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Message from Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Dear Officers and Members:

This fall has been extremely busy for the State Officers. Many of the courts were celebrating anniversaries. In September, Margaret and I had the opportunity to celebrate with the Maryland State Court for their 100th Anniversary. Then two weekends later, we volunteered at the Pope's Mass in Philadelphia, while Peg and Lisa traveled to Erie. They joined the officers and members of Court Erie #515 for their 95th Anniversary.

In October, Catholic Daughter Day was celebrated on Saturday, the 17th, in Philadelphia. Then, Margaret and I traveled to Tyrone to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Court St. Rita #523. All the officers met at Shirley's on Saturday evening for a dinner meeting, and Peg and Lisa travelled to Blairsville for Court St. Theresa #562's 95th Anniversary. On October 23rd, we traveled to Pittsburgh, to the Grand Wyndham, location of our 56th Biennial National Convention, July 18-24, 2016, and met with Sherry Nilles and hotel staff. The hotel is beautiful; the staff is helpful and friendly.

Then on Sunday morning, we traveled to Sharpsville, for the 95th Anniversary of Court Sharon #507. Mass was celebrated by the Pastor of St. Bartholomew Church and Chaplain of Court Sharon, Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger. Father spoke very kindly of the Catholic Daughters and encouraged the ladies of the parish to join us. After the final blessing, I was introduced and called upon Mary May to come up to the altar where I presented her with our Biennial Outstanding Catholic Daughter Award. A delicious lunch was served in the church hall. Attending also was Jeanette Kitch, DD, Audrey Albaugh and Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent. Letty Calveti was unable to attend. It was nice to see so many family members present. It's always a pleasure for us to meet with old friends and to meet new ones.

The next weekend, Margaret and I travelled to Cresson, for the dedication of the John Paul II statue at John Paul II Manor. The Mass and dedication ceremony were beautiful. It was a pleasure talking to the many residents and Sisters. We sat with Sr. Angela, a novice in the order, who is from Altoona, and one of 13 children. She played the violin at Mass and was stationed at Fr. O'Sullivan's parish before returning to Cresson for her studies. It was a pleasure spending some time with her.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, we traveled to Loretto, for the Installation of our First Campus Court, Our Lady of Loretto #2702. Hats off to all involved!

56th Biennial National Convention

It will be here before you know it. Will you be joining us in Pittsburgh? I hope so! Volunteers are needed for the meeting room, Share the Wealth, Tombola, hospitality, and airport committees. We would like as many volunteers as possible to wear white to give directions at daily Mass. If you would like to volunteer, contact any state officer.

As the Christmas season begins, let us pray more than ever that the "Prince of Peace" will touch many hearts this Christmas and that there will be an end of terrorism and gun violence. Wishing you, your members and all your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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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From Our National Director

December!

The month of the birth of Our Savior! A joyful time of the year.

In our increasingly secular world, it is up to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to help our children and grandchildren, our nieces, nephews and neighbors remember that this whole Christmas season is about the birth of Jesus.

My mother always reminded us that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Therefore, we as mothers, daughters, aunts, women, can bring the message of Jesus to our families.

A Christmas Prayer

Please give me, Lord,
eyes to see Your star,
Ears to hear the angels'
glad hosannas,
Hands to lay the meager treasures
of my life at Your feet,
And lips to sing like
a modern-day shepherd,
praises to my Savior and King!
May the birth of our Lord
so long ago make all the difference
in my life today. Amen.

Author unknown

Wishing you a joyous Christmas!

Sherry Nilles

*National Representative
for the great State of Pennsylvania*

She is Pregnant!

Once, I was thinking about the different pictures of Mary. I tended toward those which depicted Mary with Jesus. I needed to see the reason why she is humanity's solitary boast, and Jesus is the reason.

But as I was pondering, a strange contradiction loomed in my mind and heart. Our Lady of Guadalupe is my favorite picture of Mary, but where was Jesus in the picture? Then my gaze fixed on the belt above her waist. I recalled its meaning. Women who wore it were with child. The thought filled my searching mind and heart with a sigh of relief and at the same time called me to a deeper challenge.

What was it like to hold Jesus in this hidden way? The mystery of the Visitation, like an inner video, channeled my senses so that I was able to live the experience of this drama—first, in the Scriptures, and then, in the “now” of my days illumined by faith. The Spirit led me to pinpoint moments when I knew the fullness of Christ within, and at the same time, a hidden joy waiting to be revealed.

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

...My spirit rejoices in God who calls me to bring Him to those I meet in my every day.

*Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM
State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman*

Message from National Director and PA State Leadership Chair

Greetings! It's my favorite time of the year. Seasons are changing, and soon the snow will come for much of the United States. It's also a good time to become a **LEADER**.

Lean back and take a look at the future activities of your court.

Envision changes your court might make.

Adapt to challenges that may be new.

Develop ways to continue to get members involved.

Enjoy the present programs while involving new programs.

Resolve to continue in "Unity and Charity."

