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*Madonna and the Shepherd*  
 Henry Wolf, 1852 - 1916

and Joan of Arc #225, Ashland. Some members from these courts will be transferring to other courts in their areas.

Also, we have several courts on reprieve. Please keep these courts especially in your prayers.

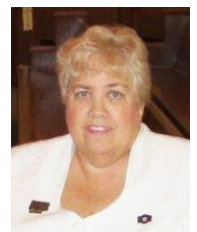
I was saddened to hear of the passing of Marie Davoli, Past National Director and State Regent. In just less than a month, she joined her sister, Tina, to her heavenly reward. I was able to travel to Greensburg for the viewing and the Mass. Letters of condolence may be sent to her sister-in-law, Ann Davoli, 84 Belmeade Terrace, Uniontown, PA 15401.

Just a reminder—bills have been sent out for liability insurance and National and State dues. Please be sure to pay immediately. No motion or vote is needed by the court to pay these bills. Finally, there are still some financial reviews that are outstanding.

Delegates, we will be contacting you in regards to a State dinner in Billings and the presentation we will be doing to welcome delegates to the 56th Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh in 2016. We hope you will be there!

Have a safe and healthy summer!

*Peggy Guckin, State Regent*



## *Message from Peggy Guckin* *State Regent*

Dear Members,

I would like to thank all the outgoing officers for all the work you have done in your courts and welcome the new officers. Don't be afraid to try new things in your courts. If questions or problems arise, talk to your District Deputy. She is there to help you.

Please be sure to fill out your Officer Lists and send them to the National office with a copy to me. Please include an email address, and when emailing me, **put "CDA" in the subject line.**

I am saddened to report the disbandment of four courts: McKeesport #221, Pittsburgh; Regina Pacis #1055, Philadelphia; Annunciation #175, Shenandoah;

## *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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## PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO YOUR NEW REGENT!

### Newsletter Schedule Quarterly Publications

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

### Submission Deadlines

Fall: August 1  
Winter: November 1  
Spring: February 1  
Summer: May 1

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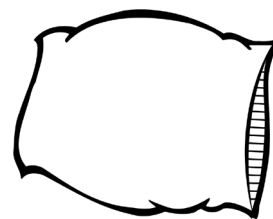
## A NEW PRO-LIFE HAITI PROJECT Comfy Pillow—Cozy Jammies



Several hundred Haitian children reside in orphanages under the care of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation. Their needs for food, clothing and education are dependent upon the loving work of the Little Sisters. However, the meager funds that are available are often sorely stressed and cannot provide for the needs of the children "beyond the basics." During our recent January visit to Haiti, we were able to provide many items for the children including quilts and stuffed dolls. In preparation for our 2015 trip, we are collecting supplies needed to make pajama pillows for the children along with pajamas and nighties to fit into a pocket sewn on to each pillow. Since this is a project to provide for over 300 children, we are inviting others to join us in this effort.

### Donate Items Needed for the Pillow—Jammie Project!

Fleece fabric, fiber-fill stuffing, pillow forms, colorful fabric, thread, childrens' nighties and PJs (new or gently used), felt (for faces), decorative braid, ribbon.



### Would You Like to Help?

Donate time assisting us in sewing and stuffing pillows! We usually sew once a week on an evening and/or afternoon. Or, we can give you supplies to sew at home. (But we want you to know that we have a great time sewing together!) Just give us a call with your phone number, email address or other contact info, and we will send you our sewing "club" schedule. We are also sewing additional childrens' quilts.

### Sponsor a pillow and child's nightie or PJ with donation of \$10.

Send all money to State Secretary Margaret Giordano.  
Specify Pro-Life Haiti—New Project.

Contact Sr. Marilyn Welch at [srmarilynw@verizon.net](mailto:srmarilynw@verizon.net) or 814-599-1044.

Yes! I would like to assist with sewing/making pillows.

Contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_.

Yes! I would like to donate the following new materials for the project:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Court \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: CCW Hands & Hearts Haiti Ministry, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641.



## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS PENNSYLVANIA STATE COURT

*I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.*  
Philippians 4:13

### *OFFICERS AND MEMBERS CONFERENCE*

**Theme:** "Learn and Energize" at the "sweetest place on earth."

**When:** Friday-Saturday, October 3-4, 2014

**Where:** Hershey Lodge, 325 University Dr., Hershey, PA 17033; phone 1-800-533-3131

Make your room reservations at the above number. Reference **Catholic Daughters** for room rate of \$109.00 plus tax, per room. Anyone wishing to stay over Saturday evening, the room rate would be applied. **Deadline** to make room reservations is **August 23, 2014**. The hotel will not guarantee this rate after the deadline.

**Conference Registration Fee:** \$25

**Registration:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday:** Dinner on your own

**Continental Breakfast:** (Optional) Cost \$12

**Lunch:** Meet and Mingle; Cost \$25

**Trolley Tour:** One-hour history tour of Hershey. Cost is \$16. In order to reserve a trolley or two, **we need to know of your interest now**. Please email (Shirley) [shirleyhall901@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyhall901@gmail.com) or call Peggy at 215-638-9217 and leave a message with your name, court, phone number and how many are interested in going on the tour.

**Vendors:** So far, we have two members who will be selling items. Anyone who wishes to sell items, please contact Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent, email: [lam1719@verizon.net](mailto:lam1719@verizon.net) or 724-263-2161.





# Chatter from Courts

## ALLENTOWN DIOCESE



Members of Court Easton #358

## HARRISBURG DIOCESE



Court Our Lady of Victory #588 - Mt. Carmel, PA  
Our Court participated in the Lion's Club Street Festival in downtown Mount Carmel. We sold religious items and talked to people about Catholic Daughters. In the picture are: Nora Avellino, Roseann Chesney, Mary Catherine Wydra and Mary Snyder

## PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE



Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, 5th Anniversary Celebration  
Standing: Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Tina Dambach, Regent; Deanna Lee Teixeira, Vice Regent; Megan Kramer, Financial Secretary; Rev. Robert L Bazzoli, OSFS Celebrant; Mary Moretz, Recording Secretary; Barbara A. Jones, Treasurer



Members of Court St. Francis De Sales #2617 after preparing and distributing 120 lunches to the needy. The Court's Matthew 25 food cupboard packed 104 bags of groceries to distribute to homeless and needy people in May. Over 3,000 lbs. of food has been distributed since December.

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE



Officers and Members of Court Price #849 with State Officers on occasion of their 90th Anniversary  
Sandra Rhoden, Regent; Patricia Babincack, Vice Regent; Patricia Fleming, Recording Secretary; Barbara Glowacki, Financial Secretary; Mary Ann Debor, Treasurer



Court Bellevue #655 receives Certificate of Appreciation from North Hills Community Outreach. Members help to feed 1,500 local families in need each year. Seated: Rosemarie Faller, Regent; Marcy Shaughnessy, Treasurer and Marian King, Financial Secretary; Standing: Sally Randa, Recording Secretary and Nancy Pendred, Vice Regent

# How the Church Has Changed the World Whatever You Do

By Anthony Esolen

One day, as Jesus was entering Capernaum in Galilee, a Roman centurion sent for him, and pleaded with him to heal his dying servant whom he dearly loved.

The Jewish elders joined in the plea, because this centurion was a friend of the Jews. He may have been, in his heart, a convert to the faith in the one God. "He loves our nation," they said, "and has built a synagogue for us!" Seeming to take no note of that reason, Jesus approaches the centurion's house, but the centurion, abashed because he knows that he is a pagan and a sinner, says, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed."

Jesus marvels, saying, "I have not found such faith in all of Israel!" And the servant was healed from that moment.

But the scene prompts a question. The centurion is rich enough to build a synagogue at his own expense. He lives in the bustling town of Capernaum, on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee; and the new Roman city of Caesarea Philippi is not far away. Why hasn't he brought his servant to the hospital?

