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Dear Catholic Daughters,

This winter has been very bad in regards to the flu, snow and bitter temperatures. As I write this letter to the membership, many of us are seeing six or more inches of snow with temperatures at least 25 degrees and the snow changing over to rain/sleet—on Sunday warming up to 40 degrees. Oh, how nice!

I, for one, have had enough cabin fever and am looking forward to Spring and seeing many of you at our Convention. Letters were sent to the Regents with Convention information. If you did not receive your letter, please contact me. The slate of State Officers for the term 2015-2017 is on page 3.

I hope all courts are reporting on the Circle of Love Program which is due to the State Chairman by March 16.

I also encourage all courts to enter the Newsletter Contest. Gloria Kissel, Chair, can be contacted at: 236 Connecticut Dr., Lower Burrell, PA 15068; phone 724-339-3614; email: Gabe236@comcast.net.

The Semi-Annual Financial Review Form is included in the March issue of *National Quarterly*. The review covers the period of October to March 31, 2015. Regents, remember to call your District Deputy. Remember also to complete your Membership Form and send it to Janet Osterling, State Membership Chair.

Duffy Courage Lion—Thanks to your generosity at the Workshop and a little bit of your State Donations, \$335.00 has purchased a Courage Champion Sponsorship which covers one child for 12 months with a lion, books, CD or other therapeutic items. Another two 10-inch lions with books and CD were also made available. These lions go to children in critical-care facilities.

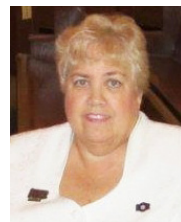
Also, on your behalf, \$25.00 was sent to each of the eight dioceses for the homeless. I received a thank you from The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown. He was scheduled to bless a new homeless shelter, Martha and Mary House, and he said he would mention the support of the Catholic Daughters.

\$100.00 was also sent to Philadelphia Archdiocese Girls and Boys Choir to help support them when Pope Francis comes to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families in September. Please say a Hail Mary daily for the health and protection of Pope Francis.

At the 55th Biennial National Convention in Montana, newly elected National Regent Shirley Seyfried announced her three goals: One goal is that for the next two years, each court would do a new project, one each year. When your court completes a

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*Peggy Guckin, 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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Fall: September-November  
Winter: December-February  
Spring: March-May  
Summer: June-August

## Submission Deadlines

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

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# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS 51ST BIENNIAL PA STATE CONVENTION

**April 23 - 27, 2015**

**Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn**

**4700 Street Rd., Feasterville / Trevoose, PA 19053**

**Theme: "Faith + Family = Future"**

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

- Thursday, April 23** Registration 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
(Sale of National Items)
- Friday, April 24** City Tour Offered 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Registration 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Opening Mass, St. Ephrem Church 4:30 p.m.  
Cash Bar 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Opening Banquet 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25** Registration 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.  
Seating of Delegates 8:45 a.m.  
Opening Session 9:00 a.m.  
Memorial Mass 12 Noon
- Philadelphia Buffet MEET THE CANDIDATES  
Resume 2:30 p.m.  
Optional Casino Trip 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26** Registration 7:45 - 8:00 a.m.  
Seating of Delegates - ONLY FOR VOTING 8:30 - 8:40 a.m.  
Election of Officers & Nominating Committee 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.  
Business Session Resumes 9:30 a.m.  
Break—Lunch on your own 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Business Session Resumes 1:00 p.m.
- Mass – Installation of Officers  
St. Ephrem Church 4:30 p.m.  
Cash Bar 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Closing Banquet 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 27** Closing Mass 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch to follow

Please note that all reservations must be made before April 5, 2015 to have the discounted rate of \$99.00, plus tax. Reservations after April 5 will be at the hotel's prevailing rate. The website is: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/CDA42515>. Remember to mention **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**.

Reservations by phone: You can call **877-852-4859** and ask for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Block to get the group rate of \$99.00 per night, plus tax.

Remember ladies, we will have several vendors available at the convention, also our donated tombolla gifts to chance off and Share the Wealth.