May you become energized **LEADERS** to help your courts stay strong and active. Wishing you a joyful and blessed Christmas.

Letty Calvetti, National Director and PA State Chair, Leadership



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

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

For: _____

From: _____

Intention: _____

Safe & Successful WMOF
and Arrival of Pope Francis

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Clergy Appreciation
Father Paul Siebert

Requested by: Court Bishop Gannon #1059

Happy 95th Anniversary
Court Erie #515

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis
CDA PA State Officers and Members

Court St. Rita #523, Court St. Theresa #562
Court Sharon #507

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Happy 37th Anniversary
Tom and Denise Voisard

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

In Thanksgiving of Dedication

Servant Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus
and those they care for at John Paul II Manor

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Happy Birthday

Louise Beighley, Carol Anne Ferreira, Fran Goode
Mary Selway, Rita Smith-Wade-El
Ellen Yates, LaRue Lautsch, Lorraine Keeley
Helen Bitts, Christine Fink
Elizabeth Wijtyk, Janet Kreiner

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Shirley Hall, Lisa McCann

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Get Well Wishes
Karen Musica

Requested by: Court Isabella #959

Joanna Brommer, Cousin, Alessandra Hoskins
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included
in our Spiritual Intentions, September-November 2015. Do-
nations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North
American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated
by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention
cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Gior-
dano, State Secretary. Her address is on the front page of this
newsletter. Thank you!**

Get Well Wishes contd.

Sue Sweitzer, Ree Kennedy, Mary Wender
Michele Palmer, Lorraine Heck, Gigi Petticrew

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Cindy Keefe

Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

Beverly Polec

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Joe Fromknecht

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

In Loving Memory ♦ In Sympathy ♦ Repose of Soul

Bundick Family

Requested by: Court Isabella #959

Margaret Welch
Florence Greco

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Norman Stock

Requested by: Nancy M. Anna (#722)

Henry A. Horn, Grandfather
E. Margaret Horn, Grandmother
Margaret H. Giordano, Mother
James A. Giordano, Father

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Joy Stokes, Ruth Tidball
Jim Matthew, Judy Ruwe

Desi McHugh, Father of Colette McCaffrey

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Carol T. Letzelter

Requested by: Lisa Intrieri Fellner (Court St. Rene #1868)

Our Deceased Past Officers, Chaplains and Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Frances Parsons

Requested by: Eileen A. Myer (Court St. Dominic #2222)

Rita Fromknecht, Charleen Gray

Requested by: Joe and Pattie Fromknecht

Rhea Weindorf, Court Erie #515, 67-year member

Requested by: Bette Jo Bucarelli
Joe and Pattie Fromknecht

Papal Reflection

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

Earlier this year, I had the extraordinary opportunity to join with countless other Catholics in welcoming our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to Philadelphia! I also know that some of our Catholic Daughters from around the state were able to be a part of our Holy Father's visit to the city of brotherly love.

Whether you watched it on television, or had the opportunity to spend time in Philadelphia as part of the Holy Father's visit, you felt the contagious excitement that radiated throughout our region. I had the wonderful opportunity to be present at, and participate in, two of our Holy Father's public events—the two Masses he celebrated in Philadelphia.

I had the wonderful opportunity to concelebrate Mass with our Holy Father in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in center city Philadelphia. With timely precision, the Holy Father arrived at the Cathedral at 10:15 a.m. to a thunderous round of applause as he made his way up the center aisle, greeting the faithful as he made his way to the sacristy to prepare for Mass. At 10:30 a.m., he re-entered the Cathedral vested and ready for Mass. The Mass was celebrated in various languages—reflective of the universality of the Church.

By the time the Mass was finished at 12:30 p.m., all in the Cathedral were touched by our Holy Father's words, inspired by his humility and moved by his presence. The Mass was certainly a "moment of grace" for all who were privileged to be there!

On Sunday, I joined with (estimates tell us) over a million other Catholics in welcoming Pope Francis to the Ben Franklin Parkway for the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families. The "Parkway-turned-Church" was exuberant and filled with an infectious joy! The stage was filled with almost fifty Cardinals, almost two hundred bishops and over fifteen hundred priests who had traveled from around the world.

That weekend in September was a time when so many people of goodwill took the time to travel from far and near (there were people from over one hundred countries present at the Papal Mass!) to join together in prayer; and millions of other people around the world participated in the Mass through television.

For those of you who were privileged to be present for the weekend, and for those of you who watched from your televisions at home, I am sure you will agree with me that graces from that special weekend will be part of our Church for some time to come!

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

The Feast of the Holy Family is Sunday, December 27. Consider praying the following novena which was issued by Pope Pius XI.

Novena Prayer for the Protection of the Family

O Lord, God of goodness and mercy, Who in the midst of an evil and sinful world hast presented to society the redeemed Holy Family of Nazareth as a spotless mirror of piety, justice and love, behold how the family is being undermined on all sides, every effort being made to desecrate it by stripping it of faith, religion and morals. Regard the work of Thy own hands. Safeguard in our homes the domestic virtues, for these alone will ensure us harmony and peace. Come and stir up the champions of the family.