You will answer, "Because there were no hospitals in those days," and you will be right, in part. There were health resorts, often built up around natural hot springs in those lands perched atop the volcanic ring of fire. Wherever the Romans found hot springs, they built resorts, even as far north as England: *Bath*. But there was no such thing as a hospital, where you could go if you were ill and needed care and were not rich enough to get to the spas, and had no money to hire the learned physicians. Apparently there was nowhere to go in Capernaum, even for a centurion with means.

And that prompts another question: "Why were there no hospitals?" It cannot be for want of funds. The Romans were energetic at public works, and when their armies were not busy fighting, they were employed as a corps of engineers and construction workers, building aqueducts, theaters, the civic halls we know as basilicas, temples, roads, and bridges. They could have built hospitals also. Nor was it for want of medical knowledge. The Greeks had learned medicine from the traditions of the Egyptians, whose accumulated knowledge spanned two thousand years. The Greek Hippocrates had bequeathed to the world the oath that bears his name, enjoining a sacred code upon all physicians. "The art

takes a long time to learn," said Hippocrates, "and life is short." Those are not the words of a quack.

So why were there no hospitals, for anyone and everyone? Because Jesus had yet to give mankind, through his Church, the great directive. "I was sick, and you visited me," says the Lord at the final judgment, and when the righteous reply, "But Lord, we never saw you sick," the answer comes, "Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers, the same have you done unto me." Every human being is of inestimable worth; not because he is rich or powerful, or dear to someone who is rich or powerful. Christians are commanded to see in the face of every human being the face of their brother—the face of Jesus. That transforms the world.

What do we suppose the Christians built, soon after Constantine issued the Edict of Milan in 314, legalizing Christian worship throughout the Roman Empire? They built churches, of course, and hospitals were not far behind. Saint Basil, the great theologian and bishop of Cappadocia, founded an enormous complex of buildings and streets just outside of his city of Caesarea for the care of the sick. It was so large, it came to be called the New Town. There were buildings for different kinds of patients, a home for infants, a home for the aged, and a lazaretto for people afflicted with contagious diseases. There were dwellings for physicians and nurses, so they could be always near the people they were treating. There were even workshops and schools where men crippled by disease or injury might learn a trade, to support themselves and their families.

It wasn't the only such place. In Constantinople alone, during the reign of Justinian, there were thirty-five hospital foundations. In the Middle Ages, religious orders were established such as the Knights Hospitalers of Saint John, whose vocation was to care for strangers and pilgrims and the sick. Wherever they went, they were bound by vow to build a hospital. When, in the thirteenth century, town life returned to Europe with great vigor (for the Vikings and other Germanic and Slavic pagans had been converted to Christianity, and no longer made life on the borderlands or the seacoasts precarious), new hospitals were founded everywhere, so that in Germany every small town of five thousand persons had its hospital. Pope Innocent III himself commissioned the construction of the Santo Spirito hospital, near the Vatican, hiring a hospital architect from France to do the job; and when bishops from other parts of the world came to the Vatican, Innocent urged them to visit the Santo Spirito and to go back home and build hospitals on that model.

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# 2014 PA State Education Contest Winners

Worthy Regents,

On behalf of the State Officers, I would like to thank all the courts who supported the Education Contest. Twenty-two courts had winning entries in this year's contest. I would like to thank Tina Dambach and her judges for a job well done. Checks will be made out to the court and sent to the regents as soon as possible. Please cash them as soon as possible and take care of your students. Certificates will be presented at the workshop / conference in October. Congratulations to all!