Are you a CRAFTER? Would you like to sell your CRAFTS at the Convention? As long as your COURT does not profit from your selling, we would love to have you. Contact Laraine McGinnis, email: lam1719@verizon.net.



*Meet Duffy Courage Lion  
at the Convention*



## SLATE OF OFFICERS

The 2015 PA State Nominating Committee, after thoroughly reviewing the credentials of all of the highly qualified nominees, submits the following candidates for election to Pennsylvania State Offices of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the 2015 – 2017 term.

OFFICE OF STATE REGENT: Margaret (Peggy) Guckin  
 OFFICE OF FIRST VICE STATE REGENT: Margaret ( Peg) Rafferty  
 OFFICE OF SECOND VICE STATE REGENT: Shirley Hall  
 OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY: Margaret Giordano  
 OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER: Lisa McCann

Submitted by: Jeanette Kitch, Nominating Committee Chair, Marge Samek, Dolly Glowacki, Janet Osterling and Sr. Mary Paul, DM.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION PITTSBURGH, PA JULY 20 – 23, 2016

The Convention runs from Wednesday to Sunday. However, will need ladies to come in early. Those coming to the Convention will arrive starting on Saturday. As the host State, we will be offering various trips. We will be in need of many volunteers. Below are some of the areas in which we will need volunteers to help. In some cases, you may want to volunteer in two areas. One of those areas would be ushers (ushers need to wear white skirts, blouses and white shoes). We will need many volunteers in this area for all the Masses.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

#### ♦ HOSPITALITY

- ♦ **Greeters:** At the airport, to meet incoming flights, direct ladies to luggage carousels, and direct to transportation to the hotel
- ♦ **Hotel:** Information area
- ♦ **Registration:** Registration of delegates and guests, hand out convention materials, trip and meal tickets
- ♦ **Liturgy Preparation:** Set up convention hall for Mass, Meditation Room, ushers
- ♦ **Monitors:** Convention sessions
- ♦ **Volunteers to make centerpieces and set up:** Priests' luncheon, men's lunch, State Regents' lunch, PA Fun Night and Appreciation Banquet
- ♦ **Vendor Room:** Share the Wealth, etc.





## Activities for Children at Lent and Easter



Many of our Catholic Daughters work with children, whether our own children, our grandchildren, other relatives, or in capacities such as Faith Formation Teachers or Scout Leaders.

For many, Lent is difficult to understand as a time of

preparation for the Sacrifice of Good Friday and the joy of Easter's Resurrection. We suggest a sacrifice of something they like, giving of money, or helping people in some way to prepare for Easter. Here are some Lenten practices that may make the meaning easier to understand.

Read the Bible—possibly a children's version—every day as a family. Just a short passage to emphasize the ministry of Jesus.

Prepare one of your meatless Friday meals together as a family.

Explain the RCIA program (people, who after a lot of study and prayer, will be received into the Church at the end of Lent) to the children; then encourage them to make cards for the candidates.

On Holy Thursday, do a foot washing with your family.

Attend different versions of the Stations of the Cross. If available in your area, attend "Child Friendly" Stations (or online—try [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)).

Tour other churches, examining the windows, statues, and Stations.

Walk through your yard or neighborhood and choose "spots" for your own Stations (a lawn chair for "sentenced to death" or a tree for "Jesus dies on the cross") to help children give their own meaning to each station.

In the evening or in a dark room, light 14 candles and extinguish one as you read each Station (children love to blow out candles) until after the last Station you are in darkness—the world without Christ. How can you "re-light" the room to allow Jesus to reenter your life?

Make a game—not necessarily about the Stations. Purchase prints of various religious themes (the Last Supper, Jesus on the Cross, the Sacred Heart, Mary, etc.). Hide the pictures and give the children a clue as to where each is hidden. When found, discuss the picture, say an "Our Father," and/or make up a prayer to accompany the picture.

