, 40th Anniversary

By Margaret Novak, State Regent

This year I attended the annual March for Life with Letty Calvetti, Immediate Past 2nd Vice National Regent and Margaret T. Giordano, State Treasurer. Thursday morning, we went to the March headquarters at the Hyatt Hotel where we browsed through the many booths of Pro-Life vendors. Among our purchases were a scarf and



pin saying Choose Life in bright yellow and pins commemorating the 40th anniversary and founder Nellie Gray.

We then watched a movie titled "The Voice of John." Three women spoke of how their lives connected with abortion

and the way they were changed. One had owned an abortion center and finally realized the abomination that abortion was. She is now a firm Pro-Lifer. The second woman was involved with a rock musician. After two years, she became pregnant. His family did not want him to marry her, so he convinced her to have a saline abortion. When she finally realized what she had done, she was very remorseful. Another friend co-founded an organization with her called "Silent No More" for women and men who were involved in abortions. The third was a victim of date rape. She chose to have her baby with her family's support. In her 7th month, she developed eclampsia. The doctors recommended an abortion to save her life. She refused, saying her baby had fought to live and her family would take care of him. When the baby was delivered, his lungs were not



fully developed, but she is so happy that she was alive to take care of him. This was a very emotional movie, and we were glad that we saw it.

We then went to the National Basilica of the Immaculate



Conception for the National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass. This was truly overwhelming. We were very fortunate that Letty's friends had saved us seats in the front pew. The Basilica was so packed that people were

sitting and standing in the aisles. To even get a seat, you needed to be there by 11 a.m., even though Mass didn't start until 7 p.m. The opening procession took 25 minutes for all of the seminarians, deacons, priests (approximately 670), bishops (34) and cardinals (5) to get to the altar. Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, was the main celebrant. He was at the first March with founder, Nellie Gray. Mass was over at 9:05 p.m. This Mass was well worth the trip.

Friday dawned cold, but dry. Approximately 500,000 people walked in the March for Life, including elderly in wheelchairs and infants in strollers. The number of youth who marched was awe-inspiring. People came from all over the country. We helped to carry the Catholic Daughters banner, along with Lisa McCann, Court Westinghouse #759,



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Chatter from Courts

ERIE DIOCESE

COURT ERIE #515 collected items over several months for both the Erie Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Erie (one of two homes sponsored by the State of Pennsylvania for all veterans from all wars) and for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Erie.

The project was coordinated with the Knights of Columbus Council from St. Boniface Church in Hamett, PA.

The majority of the books donated came from Kathleen Levis, a member of Court Erie #515 from Cranesville, PA., which were given to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home as pictured.



Book Donation Benefits Soldiers' & Sailors' Home

Making the presentation on Kathleen Levis' behalf, are Marge Lorei, Vice Regent of Court Erie #515, left; Mary May, Regent, second from right; and John Altman, Grand Knight of the K of C, St. Boniface, Erie. Second from left is Barb Raymond, Commandant of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home.

On the same date, the group traveled to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Erie, PA and donated numerous items that were needed, i.e., toiletries, socks, board games, puzzles, cards, bibles, DVDs, audio books, paperback books, cross-stitch kits, wordsearch books, pens, all occasion cards.

All items were delivered just prior to Veterans Day, November 11, 2012. The items were valued at \$1,860 to the Erie Soldier and Sailors Home and \$367.50 to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mary E. May, Regent

COURT #2454, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, of Clarion, PA, will be hosting their annual Book Review luncheons in April. Three reviewers will share their insight into recently published books with luncheon attendees on April 3, 10 and 17th.

This year's reviewers include Dr. Karen Whitney, president of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Whitney has chosen to review *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. Brenda Sanders Dédé, Ed.D. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Clarion University of Pennsylvania will share her thoughts on *I'm Still Standing: From Captive U.S. Soldier to Free Citizen*, by Shoshana Johnson with M. L. Doyle. Father Monty Sayers, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church will also be reviewing.

The members of Court #2454 will prepare and serve a light lunch for each of the reviews, which begin at noon. Proceeds will benefit the Radiation Campaign at Clarion Hospital.