*Peggy Guckin, State Regent*

## Art Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### Name

Carolina Carpenetti  
Allison Zaczekiewicz  
Jason Fischer

### Court and # and City

Ave Maria #399, Lock Haven  
Conception #35, Corry  
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

## Art Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Alexis Marshall  
Meghan Mastick  
Alexis Zazvrskey

Doyle #932, Coudersport  
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson  
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

## Art Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Emily Miller  
Isabella Moroco  
No Entry

Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria  
Sharon #507, Sharon

## Art Division 4

No Entries

## Poetry Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Hannah Laskowski  
Mara Presley  
Kody Krug

New Kensington #860, New Kensington  
Patricia #998, Kittanning  
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

## Poetry Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Alanis Mattia  
Frances Troiano  
Zach Yingling

St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia  
New Kensington #860, New Kensington  
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg

## Poetry Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Gerald Zadnar  
Mary Holtz  
Joshua Stiller

Sharon #507, Sharon  
Ebensburg #680, Ebensburg  
St. Thomas #1483, Franklin

## Poetry Division 4

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Mary Linda Castano  
Kathleen Byron  
Joan Lazor

Doyle #932, Coudersport  
Monesson #776, Monesson  
St. Bernard #339, Indiana

## Essay Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Jodie Litzinger  
Jonathan Bain  
Hannah Hunter

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg  
New Kensington #860, New Kensington  
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

## Essay Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Ryley Lewis  
Nolan Turco  
Faith Remich

Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona  
Patricia #998, Kittanning  
New Kensington #860, New Kensington

## Essay Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Anya Hong  
Michael Scanga  
Hannah Stiller

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Sharon #507, Sharon  
St. Thomas #1483, Franklin

## Computer Art Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Rajmeet (Ruby) Kaur  
Ryan McLucas  
Monica Turnbull

St. Thomas #1483, Franklin  
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg  
St. Bernard #339, Indiana

## Computer Art Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Erin Choby  
Jillian Smith  
Rachael Havenstab

Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria  
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Hollidaysburg  
Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona

## Computer Art Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Colleen Malley  
Carmen Nevant  
No Entry

St. Rene #1868, Monroeville  
Sharon #507, Sharon

## Computer Art Division 4

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Christina Bell  
No Entry  
No Entry

St. Theresa #562, Blairsville

## Music

No Entries

## Photography Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Jade Coyne  
Brennan Smith  
Cameron Clark

Monesson #776, Monesson  
St. Callistus #66, Kane  
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

## Photography Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Emily Simpson  
Gabriella Hong  
Derek Onderko

Sharon #507, Sharon  
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria

## Photography Division 4

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Marianne Warner  
Marie Brophy  
No Entry

St. Thomas #1483, Franklin  
St. Mark #1097, Bristol

The following courts also submitted entries in the Education Contest, but there were no winners:  
Columbia #2, Easton #358, Patrick Mc Ardle #448, St. Theresa #562, Our Lady of Victory #588, Bellevue #655,  
Westinghouse #759, Price #849, Vandergrift #1008, Washington #1651, Blessed Madonna #2521.



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas

*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches" - John 15:5*

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March 31, 2014

Peggy Guckin

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas®  
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Worthy State Regent and Dear Peggy:

It is with gratitude and thanks that we acknowledge your very generous checks designated for the National Projects and Charities:

DISASTER RELIEF	\$710.00
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES	\$380.00
SOAR!	\$390.00
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Additionally, we received your check to North American College in the amount of \$302 for Masses and acknowledge a check to Project Handclasp in the amount of \$270.

We ask you to extend our most sincere gratitude to the Catholic Daughters in the State of Pennsylvania. We truly appreciate their selfless generosity and enduring compassion. You are all a credit to our wonderful organization and a great help to us in continuing the much needed support of our worthy causes.

In Unity & Charity,

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## Message from State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

**T**he month of June is, traditionally, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began in the year 1673 A.D. Beginning in that year, and on several occasions thereafter, our Lord appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun who lived in 17<sup>th</sup> century France.

During His apparitions, our Lord explained to Sister Margaret Mary the devotion to His Sacred Heart, as He desires the faithful to embrace it and practice it. Jesus asks to be honored in the image of His Sacred Heart; He asks for acts of reparation; for frequent and proper (worthy) reception of Holy Communion; reception of Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month; and the practice of making a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is, essentially, a devotion to the unfathomable love that Almighty God has for each of us, which He has revealed in Christ Jesus. By having a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we simply acknowledge our great need for His love and our great need for His mercy and His forgiveness, which is represented by His Sacred Heart.