Hold an Easter Egg Hunt. Invite children at a certain time and place. As they arrive, have coloring pages dealing with Easter to occupy those who arrive early. If available, have your priest give

the children a blessing. If not, say a prayer suitable for the event. Read the Easter Story explaining the death and resurrection of Jesus. Tell how new life came through the Resurrection of Jesus and new life comes from eggs, which is why we have Easter eggs. Let the children hunt for eggs.

Act out the Easter Story (with puppets or with more elaborate costumes).

Plant flowers to represent new life. Decorate the flower pot with religious symbols, then plant seeds or plant starts. As the plant needs water and sunlight, our life in Christ needs constant prayer, lessons, etc.

*Dolores Croyle, Youth and JCDA State Chair*

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE NOTES Rights of Regent or Presiding Officer...to...



...have ORDER/DECORUM of members at all times (no side conversations);

...clarify (explain) an issue (but must not give an opinion);

...hear/understand each speaker (member stands, is recognized by the Chair, then states motion, or discusses issue);

...suggest a certain motion to resolve a situation;

...appoint a parliamentarian;

...get UNFINISHED BUSINESS items from secretary for agenda;

...DENY ACCEPTANCE of "I SO MOVE"; (maker must state motion with "I move to or I move that we...),

...state to a member that "her MOTION is out of order"; (not that the member is out of order);

...VOTE on a written ballot;

...MAKE or BREAK a TIE VOTE (TIE VOTE is always lost);

...disregard a "call the question"; (need motion to cut off debate);

...encourage member to STAND to STATE A MOTION, DEBATE, or DISCUSS the issue before the members;

...ask for a motion in WRITING.

*Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian*



## Save Your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes!

I wish you all a Happy Spring and a Blessed Lenten Season. Just a thought—since we already save our pennies for Pro-Life, why not save our nickels and dimes this Lent and pick a National Project or Charity of your choice. Let's sit back and watch all the smiles we put on faces and the joy in peoples' hearts—all from our spare change. We can help lots of people! Thank you all for being so generous; keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Jeanette Kitch, National Projects Chairman*

## State Membership News Challenges, Visits, Packets...

Since the State Workshop in October, your State Membership Team, under the direction of Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman, has been actively meeting in person, on the phone and via Email.

First, we needed to get in contact with the courts who weren't represented at our State Workshop in October, sharing with them the "Key Challenge." Every court has since been given a key, symbolically representing a method in which to open a previously unopened church door to Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Each court is to contact a minimum two parishes within a 50-mile radius of their own court, asking the pastor's permission for us to share the good news of Catholic Daughters with their parishioners.

At our upcoming State Convention in April, we want each court to bring their key with them and place it on our State Membership Map, indicating the churches (localities) you've approached and hopefully opened. Remember, once you receive the pastor's permission for Catholic Daughters to present themselves, your State Membership Team will come and help!

Our National officials have also set a challenge, a BOGO...Bring One, Gain One...as described on pages 18-19 of the Winter *SHARE* magazine, which can be viewed here: [http://www.nxtbook.com/mercury/mercury/CDA\\_Share\\_Winter\\_2014-15/](http://www.nxtbook.com/mercury/mercury/CDA_Share_Winter_2014-15/)

In the article you'll learn all about the Local Court and State Court contests being offered August 1, 2014 through June 1, 2016. Local courts who bring in the most new members (the largest percentage of increase) can win as much as \$200 in cash prizes! State courts are being



### Operation Morning Star Legislative Program

The Operation Morning Star mission statement is the empowerment of Catholic womanhood to develop a Catholic Policy

Agenda to reach out and speak out in the legislative arena for the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all humankind, in accordance with the principles of justice and peace.

Some goals to keep in mind are to inform and educate CDA members on legislative issues affecting our Catholic values; and to advise the membership to PUSH for legislative action that will improve the quality of life, focusing on life, family, education, housing and health care issues.

Suggested activities for your court may include sponsoring voter registration drives and/or organizing prayer services for the unborn. In addition, please make the Operation Morning Star's Legislative Handbook available to all members.

asked to bring in at least five new courts; anything over that will be in line for winning a cash prize too! Cash prizes are being awarded for first, second and third place in each of the three divisions.