Under Thy paternal care, O Lord, and with confidence in Thy Providence and in the loving patronage of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the family will become a sanctuary of virtue and a school of wisdom.

In the sight of the world it shall render glory to Thee, O Father, and to Thy Son, Jesus, until the day when, through Him, we shall, together with all His members, sing the Divine praises in the eternal ages to come. Amen.

Recite: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.



*The Holy Family with a Little Bird
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo 1617-1682*

Message from State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

On December 8th of this year, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, convened an “Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy” for the universal Church. This year of grace began with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016—The Solemnity of Christ the King.

In his papal decree (entitled, “Misericordiae Vultus” or “The Face of Mercy”) announcing this Extraordinary Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has given us the motto for the year: “Merciful like the Father.”

Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father has constantly reminded us of the need for mercy: mercy in our own lives, as well as mercy extended to others. Mercy, as Pope Francis has stated on many occasions, is the answer to evil in our world.

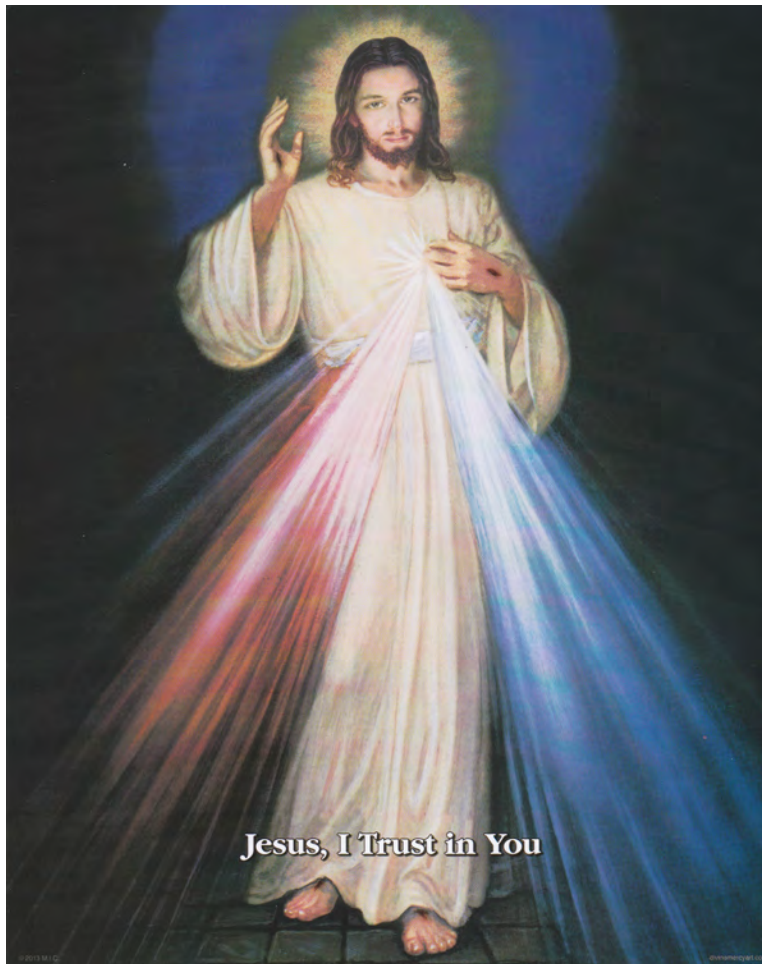
In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11, 2015) he stated, “Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.” Pope Francis believes that now is an opportune moment of mercy.

In an effort to encourage all the faithful to participate in this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis, in his decree, asks all the faithful to ‘steep themselves in the Word of God’ through reading of Sacred Scripture: “In order to be capable of mercy, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God by rediscovering the value of silence in order to mediate on the Word that comes to us.”

Our Holy Father also reminds us that pilgrimages during a Holy Year hold a special place in the lives of the faithful. Traditionally, pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Rome would be hallmarks of a Jubilee Year. However, Pope Francis has designated several shrines in each (Arch)diocese around the world as Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Sites. Each of these designated shrines or churches will have a Holy Door (very much like the Holy Doors in the Major Basilicas of Rome) where pilgrims will be invited to pass through as part of their Jubilee Year observance.

Please discover what special churches and shrines are designated as Holy Year pilgrimage sites near your home. Every (Arch)diocese has at least one (their Cathedral), but many (Arch)dioceses have additional sites.

Pope Francis has also spoken of the importance of the sacrament of Confession as an important place in the life of the faithful, especially during this Year of Mercy.



Throughout the coming Year of Mercy, I am sure your parish and your (Arch)diocese will offer additional opportunities.

Our Holy Father has also stated that he hopes the faithful will embrace the works of mercy as part of their spiritual lives to help make this coming year an extraordinary one. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: Feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; comfort the prisoner; visit the sick; and, bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: Teach the ignorant, pray for the living and the dead; correct sinners; counsel those in doubt; console the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; and, forgive wrongs willingly.