In His first vision to Sister Margaret Mary in 1673, our Lord disclosed to her that He desired to make known to mankind the treasures of mercy and love found in His Sacred Heart, and He desired to use her as His instrument to make devotion to His Sacred Heart widespread amongst all the faithful.

In other subsequent apparitions, our Lord instructed Sister Margaret Mary to implore the local Church authorities to establish First Friday Devotions—offering to all the faithful the opportunity each month to implore the mercy of the Lord. Since our Lord's apparitions to Sister Margaret Mary, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has become one of the most popular devotions of our Catholic faith.

We can honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many ways. One way we can honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus is by displaying an image of the Sacred Heart in our homes. (Images and statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be readily found in all Catholic religious goods stores, as well as many sites on the internet.) There is no better way to continuously remind ourselves of the wonderful gift of mercy our Lord offers to all who seek it with sincerity and trust than by displaying an image of His Sacred Heart in your home.



Another way to appropriately honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus is by observing the First Friday of each month by attending Mass, celebrating the Sacrament of Confession and spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and by praying the Divine Mercy prayers.

It is so important to remember and realize that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is truly a devotion to His unfathomable love for each of us. If we sincerely offer devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, He promises us that our devotion will not be fruitless, but rather will lead us closer to His love in this life and prepare us to experience His Divine Love for all eternity! Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

May the Lord continue to bless all our efforts offered in His name, and may His Mother, Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our nation, watch over us and intercede for us! Mary Immaculate, pray for us!

*Rev. Timothy F. O'Sullivan, State Chaplain of CDA*

## How the Church Has Changed the World

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And that prompts still another question: “What was the model for a hospital?” We are apt to think that the places must have been dim, miserable, and filthy, where nobody but beggars and desperate men would go. Such is the residue of the prejudice against the Middle Ages engrained in us, who are instructed to fall in worship of new things because they are new.

There’s no doubt that medical science can accomplish things that would stun the beholder with wonder—not just a medieval man, but even someone from the days of our grandparents. But that’s no reason to suppose that the Church did not do her utmost, in the hospitals, to cure disease, and to comfort the dying, according to the best medical knowledge then available. And more: in some ways the hospitals the Church built were *superior* to ours.

Sometimes I believe that the evil attraction to euthanasia arises from a natural horror of hospitals such as they are. When my wife’s mother was dying, we stayed with her at the hospital for several days, in the white sterile impersonal room, hearing the blips of the machines, the drone of the television, and the calls on the intercom. The doctors and nurses were quite efficient—one might say, coldly and mechanically efficient. Of course, since she was going to die, they wanted her to do it as soon as possible, with as little trouble as possible to anybody else, and to that effect they wanted to prescribe morphine, even though she was in no pain. We told them to keep their morphine to themselves. After a few days, though they did not need the bed, and though it could only harm my mother-in-law, they ordered her removed to a local hospice, where she soon died.

It is hard for us to imagine, but the Church built hospitals that were *beautiful*. Well, these were medieval men, who had not yet acquired the modern



*The Return of the Prodigal Son*  
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1617 - 1682

knack of building things intended to be ugly; every chance they had, they surrounded themselves with things of beauty. But they also believed that a sick or dying person above all should be comforted with beauty. They built lovely hospitals, usually outside of the town walls, for fresher air. It was the custom, says Dr. James Walsh in *The World’s Debt to the Catholic Church*, “To decorate the hospitals with beautiful frescoes and the result was that patients had much more occupation of mind than they have in our bare walled hospitals.” Imagine that you are lying on the bed from which you will not rise, and seeing, near to you in more ways than one, a painting of *The Mystical Marriage of Saint Catherine*, with the Christ Child enthroned in the bosom of Mary, placing a golden ring upon the finger of that young saint who suffered so much in her body as she prayed and labored for the welfare of the Church.

I’m not making that up. That is what you might have seen if you lay in the Hospital of Saint John, in Bruges.