Ann Enderle Liska, Regent

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Breakfast in Bethlehem, presented by **COURT ST. BERNARD #339**, Indiana, was attended by 79 people, with 30 children under the age of 7. Costumes were worn by all and sets were done very well by a talented crew. The Christmas story was enacted and Fr. Kiel did the narration.

Mary Micco, Regent

COURT ST. THERESA #562, Blairsville — Court member Martha Marron's grandson was born with his intestines on the outside of his body. Family members spent months in Pittsburgh and stayed at the Ronald McDonald House to be at his side. In memory of this little boy, a fund has been started by Court St. Theresa members to replenish the dry goods used by families

Around Our State

staying at the Ronald McDonald House. These include dry soups, protein bars, crackers, etc., to make their stay more comfortable. Another example of the goodness we share with others.

Amelia Henigin, Regent

Volunteers from **COURT PATRICIA #998** meet every Friday, beginning February 15, to wash tables, wrap silverware and set tables for St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We have a lot of fun doing this, and it is a great opportunity to get to know other CDofA members and also help the parish.

A Reception for New Members was held on January 15 for our seven new sisters. We look forward to their participation and camaraderie in our Court.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30. Please bring donations of candy to fill the eggs to our March meeting.

Our 87th Anniversary Dinner is to be held on Tuesday, April 9, at the Latin American Club, in Ford City. All members, past, current and future, are welcome. Reservations are to be made at by April 2.

Mary Ann Badura, Regent

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, **COURT OUR LADY OF VICTORY #588** visited the Mount Carmel Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility to distribute Christmas cards and presents to all of the residents and sang Christmas carols.



Seated: Jean Kovaleski, Past Regent. Standing, left to right: Rosemarie Koronkiewicz, Financial Secretary; Julie Griffiths; Mary Catherine Wydra, Regent; Lois Sejuit; Nora Avellino, Treasurer and Helen Pasierb.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, **COURT OUR LADY OF VICTORY #588** held its "Twelve Days After Christmas" party on the Epiphany, January 6. Celebrating the arrival of the Magi marks the last of the 12 days of Christmas. The tradition of exchanging Christmas gifts traces its origin to these generous and worshipful kings, and the Catholic Daughters participate in a gift exchange every year on this date.

The Court plans to organize a Junior Court in 2013, and five future Catholic Daughters attended the party. Two of these future daughters, Claudia and Eliana Seidel, made Christmas ornaments with a picture of each of the victims from the Sandy Hook tragedy. Father Frank Karwacki, Chaplain led a prayerful tribute to the victims. Mary Catherine Wydra, Regent, read the names of the adults that were killed, and each of the future daughters participated in reading the names of the children. The Court embraced the twenty children from Sandy Hook as honorary Catholic Daughters and will especially remember them with prayer.

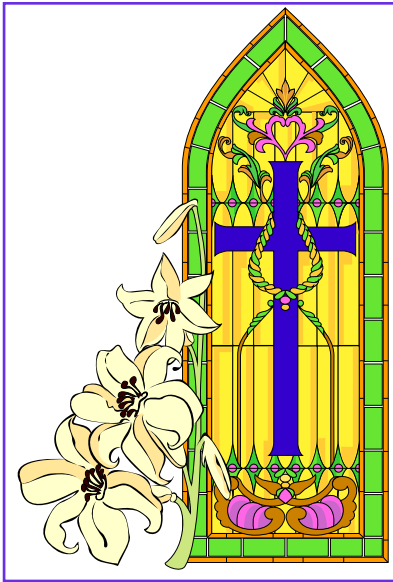
Mary Catherine Wydra, Regent

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*Before he was betrayed,
the Lord had rightly said,
"When I have been lifted up,
I shall draw all to myself,"
that is, I will deal with the whole condition
of mankind and will call back to integrity
the nature lost long ago.
In me will all weakness be healed.*

~ St. Leo the Great ~



Let Your Light Shine!

Father Ed Lamp, Past National Chaplain

Last Sunday, I saw the movie LINCOLN, at a local theater, here in Merida. Abraham Lincoln is regarded by many as our greatest president. Before he was elected, however, he ran for office seven times, and seven times he lost.