So many of our Courts throughout the State of Pennsylvania already engage in many of the works of mercy through their particular ministries. May the coming year of grace entice all of us to know the mercy of the Lord and to be avenues of sharing His extraordinary gift with others.

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

State Officers on the Move... Congratulations, Maryland State Court!

Maryland's State Court celebrated its 100th Anniversary on September 12, 2015. Mass was celebrated at the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A reception was held at Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor, Baltimore. Keynote speaker was Muriel Forrest, who spoke about the Faith and Family Foundation and her husband, Mark, sang *Danny Boy*.



Joyce Anne Fleming, National Director; Marguerite Collins, Maryland First Vice State Regent; Helene Shepherd, National Regent Elect; Shirley Seyfried, National Regent; Archbishop William E. Lori, Main Celebrant; Anne Nelson, Immediate Past National Regent; Peggy Guckin, Pennsylvania State Regent; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary and Debbie Lattus, Maryland State Regent

John Paul II Manor in Cresson

Margaret Giordano and Peggy Guckin attended the dedication and blessing of a bronze sculpture of St. John Paul II at John Paul Manor in Cresson, Pennsylvania. Archbishop Mark L. Bartchak, JCD, was the main celebrant at Mass. Concelebrating were Msgr. Arnold L. Gaus and Rev. John F. Brezovec. Following Mass, Archbishop Bartchak blessed the bronze sculpture.



Servant Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus with Bishop Bartchak at blessing of St. John Paul II sculpture



Peggy Guckin, State Regent, with Sr. Mary Andrew, Administrator of John Paul II Manor

National Catholic Daughter Pilgrimage

This past November, Rosemarie Long, Regent of Court St. Rita #523, and I had the opportunity to participate in a CDA Pilgrimage to Italy and Medjugorje.

The first few days, we toured the many historical sites of Rome and attended the weekly audience of Pope Francis. On that day, we left our hotel quite early so that we would have prime seats in Vatican Square. Pope Francis came by on his "mobile" just an arm's length from where we were standing!



Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent and Rosemarie Long, Regent, Court St. Rita #523

We also had the opportunity, while in Rome, to visit the North American College, which is one of CDA's National Charities. Following Mass and evening prayer with the seminarians, our National Regent, Shirley Seyfried, presented our donation of \$10,000 during a reception that they had for us.

After touring many other areas of Italy, (Assisi, Venice, Pisa, Florence and Sienna), we traveled by bus to Medjugorje to view the original site of the assumed apparitions, beginning in 1981, of Our Lady, to six young children of this small village.

The trip was a wonderful opportunity to travel with CDA sisters, participate in daily liturgies in the many historic churches, to make many new friends and to enjoy the local cuisine. Rosemarie and I feel blessed to have had this "opportunity of a lifetime."

Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent



Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Pennsylvania's First Campus Court Instituted! Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702

On November 22, 2015, as witnessed by over 160 guests, twenty-four young ladies from Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania were received into Catholic Daughters of the Americas during an Installation Mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the university campus. Immediately following Mass, the Institution of Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702 took place.

A luncheon reception was hosted on campus, at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, by the Mother Court, Court Ebensburg #680 and Saint Francis University Campus Ministry.

Twelve Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus, Prince Gallitzin Assembly #919, in full regalia, lead the procession into church and the recession at the close of Mass, followed by 34 robed officers from National, State, and local courts, as well as 16 court members from across the state.

The Mass was officiated by Fr. Chris Dobson, T.O.R., Campus Ministry Director and Court #2702 Chaplain, who also read a letter to the congregation from our national chaplain, Father Matthew Kuhn. Holy Name Men's Choir, the home parish of the Mother Court, graced us all, from beginning to end, with beautiful music and vocals.



Officers of Campus Court, Our Lady of Loretto #2702, opening special gift of engraved CDA china cup and saucer from Court Columbia #2, Meadville, the oldest court in our organization, presented by Audrey Aubaugh and Jeanette Kitch.

Stay tuned to hear more about Court Our Lady of Loretto's activities, as they embrace spirituality and service!

The newly elected officers for Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702 are Emily Smith, Regent; Kaitlyn Williams, Vice Regent; Marissa Armstrong, Recording Secretary; Sarah Westin, Financial Secretary; Aundrea Woldford, Treasurer.

In addition to the court officers, charter members include: Nora Cully, Maria Cup, Madison Fiaschetti, Rachel Gruber, Asia Hendricks, Kaylee Hollan, Sara Kazman, Donella Loughran, Anna Macko, Sarah Magaro, Lara McGlynn, Grace McKernan, Ivona Milulic, Sara Phelan, Caron Robinson, Gabriella Scott, Angela Taylor, Ruby Whorl, and Christin Yi. The Court Advisor is Angela Balog, Regent Court Ebensburg #680, and the District Deputy is Pattie Fromknecht, State Website Designer.