The Pennsylvania Court is hosting the National Convention in Pittsburgh, July 2016. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had the most new members and most new courts!

We have also reviewed the data submitted from the Membership Form, which you can find here: <http://www.cdapa.com/forms/court-membership-report.pdf> This Membership Form is to be completed when you have your Financial Review. If you already had your Financial Review, between October 2014 and today, but didn't send in your Membership Form, please take a few moments to do so now. The Membership Form needs to be completed with each Financial Review, so remember to also send it when you complete your Financial Review by March 31st.

This Spring, members from the State Membership Team will be attending your Diocesan Meeting. We'll have some materials with us, including the new Membership packet, put together by our National office.

To order a membership kit, visit: <http://www.catholic-daughters.org>. Select "Store." Then select "Recruitment Tools." The "Membership Drive Support Kit" is \$20 plus shipping/handling. It includes: a 3-pocket plastic envelope containing a set of 3 Recruitment Posters, 25 Invitations to Join, 25 Unity & Charity Brochures, 25 Top 10 Reasons Postcards, 25 Membership Applications, a suggested bulletin announcement and message to use when speaking from the altar. We are excited about joining you at your Diocesan Meeting, re-acquainting ourselves with one another, or simply meeting and making new friends!

*Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman*

### Contacting Federal Legislators

Via telephone: please call the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. and ask for your U.S. Senator or U.S. House Representative by name. Call 1-800-828-0498 or 1-202-224-3121.

Via the internet: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) (for U.S. Senator) or [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) (for U.S. House Representative). You will find an email address and direct telephone number.

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Each court should appoint a Local Court Legislative Chair to aid in the distribution of legislative information.

*Michelle Russo, State Chairman, Legislation*



# Message from State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

I am sure many of you have heard of an upcoming event that will be held in Philadelphia this coming September. Of course, I am speaking of the World Meeting of Families (WMF) and the visit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to the United States.

This extraordinary event in the life of the Church was actually begun by our beloved and late Holy Father, St. John Paul II in 1994. On that occasion, our Holy Father invited families to join him in Rome for a celebration of the family and the presence of God in the “domestic Church” (the family). The event takes place every three years and is held in a different part of the world each time.

After the initial event in 1994, WMF has taken place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1997), Rome (in the Great Jubilee Year of 2000), Manila, The Philippines (2003), Valencia, Spain (2006) and Milan, Italy (2012). This September will be the first time the event takes place in the United States.

While the event is being hosted by Archbishop Chaput and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, it is sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family (a Vatican Office), which is primarily responsible for the pastoral ministry to the family with the goal of helping Christian families fulfill that mission as the “domestic Church.”

While I realize many of our courts are not within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, but extend throughout the state of Pennsylvania, I am encouraging each of our courts to do whatever they can to promote this extraordinary event. Make plans, whether with your own family or with your court, to attend some or all of the events planned for this special gathering. If attending the entire event is not possible, please make plans to be present for the closing Mass, which will be celebrated by Pope Francis on The Benjamin Franklin Parkway in center city Philadelphia. It will truly be a most remarkable event, not us for the Church of Philadelphia or Pennsylvania, but for the Church in the United States.

For more information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit the website: [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org) for more information and registration information.

For those who many not be able to attend the WMF, may I please ask that you, as individuals and as courts, pray the prayer in anticipation of WMF:

## World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, Your Son and our Savior,  
You have made us Your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.  
May Your grace and love help our families in every part of the world  
be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.  
May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of Your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for 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

*\*The painting depicts the young Jesus assisting Joseph in his workshop. Joseph is making a door, which is laid on his carpentry work-table. Jesus has cut his hand on an exposed nail, leading to a sign of the stigmata, prefiguring the crucifixion. As Saint Anne removes the nail with a pair of pincers, his concerned mother Mary offers her cheek for a kiss while Joseph examines his wounded hand. The young John the Baptist brings in water to wash the wound, prefiguring his later baptism of Christ. An assistant of Joseph’s, representing potential future Apostles, watches these events. In the background various objects are used to further point up the theological significance of the subject. A ladder, referring to Jacob’s Ladder, is visible leaning against the back wall; a dove standing for the Holy Spirit rests on it. Other carpentry implements refer to the Holy Trinity.*

—wikipedia.org



*Christ in the House of His Parents\**  
Sir John Everett Millais (1829-1896)  
—restoredtraditions.com

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

For: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

## State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions from January to March 2015. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future.