Vincent van Gogh is regarded as one of the world's greatest painters. One of his paintings recently sold for \$85 million, but during his life he earned only \$85.

Jesus, regarded by many as the greatest man who ever lived, was rejected by the people of his hometown and by the religious leaders of his day. Think how impoverished our world would be today if Lincoln, van Gogh and Jesus had let rejection direct their lives and keep them from pursuing beauty, goodness and truth.

There's an important message here for all who choose to follow Jesus. He warned us against letting rejection keep us from doing what is good and true

and right when he said: "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you."

Jesus was making an important point. Anyone who hopes to build a better world must be prepared for rejection. Take students in high school or college for example. Ask them what happens when they try to remain honest in an exam while others around them are cheating, or when they try to stay sober at a party while others around them are abusing alcohol or drugs or when they speak out against discrimination while others around them are putting down people of other races, religions or orientations.

What is true of young people is true of us all. We have all experienced ridicule or rejection for being who we are, for standing up for what we believe, for trying to do the right thing.

We need to remember that to follow Jesus faithfully, we can't let ridicule or rejection keep us from being honest and staying sober, or from defending the rights of the unborn or the terminally ill, or from insisting that those who look or act or speak differently than we do be treated with decency and respect.

The reason for this is clear. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told his followers: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, so they may see your good deeds and give glory to God."

We are called to be prophets in our time just as Jeremiah and Jesus were called in times past. In the words of St. Paul, in the darkness of this world, we are called by God to shine like the stars.

Don't be afraid to let your light, your good example, shine. Don't be afraid to speak the truth and to do what's right even when it's unpopular or inconvenient. In spite of opposition, ridicule or rejection, you will be delivered, for love can bear and endure all things. Love never fails.



March for Life

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and Jeanette Kitch, Court Columbia #2, up Constitution Ave. to the Capital Building. By the end of the March, snow was falling from the sky. Hopefully, you were fortunate enough to see all of the events on EWTN. You may decide to attend yourself next year and feel the spiritual joy of joining with others to promote the end of abortion.



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HARRISBURG DIOCESE contd.

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1023, Lancaster, Pennsylvania has been very busy. Two successful fundraisers were held, a university membership visit and a membership potluck. The fundraisers, a night out at Friendly's restaurant and a table at St. Phillip's Bazaar, netted us \$339.

In addition, \$60 worth of items were donated to Goodwill. A visit to the Catholic Campus Ministry's Neumann Club resulted in three potential new members, and the membership potluck resulted in another two members and another potential member.

A Baby Shower to benefit A Woman's Concern in January resulted in a substantial donation of several hundred dollars to the pro-life organization. All through the Grace of God.

Rita Smith-Wade-El, Regent

PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE

COURT ROSE CECILIA #1641, Philadelphia, held a Bingo Fundraiser. The money helped our Christmas Charities. There were many nice prizes for the winners.

The Philadelphia Diocese Court held Deal or no Deal which was a great success. We had a 100% participation in attendance and donation of gifts. We had a great lunch and enjoyed a lot of homemade goodies for dessert. All the ladies across the city had a good time catching up with old times.

The court would like to congratulate members Denise G. Voisard, for becoming a first-time grandmother and to her mother, Catherine Guckin, first time great-grandmother, and Peggy Guckin, great aunt, to a beautiful boy, Landon Thomas, born on December 17.

Rose Marie Webster, Regent



Philadelphia Diocesan Committee Fundraiser, Deal or No Deal
Peggy Guckin, left, 1st Vice State Regent and Marleen Duley, Diocesan CoChair and District Deputy.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

COURT BELLEVUE #655 CDA will hold a Smorgasbord Luncheon and Card Party on Friday, April 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 450 Lincoln Ave., Bellevue. Lunch will be served at noon. A flea market and bake sale will open at 10:00 a.m. Reservations are \$8.00; call 412-931-4328. Everyone is welcome.