Officers and Members, Chaplain and Advisor

First row: Andrea Woldford, Treasurer; Marissa Armstrong, Recording Secretary Emily Smith, Regent; Kaitlyn Williams, Vice Regent; Sarah Westin, Financial Secretary

Second row: Gabriella Scott, Angela Taylor, Christin Yi

Third row: Lara McGlynn, Anna Macko, Ruby Whorl, Sara Kazman, Asia Hendricks, Nora Cully

Fourth row: Angela Balog, Advisor; Kaylee Hollan, Grade McKernan, Fr. Chris Dobson, Chaplain; Maria Cup, Ivona Mikulic, Sarah Magaro; not pictured: Rachel Gruber and Donella Loughran



Pattie Fromknecht, District Deputy #2702; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Pat Gildea, Parliamentarian and DD; Angie Balog, Regent #680 and Advisor #2702; Janet Oesterling, Membership Chair; Sue Sharer; Margaret Novak, IPSR

Court Chatter *contd.*

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court St. Rita #523



Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone, celebrated its 95 anniversary on Catholic Daughter Sunday, October 18. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jozef at St. Matthew Church, and a luncheon followed in their hall.

Front Row: Sylvia Lewis; Jean McCord; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; Letty Calvetti, National Director; Fr. Jozef Kovick, Pastor, St. Matthew and Court Chaplain; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Sara Castagnola and Carol Brantner
Back Row: Rose Castagnola; Linda Morrison, Financial Secretary; Kathleen Hoyne, Recording Secretary; Rose Long, Regent; Susan Sharer, Vice Regent; Deb Zakrzewski, Treasurer; Marcella Hunter; Sandy Inzana

ERIE DIOCESE

Court Erie #515



Standing: Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent and Jeanette Kitch, District Deputy
Sitting: Letty Calvetti, National Director; Mary May, Regent and Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

On September 27, Court Erie #515 celebrated its 95th anniversary with a luncheon at the Siebenbuerger Club. Our guest speaker was National Director Letty Calvetti, from Indiana, Pennsylvania, who spoke on "Membership and Leadership." Also attending were Msgr. L. Thomas Snyderwine, Past National President and former Chaplain of the Port Erie, Apostolate of the Sea; Father William O'Brien, Pastor, St. Andrew Church; Sr. Laura Vallimont, OSB; past District Deputies to Court Erie

#515, Elizabeth Wascak, from Court Conception #35, Corry, Pennsylvania, and Audrey Albaugh from Court Columbia #2, along with Regents and members from Court Columbia #2, Meadville—the oldest court of the order and Court Sharon #507, Sharpsville.

The Blessed Mother Cloth

The Blessed Mother Cloth was donated by the State Officers. It depicts squares from the courts that are not on the Pennsylvania State altar cloth. It was blessed by Fr. O'Sullivan at the Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Daughter Day and was first used at the 95th Anniversary of Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone, and then for the second time for the Installation of the first Campus Court, Our Lady of Loretto #2702, at St. Francis University, Loretto, Pennsylvania.



Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court St. Theresa #562

The 95th Anniversary of Court St. Theresa #562 was celebrated with Mass at St. Simon & Jude Church at 9:30 a.m. on Catholic Daughter Sunday, October 18, by Rev. Stephen Bugay, Court Chaplain.



Back row: Mary Ann Galoneski, Theresa Shields, Georgeanna Beresnyed, Amelia Henigin, Rev. Stephen Bugay, Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Barbara Kozar, Josephine Valenti, Margaret Uncapher
Front Row: Mary Jo Oppel, Dolores Croyle, Anita Smith, Roberta Wasko, Lois Martin, Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrated the 39th Annual Catholic Daughter Day, Saturday, October 17.



Msgr. Kenneth McAteer, Main Celebrant, Pastor and Chaplain, St. Ephrem Church; Rev. Edward Rauch, O.S.F.S., Chaplain, Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828 and Rev. Timothy O' Sullivan, State Chaplain

Catholic Daughter Day Reception of New Members

Twelve members were received on CDA Day from four courts—Court Ave Maria #650: Rosemary Barber, Helen Green, Tonya Harris and Marie Phannord; Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828: Barbara Cooper, Jacqueline McAneny, Geroge Ann Michaels and Dorothy Sorrentino; Court St. Dominic #2222: Patricia Grabowski, Rosanna Keck and Donna Smith; Court St. Ephrem #2230: Dolores Marowki.



Reception of New Members, Court Butler #443

St. Paul Church, November 9th

Left to right: Anna Mae Rock, Michelle Ball, Mary Ball, Regent, Alicia Leoni, Connie Severino and Barbara Bylerly



Ellen Gallagher, Regent, Court St. Matthew of Mayfair #1828, crowns the Blessed Mother at the Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Daughter Day.