And it was no local child they hired to decorate the walls with some garish cartoon. It was the exquisite Hans Memmling, who knew how to make the countenance of a holy woman like that of a queen. If you were not in Bruges, but in the Hospital of Charity in Seville, you would have seen the work of Murillo, the kindly and gentle genius. Perhaps you’d have seen his *Return of the Prodigal Son*, with the old father embracing the poor bedraggled lad, while a small white dog, tail held high, leaps up to greet him.

For the Christians who built these hospitals never forgot that man has a soul as well as a body, and that he longs to leave his bed of illness to return to one home, or to another.

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## "What If God Was One Of Us?"

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*"Christ has no body  
now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours."  
~ St. Teresa of Avila ~*

Jesus lives in Haiti in squalid conditions. He has lost His home due to hurricanes. He has no place to go to school. He does not have enough to eat. He does not have clean water. We help Him get an education. We help get Him clean water and food.

As Catholic Daughters, we help each other see Jesus and respond to Him where we might not have been able to do so on our own. That's one reason Catholic Daughters of the Americas is dear to me.

Someone told me that our chaplain's priest friends teased him about having such an old-fashioned organization at our parish.

Some of us might look old, but there's nothing old-fashioned about us. Catholic Daughters, throughout our history, have stepped up to the challenges of the current day, such as war, economic disaster, abortion and immorality in the media. We keep up with the times and find Jesus in all sorts of places.

The other reason Catholic Daughters is so wonderful is that it means being part of a sisterhood. And so it is with my Catholic Daughters' family, my sisters in Christ who teach me every day how to meet Jesus everywhere. We don't always agree, and sometimes we get upset with one another, but, in the end, we realize we love and care for each other and, with one another, we grow in our faith and service. Just like sisters.

I am so grateful to be part of one terrific Sister Act.

*Tina Dambach, State Education Chairman, Court # 2617 St. Francis de Sales, Philadelphia Diocese, in a speech at the Court's 5th Anniversary.*

## Leadership Development

Leaders need to be developed in order for our organization to continue in our mission of Unity and Charity. Are our present leaders sending the right example as role models for our organization? Many of the local courts are experiencing difficulty when it is time for election of new officers. Teamwork and motivation suffer when leaders lack effective leadership skills. So, it helps to have a leadership training program for the membership. If a member exhibits strong job skills they can usually get results. But, they may need to build their team skills and people skills.

Leadership is the art of inspiring and empowering people to see the vision and to lead others effectively. Members generally follow a leader out of trust, respect and personal motivation. Leaders need to set the example and bring out the best in their members.

Members, plan to attend the Fall Workshop and learn more about becoming a leader.

*Letty Calvetti, Leadership Chair; Past 2nd VNR*

## Our Coat of Arms

As I gaze on the Cross and Crown, images of parable, song and Sacrament come to me and grace me with insight. The Ring of Fire (Cross) is responsible for earthquakes and other upheavals in the earth. Yet, these destructive forces call forth the redemptive force in our circle of love (Crown). In song, I hear Dan Schutte's music. "Only this I want, but to know the Lord, and to bear His cross so to wear the crown He wore." In Baptism, we die with Christ and partake in his risen life so we can in turn enter into the circle of love and share his risen life.

*Sr. Mary Paul, D.M., Spiritual Enchantment Chairman*

## Parliamentary Procedure Notes

### SUBSIDIARY MOTION:

#### "MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION"

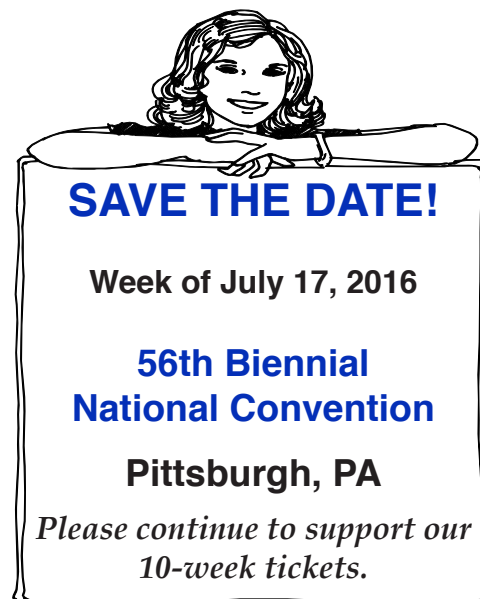
This Subsidiary Motion means—"to cut off debate/discussion." It can be made while other subsidiary motions below it are pending (like a Motion to Amend or a Motion to Refer to a Committee).