If you need request cards, contact Margaret Novak, IPSR,  
email: [cdamargaret@gmail.com](mailto:cdamargaret@gmail.com) or 814-735-3386.

### Congratulations

*Rev. Timothy F. O'Sullivan*

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

### Happy 97th Birthday

*Ann Rush*

Given by: Court Isabella #959

### Happy 23rd Anniversary

*Tracy and Alan Mongelluzzo*

Given by: Margaret Novak, IPSR

### Get Well Wishes

*Patrick Dunleavy*

Given by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

*Norma Rizzullo*

*Teresa Sakowski*

*Ethel Flatch*

*Agnes Dick*

*Annie Jacobs*

Given by: Court St. Mark #1097

*Peggy Guckin*

Given by: State Officers

Margaret Novak, IPSR

*Ellen Gallagher*

Given by: State Officers

Margaret Novak, IPSR

*Sandy Zabierowsky*

*Nancy Pendred #655*

*Mary Ann Keinan*

Given by: Court Isabella #959

### In Sympathy

*Rose Campagna*

*Chris Ebert*

*John Ondash*

*William Rodger*

Given by: State Officers

Margaret Novak, IPSR

*Dorothy Pearce*

Given by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

*Agnes Kerestan*

Given by: Laraine McGinnis #1651

*Mary Ann Berchin*

Given by: Court Washington #1651

*Michelle Barth*

Given by: Pattie Fromknecht #2625

*Francis Verchick*

Given by: Nancy Anna #722

*Nancy Pendred #655*

Given by: Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

*John Ondash*

Given by: Court Washington #1651

Court Isabella #959

*Suzann Breen*

Given by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

*Ed Bindseil*

Given by: Pattie Fromknecht #2625

*Eileen "Pat" Sullivan*

*Marie Catullo #759*

Given by: Lisa McCann, State Treasurer



# Chatter From Courts

## ERIE DIOCESE

Court Columbia #2 is keeping friendships warm during the winter months. We enjoyed lunch and a few games of bingo at Perkins Restaurant, January 19, 2015.



*Seated: Phyllis Vrobel, Regent; Joanne McClay, Financial Secretary; and Lucille Gable.  
Standing: Mary Ann Cochran; Ruth Dimerling, Legislative Reporter; Maxine Holzer; Mary Ann Ferlin;  
Joan Leonheart; Carol Bellini; Sue Kelly, Treasurer; Angie Lewis; Audrey Albaugh, Vice Regent;  
and Jeanne Plementosh. (Not present when picture was taken: Pat Say, Cheer Chairman.)*

Court Columbia #2 celebrated Veteran's Day, November 12, 2014. Our speaker for the occasion was Kim Lengling, an 11-year Air Force Veteran, pictured with Jeanette Kitch, 10-year Navy Veteran and presently, Court Columbia #2 Recording Secretary.



The table display includes pictures of Court Columbia #2 Family Veterans and a picture of Mary Ann Cochran with her four Veteran sons: Rick and Kevin Cochran, Navy Veterans and Ron and Dan Cochran, Marine Veterans.

*Phyllis Vrobel, Regent*



# Picturing Mary

By Nora Hamerman

The new exhibit at Washington D.C.'s National Museum of Women in the Arts, "Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea," conceived even before the museum's birth in 1987, opened this year at long last, just in time for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The exhibit, which will continue until Easter, is under the curatorship of Msgr. Timothy Verdon, director of the Cathedral Museum of Florence, Italy and a leading scholar of Marian art.