Nomination of Court Officers will take place in March with elections at your May meeting.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Catholic Daughters' Peaceful, Prayerful Presence at 40 Days for Life, in front of Planned Parenthood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Betty Dombrosky, Court Westinghouse #759; Johanna Leonard, Court Allegheny #664; Donna Egan, Court Westinghouse #759; and Lisa McCann, 40 Days for Life Tuesday evening shift manager, PA State Treasurer, Court Westinghouse #759 member



Reception of New Members, Court Butler #443

St. Paul Church, November 9th

Left to right: Anna Mae Rock, Michelle Ball, Mary Ball, Regent, Alicia Leoni, Connie Severino and Barbara Bylerly



PA Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Board sends Christmas Greetings:

You will be remembered in Masses on Christmas Day and every day for the next year at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Germantown, PA.

Behold the graces I shed upon all those who ask me!

Our Blessed Mother Mary said those words to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830 when she gave her the Miraculous Medal. The Mother of God wants to hear your intentions and needs.



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Whatever you do for the least
of my brethren, you do for me.
—Matthew 25:40

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September 24, 2015

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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:

\$ 135 *Habitat for Humanity Fund*
\$ 90 *Holy Cross Family Ministries*
\$ 105 *Laboure Society*
\$ 625.26 *Smile Train*
\$ 135 *SOAR Fund - Restricted*
\$ 80 *Apostle of the Sea Fund*
\$ 80 *Catholic Relief Services Fund*
\$ 130 *Covenant House Fund*
\$ 220 *Disaster Fund*
\$ 50 *Misericordia*
\$ 70 *Mother Theresa Fund*
\$ 125 *Morality in Media*
\$ 50 *North American College Fund*
\$ 75 *Tutwiler Clinic Inc.*
\$ 178 *North American College Fund (PA State Spiritual intention Donations)*

It is with much pride that we ask you to extend our sincerest gratitude to the Catholic Daughters in the State of Pennsylvania for their unselfish generosity and caring. You are all a credit to our wonderful organization and a great help to us in continuing this much-needed support.

With regard,

Theresa Duran
Administrative Assistant



NATIONAL NEWS

I am really excited about the number of new courts that are being instituted around the country. In the last issue of Share, we featured several new courts in Texas, and, in the last month, Louisiana instituted three new courts. There have also been courts instituted in New York, California, New Mexico, Pennsylvania (Campus Court), and soon, Florida. Congratulations to all the new courts and new Catholic Daughters. I hope everyone is working very hard to institute five new courts in every state and to bring in many new members to our wonderful order.

By now, you should have received your new pocket calendar, a gift to you from the Catholic Daughters. We hope you enjoy it. I depend on mine tremendously. Thank you to everyone who has sent a donation. We greatly appreciate it.

Are you going to the March for Life in Washington—January 22nd? Meet the National Board and fellow CDA members at the Atrium Café in the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, located at the intersection of 12th St. NW and Constitution Ave. NW. The café is located on the ground floor of the museum, entering from Constitution Ave. near 10th St. NW. We plan to meet there at 12:30 pm to warm up a bit before we go out for the March at 1 p.m.

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Remember Circle of Love: Legislation Activities.

Local Court Circle of Love Reporting Forms are due to the state chairmen February 15, 2016. Get your court members involved in following state legislation that promotes life, family and conscience protection. Spread the word to other members of your parish. Remember to always make contact with legislators as individuals, not as members of Catholic Daughters.

CALL TO CONVENTION

All information is in the December *National Quarterly*. Check out "Basic Happenings at the Convention." (This is a tentative outline schedule, subject to change.)

The State Officers and members of the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas are delighted to welcome you to their beautiful state and the city of Pittsburgh. They have been working diligently to prepare a memorable convention for CDA members and their guests. Come celebrate the accomplishments of the past two years, enjoy the many great speakers and discover new ideas!



State officers in front of Grand Wyndham in Pittsburgh
Left to right: Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; Peg Rafferty, First Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Shirley Hall, Second Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

Resolutions and Bylaws

Be aware of the proper format for submitting a Resolution or Bylaw change as well as deadline information. This is your opportunity to suggest changes to our rules as well as help direct the actions of our order.

Hotel

YOU must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. **Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**; phone: 888-317-0197. You can also make your reservation online at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11402114. Room Rates: Single/Double Occupancy (Standard King or Double): \$114 plus tax and fees per night. Be sure to request a HANDICAPPED room if applicable.

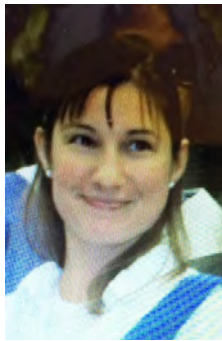
CDA Convention Choir

Join us with your musical abilities so we can sing like angels at our National Convention. Being a part of a music ministry is a special way to express our love of God and to enhance the beauty of the liturgy. Contact Theresa Shields: musicmom1952@yahoo.com or 412-302-6761.