The moving party says, "Worthy Regent, I move The Previous Question" (or "I move to cut off debate"); it must be seconded, and then the vote is taken on this Subsidiary Motion to cut off debate.

This Subsidiary Motion—"MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR CUT OFF DISCUSSION"—takes a two-thirds (2/3) VOTE. If it carries, discussion is immediately cut off, and the original pending motion is back on the floor for amendment, if any; otherwise, a vote is taken on the original pending motion.

This Subsidiary Motion to cut off debate is a handy motion to have in your proverbial "hip pocket." If the discussion is going on too long and both the pro and con have been heard, and you feel most of the members know how they feel about the issue, then the Subsidiary Motion—MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION—should be made by a member to get the issue revolved quickly—either it passes or is lost. USE THIS SUBSIDIARY MOTION OFTEN.

*Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian*





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## *“What If God Was One Of Us?”*

**W**hat If God Was One Of Us? You may be familiar with this song by Joan Osbourne. Some of the words: *“What if God was one of us? —Just a stranger on the bus, trying to make his way home. If God had a face what would it look like? And what would you want to see? If seeing meant you had to believe.”*

I’ve always really liked this song. It definitely gives you something to think about.

I do believe God is one of us, and I know Catholic Daughters believe it too, and they show it in their service to others. Here’s how I see our reactions to meeting Jesus in the world through our National, State and local Projects and Charities. Some of these examples are from my own court’s charities, but you can make the same correlation with your own local court projects.

Jesus comes to the food cupboard asking for groceries. He says, “What do you need from me, what kind of ID, how do I prove my income, how do I prove my worth?” We say, “We need nothing. If you are hungry, here is some food. Your word is enough.”

Jesus is born with developmental disabilities. He is hard to look at. He needs a great amount of care. We provide a place, Misericordia, where He can be surrounded by loving people who care for Him, make Him feel valued, give His life meaning and give Him joy.

Jesus suffers through cancer. He sits through endless bouts of chemo. He succumbs to the illness. In His honor and memory, His sister knits caps for other chemo patients. She gets her CDA sisters to make them too. Hundreds of suffering people get some relief and comfort during their treatments.

Jesus is born with a cleft palate in a third-world country. His parents cannot afford treatment. We provide doctors through Smile Train to perform surgeries that put a smile on His face.

Jesus comes to a soup kitchen for a meal. Jesus is drunk. He complains and tries to start a fight. The next day, we welcome Him back and feed him again.

Jesus is in the womb. His mother is afraid; she wants to abort Him. We pray for Him, we pray for His parents. We get others to pray. We provide help for the mother and baby through many pro-life organizations.

Jesus lives in the poorest county in the United States, Tutwiler, Mississippi. He needs medical care, and He can’t afford it. We provide medical care and other basic services by supporting Tutwiler Clinic.

Jesus is a retired priest. The facility where he lives needs a new heating system. We provide it through our support of SOAR (Support our Aging Religious.)

Jesus wants to enter religious life. He can’t because He has student loan debt. We pay it off for Him through The Laboure Society.

Jesus is a five-year-old waiting for a heart transplant. His family has to travel very far to get Him treatment. We provide a low-cost place for Him and His family to stay nearby. We cook a Thanksgiving dinner for Him and all of the residents. We bask in the glow of His beautiful 5-year-old smile.

Jesus’s job requires Him to be at sea many months at a time. We give him spiritual help and help provide Him with the sacraments and give Him counseling when He gets back to port through Apostleship of the Sea.

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