An exhibit on the Virgin Mary may seem destined to be, to use Verdon's own phrase, nothing but "reheated soup." But there is in fact a long tradition of adaptability in Marian imagery, which "implies a degree of freedom of interpretation on the viewer's part," writes Melissa Katz in the exhibition catalog. Mary has long served, as this exhibit demonstrates, as "a shifting icon of social concerns, journeying from aloof and perfect queen to all-forgiving mother and champion of the lowly."

The exhibit shows, too, how Marian imagery was pervasive in every medium over time: it includes not only painting and sculpture but also stained glass, liturgical vestments, enamels, and sculptures. Verdon draws upon the resources of the Diocesan Museum of Prato, a Tuscan city with a booming textile industry and many wealthy collectors who have lent their pieces to the museum. This provided many of the silver statuettes, enameled plaques, textiles, and wooden sculptures that fill out the concept between the more famous objects.

Verdon is intent on showing the interplay between text and image—the Word made flesh, made image. Each room in the exhibit begins with a text drawn from Scripture or hymnody that helps to shed light on the aspect of Mary being illustrated by the sixty works of art.

Image and scripture intertwine beautifully in one of the exhibit's gems, the Botticelli "Madonna of the Book" featured on the catalogue cover and the posters. Mary and the child sit before an open book that evokes a liturgical text. "Between Mary and the book [Botticelli] places the child, who in Christian belief is God's very word made flesh (John 1:14). Whatever Mary sought in the words of this book, she will in fact find in this child of flesh, who is God's wisdom in person," Verdon writes.

Although the exhibit boasts a Rembrandt etching and a Michelangelo drawing, many of the highlights are by less famous names. A rare painted terracotta sculpture of the Madonna and Child by Luca della Robbia stands out among several works of the Florentine Renaissance for its dramatic portrayal of awareness of Christ's tragic destiny in the faces and pose of both mother and child. Verdon cites Hebrews 10: 5–10 to show that Christ accepted his future suffering before he came into the world, and St. Leo the Great went so far as to say that the only reason God's son assumed flesh in Mary's womb was to offer that flesh for humanity on the cross.



*Madonna of the Book*  
Sandro Botticelli (c1445-1510)  
—restoredtraditions.com

A charming panel by the "Master of the Winking Eyes" (Ferrara, c. 1450) shows the mother playing with her child as her veil slips over his head, an allusion to the way in which the flesh Christ took from Mary "veils" the Godhead.

A window depicting the Deposition and Entombment of Christ by the greatest stained-glass designer of the sixteenth century, Guillaume de Marcillat is stunning: It once hung between Pontormo's frescoes of the Angel Gabriel and Virgin Annunciate in Santa Felicità in Florence, where the grieving Mary of the window, directly above the altar, looked across at her younger, joyful counterpart of the Annunciation.

Finally, the iconography of Sr. Orsola Maddalena Caccia, a provincial and largely unknown artist of the seventeenth century, stands out. Her altarpiece of St. Luke shows him not only with a painting of the Virgin and Child but contemplating a sculpture that he is making of the same subject. This suggests that Caccia was weighing in on the debate topic called the Paragone, in which paint-

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# News from National

On January 23rd, your State Officers had a nice dinner with Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, Helene Shepard, National Regent-Elect, and Sherry Nilles, 2nd Vice National Regent. Also in attendance was Mary Impellizeri, CDA Executive Director. After lunch on Saturday, our National Regent, Shirley, gave us instructions in regards to what is expected of us in hosting and preparing for the 2016 National Convention in Pittsburgh. We are going to need your help in carrying out the duties of hosting the Convention. Your State Officers are all in agreement that this is going to be the best Convention ever! Can we count on YOU? If you are not going to be at the State Convention and would like to help with the National Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact me—Peggy Guckin.



1st row, left to right: Sherry Nilles, 2nd Vice National Regent; Helene Shepard, National Regent-Elect; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Shirley Seyfried, National Regent; Monsignor Kenneth McAteer, Pastor and Chaplain, St. Ephrem Church and Court #2230.

Second row: Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent and Lisa McCann, State Treasurer.