Convention Program Booklet Journal Ad Contract

Full page—\$200.00; Half Page—\$100.00; One-Quarter Page—\$ 50.00; Eighth of page—\$ 25.00 - Make checks payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Send payments to: **Sherry Nilles, Convention Journal Ads, 711 25th Avenue, Sheldon, IA 51201**. Send all artwork by email. Download the template from the CDA website at catholicdaughters.org, create your ad in the appropriate sized box, and email it to: ljnilles@nethtc.net. Deadline for ad copy is May 1, 2016. *Shirley Seyfried, National Regent*

Proud to Be a Catholic Daughter



Hello, my name is **Nicole Kreider**, and I am proud to say I am a Catholic Daughter! Secretly, my mother and grandmother have been prepping me since birth.

I remember going to Birth Right, which is now known as A Woman's Concern, when I was very little. My grandmother, Margaret H. Giordano, was a volunteer there, and I would go with her to play, but I was really helping Catholic Daughters.

I remember going to Conestoga View and playing bingo with the residents and helping to pass out prizes. Actually, I was helping Catholic Daughters.

Now that I'm older, I realize how important it was for my family to instill those values in me to help others. That's why I am glad and proud to be a part of this organization today.

My grandmother is no longer with us, but I know she would be happy that I am continuing to serve God, church and community. My mother encourages me to step up to the plate and take more responsibility in our Court Queen of Peace #1023.

Currently, I am in the treasurer's position. Sometimes it can be intimidating to take on such duties. I already have so much to do. I am a single parent of two boys and a grandson. I also work full time in conjunction with being a part-time student.

After attending the workshop in Hershey and a state convention in Trevoise, I have found that I am not alone. I was reminded that everyone has a family, a job and different obligations. But we all make CDA a priority. Seeing the excitement and dedication from all the women really encouraged me to put forth even more effort in learning the ropes of my chair, and participate in even more activities. I met some very wonderful ladies, and I look forward to seeing them again!

Nicole Kreider, Treasurer, Court Queen of Peace #1023



*Pat Gildea, Parliamentarian, presenting Roberts Rules to Emily Smith the elected Regent, at Campus Court Reception
Sitting at table: Janet Oesterling*

House of Mercy Project

For the past three years, Court Erie #515 has undertaken a project with the "House of Mercy," a place where after-school children, ages 6 through 14 can go for activities and educational trips to various places within the Erie area. These children are from newly-immigrant families and low-income families on the east side of Erie in the Wesleyville area. The program is directed by Sister Michelle Schroeck, a Sister of Mercy.

The first year we complied with Sister's request to fill 25 "birthday bags" with school supplies, all with the same items. However, Sister discovered that "word" had spread that children could receive a birthday bag on their birthdays, thus, other neighborhood children started knocking at her door for their bags. The second year, in fulfilling Sister's request for 35 birthday bags, the Court instead decided to give her 40 bags, just in case.

Then, when the ladies in the Court learned early this year that during the early part of December, Sister operated a Christmas store where the children can come and purchase, for a minimum price, gifts for their siblings, parents and other relatives, the members became excited and enthused to the point where it looked as if they were going to furnish the store instead of the "40 birthday bags." However, Court Erie #515 did furnish the 40 birthday bags, and over a hundred dollars' worth of items for the Christmas store, for a grand total of \$1,087.27 worth of items this year for the children.

Mary E. May, Regent, Court Erie #515



Standing, Miriam Brown, Past Treasurer, and sitting is Mary May, Regent

Nora Cully, one of 25 charter members of Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702 (Campus Court), will be graduating in December from St. Francis University. She will transfer to a Senior court in Pittsburgh. Congratulations, Nora!

Be an active member! Get involved!

Any court wishing to send congratulatory messages and monetary gifts may send them to:

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MEMORANDUM

To: Regents
From: Theresa Duran, Administrative Assistant
Date: December 1, 2015
Re: Delegate/Alternate Counts for the 56th Biennial National Convention

Worthy Regent,

With my most sincere apologies, I regret to inform you that an error was made in calculating the number of **Delegates and Alternates** your court may elect for the **56th Biennial National Convention** to be held in **Pittsburgh, PA, July 20-24, 2016**.

The error was made in calculating the correct number of Delegates for courts with less than 38 members. In accordance with **Bylaw Article VII National Conventions Sec. 5 Local Court Delegates**, those courts are entitled to just one Delegate, the Regent if she chooses to attend.

If you have already held an election for delegates, please be aware that **ONLY** the Regent will be considered the delegate, any other delegates elected may attend the convention as an alternate. If the Regent can not attend, the delegate is the officer who holds the next highest rank, or in the absence of an officer, the member representing the court.

Please refer to the next page of this letter for the correct number.

With sincere apologies and
In Unity & Charity,

Theresa Duran
Administrative Assistant

CC: National Regent
State Regents



*Robed Officers, National Director, State Officers, Charter Officers, Court Ebensburg #680 Mother Court, Charter Members
at Installation of Campus Court (see page 7)*

Circle of Love Reports

All Education Contest, court newsletters and Circle of Love reports are to be postmarked to the State Chairman by February 15, 2016. Circle of Love court reporting forms were sent out by National in the September quarterly. You can also find it on their website. I urge all courts to report. If your court does not participate in one or more of the projects, just write "court did not participate." Any questions? Don't hesitate to call or email me, Peggy Guckin, 215-570-3574 or email: mmg721@aol.com.