Rosemarie Faller, Regent



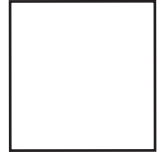
Court Rose Cecelia #1641 Bingo Fundraiser

Left to right: Christine Moncrief, Recording Secretary; Rose Malaczewski, Treasurer; Shirley Wybranski, Bingo Chairman; Rose Marie Webster, Court Regent; Peggy Guckin, 1st Vice State Regent and member of court, Betty Brun, Vice Regent.



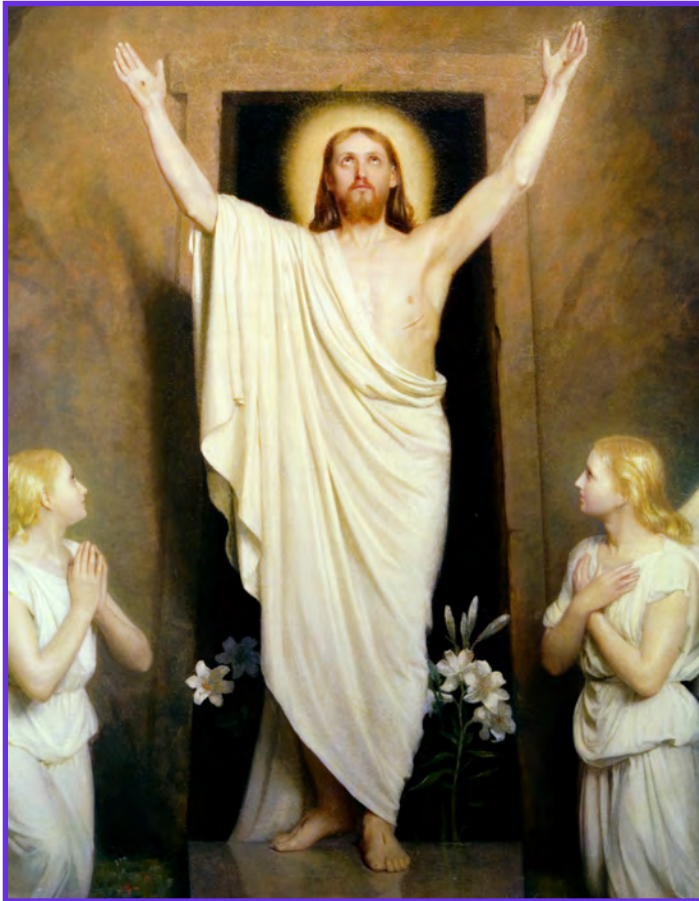
*I see you, my King,
fastened to a wooden cross...
When you would support your body
upon your feet, their wounds are rent
against the nails...
When you support it with your hands,
the wounds of these, too, are re-opened...
Your sacred head,
tormented and wearied
with its crown of thorns,
what pillow could sustain and ease?
~ St. Peter of Alcantara ~*

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He is Risen! Alleluia!



The Resurrection
Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)

Mary and the Resurrection

"This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice therein." All the days are the Lord's, for he is the Creator of time, but he is said to have made this day in a special way because on this day he completed the work of our redemption. And since this is the work of God par excellence, the day on which he terminated it is the greatest of days.

This is the day that the Lord has made because everything in it was effected by himself. On other feasts there is always something of ourselves, at least as a result of our sins, but this is not a day of sin or suffering but the fulfillment of glory. Therefore, everything in this day is of God.

On this day the humanity of Christ rejoiced, the Mother of Christ rejoiced, the disciples of Christ rejoiced, heaven and earth rejoiced, and even hell itself was an unwilling witness to this joy...

Who can comprehend Mary's happiness?...So great was Mary's joy that her heart could not have stood the force of it were it not for a special help from God.

O Blessed Virgin, this one good suffices. It is enough that your Son lives and stands before you. There is nothing else for you to desire. O Lord, how

well you know how to comfort those who suffer for you. The suffering seems nothing when compared to this joy. If thus you comfort those who suffer for you, blessed are the sufferings that are thus rewarded.

Venerable Louis of Granada

Venerable Louis of Granada (+1588) was a Spanish Dominican priest and a good friend of St. Charles Borromeo.