The Lenten season is a wonderful time to renew our prayer life. The following prayer was taken from Minnesota Catholic Daughters Book of Prayer and was written by Cindy Bullerman, Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian, MN.

## B-L-E-S-S

### *A Guide to Praying for Yourself and Others*

#### **B ♦ Body**

Lord, thank you for my health. Please strengthen me physically today. Ease the tension in my shoulders and head. Give me wisdom to take care of myself wisely. Protect me as I go about my day. Thank you for your shield around me. I need your help today especially for\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **L ♦ Labor**

Father God, I give You all my efforts today. Help me focus today. Help my mind retain what I study. Bless my efforts today. Thank you that my weak points are the very entry point for Your strength. Fill me with the Your Spirit and help me today to\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **E ♦ Emotions**

Lord, You alone know how I can so easily be dragged by my emotions instead of being led by Your Spirit. Today, I bring to You the areas within my heart that feel unstable and shaky. Thank You that You are my rock today. You give me a firm place to stand. Help me to feel encased in Your peace and to trust You completely with\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **S ♦ Social**

Father God, bless my friendships and lead me into purposeful friendships with others who seek You. Give me strength to distance myself from social situations that could draw my heart away from You. Bring me a friend to encourage and one who will encourage me. Today, I pray a blessing on\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **S ♦ Spiritual Growth**

Lord, help me to trust You and to depend on You. It's so easy to try to lean on my own understanding. Help me to sense Your presence with me today. Help me understand what You are saying to me. I ask Your forgiveness for\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you Lord, that You are in my life.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at your State Convention in Trevoise. State Regent Peggy and her board have worked diligently to provide a wonderful, faith-filled gathering April 24-27, 2015, following the chosen theme of Faith + Family = Future.

*Sherry Nilles, National Representative*

## It is Midday

It is midday. I see the church  
open. I must enter.  
Mother of Jesus Christ, I do  
not come to pray.  
I have nothing to ask  
and nothing to offer.  
I come only, Mother, to look at  
you.  
To look at you, to cry for joy,  
to know that I am your son  
and that you are there. Only  
for a moment while everything  
stops. Midday!  
To be yours, Mary in this  
place where you are.  
Saying nothing, but looking at  
you and letting my heart sing  
in its own language...  
Because it is midday, because  
we are here today, because  
you are always there, simply  
because you are Mary, simply  
because you exist, Mother of  
Jesus, be thanked.

Jean-Pierre Prévost

Jean-Pierre Prévost is a French director and screenwriter for  
film and television.

*Magnificat*, February 2015

## Picturing Mary

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ing and sculpture were compared, and here, surprisingly for a painter, she seems to take the side of sculpture. Caccia has taken care to portray Luke as a physician as he was described by St. Paul, his bookshelves groaning with volumes of ancient authorities on medicine.

And in a final touch she portrays the evangelist taking a pause from his work in composing the Gospel, where he is taking notes from previous accounts, and looking to two visual images for inspiration—"an astonishingly modern concept" according to Verdon. Caccia suggests that when Luke resumes writing his Gospel, he will incorporate the mental images he derived from painting and sculpture. This is particularly significant in light of the heated debate among Protestants and Catholics in the sixteenth and seventeenth century over the role of sacred images—Caccia obviously does not subscribe to the notion of "the Word only."

"Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea" shows us that the Virgin Mary, mother of the Word made flesh, is, like the Word, never static. In the imaginations of men and women throughout the centuries, she has been given, while always remaining queen and mother, many postures, many gazes.

Nora Hamerman writes from Virginia.

*First Things*, January 13, 2015

Editor's Note: For more information on this exhibit, go to:

<http://nmwa.org/exhibitions/picturing-mary-woman-mother-idea>



## Message from State Regent

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project, Shirley would like you to send her information regarding the project. New projects will be highlighted in *Share Magazine* and in a spot on the National website. Email Shirley at: [shirley.seyfried@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.seyfried@gmail.com).

Another of Shirley's goals is in the area of Spirituality. Did you know that the CDA Pilgrimage to Rome and Medjugorje will be led by our National Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Kuhn? Room is still available. In the March *Quarterly*, Father Kuhn asked us to join him in prayer and fasting on the first Friday of each month this year for the sake of religious Vocations.

Shhh! CDA—we are the best kept secret in town! We need to change that and reach out. Have you BOGO'd yet?! We all have been asked to Bring One—Gain One! Our State CDA has accepted this challenge by National. Can we institute five or more new courts before the 2016 National Convention? Let's continue to show that "PA is #1!"

## Message from National Regarding Checks

There are new banking laws and restrictions causing problems with some checks received at the National Office. ALL checks MUST be written out ONLY to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Do not write the word "National" or the name of any officer, employee, National Project or National Charity on the "Pay To" line. Our bank will no longer accept these, and we must return the checks to you for replacement. Please indicate the invoice number, charity or project on the "Memo" line and ensure that the check displays your court number and has two signatures.

## Answering Emails

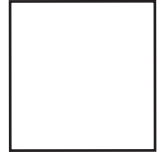
Would everyone please check your email and your junk mail on a regular basis to make sure you are getting all your CDA email. If you receive an email from someone, especially from National or State, would you please acknowledge that it was received?

On behalf of all the State Officers, we wish you all a Blessed Easter!

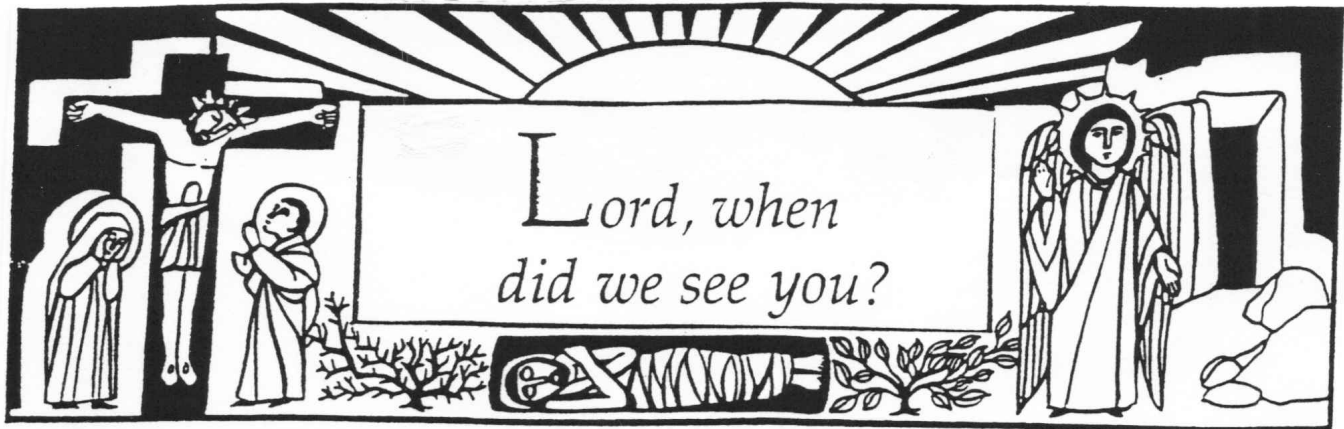
Peggy Guckin, State Regent



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The above picture is a good summary of the Lent-Easter Liturgical Cycle. Let us pause for a moment to reflect on it...

The question speaks of our ability to see Jesus in others. Let us pause and allow our hearts to see the face of Christ in those we meet...

We are women of faith. As we peer into the empty tomb and we pray...

By your resurrection, Lord, give us the courage to bring good news to the poor and heal the hearts that are broken.

By your resurrection, Lord give us your strength to feed those who are hungry and clothe those who are naked.

By your resurrection, Lord, give us your power to release the captives of injustice and all who are imprisoned by sins.

By your resurrection, Lord, give us your love to welcome all strangers and to visit those who are lonely.

By your resurrection, Lord, give us perseverance to bring your peace to those who are in trouble and joy to those in sorrow.

~ Anonymous  
Submitted by Sr. Mary Paul, Spiritual Enhancement Chair