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE POINTERS

For the "GOOD OF THE ORDER" ... refers to the GENERAL WELFARE of CDA (presented after New Business).

Members who obtain the floor, under the GOOD OF THE ORDER...

...are permitted to offer informal observations regarding the work of CDA, or the public reputation of its work or membership, or the like.

...No formal motions or resolutions are offered (only informal observations).

...The PROGRAM for that meeting could be considered a part of the "GOOD OF THE ORDER."

New Business

Members can introduce new items, with the working, "I move to, or that, we...." Must be seconded, discussed, can be amended, vote must be taken, and the result of the vote announced.

Members can take from the table any matter LAID ON THE TABLE at a previous meeting, by motion—"I move that we take from the table..."

The Regent cannot prevent the making of legitimate motions or deprive members of the right to introduce legitimate new business by hurrying through the proceedings.

—Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

Quality of Life

Each point on the CDA "Circle of Love" (Family, Leadership, Legislation, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth, Education and Quality of Life) is bound together by LOVE in the center. Additionally, each point has a specific area of focus...all except Quality of Life. It's important to note that six of the points of the circle also affect the seventh point—Quality of Life. QOL has a wide range of contexts and is not something that is easily measured; but it is something that we affect profoundly in our daily lives as Catholic Daughters.

Membership in Catholic Daughters helps us to be more socially aware. We are more in tune with the feelings and needs of the people around us. Improving QOL doesn't require money, but merely demonstrating our LOVE for our fellow human beings. As we focus on the points of the "Circle of Love," our lives are full of opportunities to affect our community, state, nation and even the world in a positive way. Our hearts speak to the hearts around us as we spread God's love..." LOVE—at the center of our circle. God bless you all as you continue to walk as Jesus walked—spread God's love and improve quality of life.

Mary Catherine Wydra, Quality of Life State Chairperson



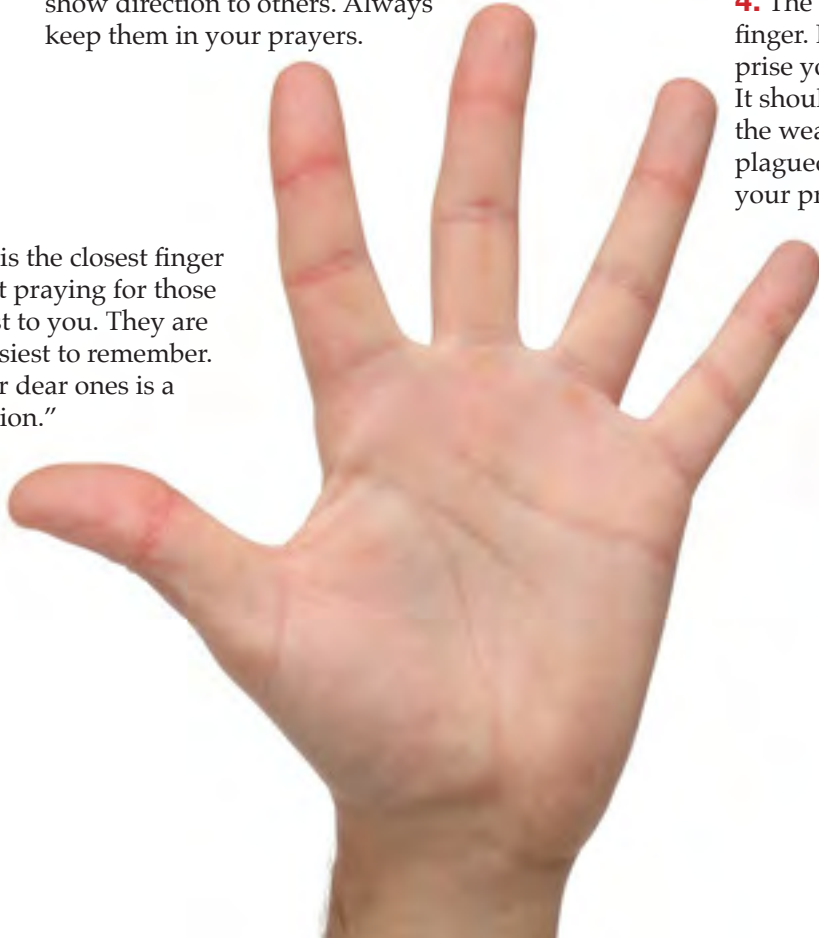
Pope Francis' Five-Finger Prayer

2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."



5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

See more at: <http://www.catholicvote.org/a-simple-prayer-method-from-a-simple-pontiff/#sthash.rQE2ReRw.dpuf>

Doris Kitt, Regent, Court Rose Cecilia #1641 and Peggy Guckin, State Regent, volunteered at the Opening Mass for **World Meeting of Families**. We welcomed the conference attendees from all over the world—sharing one faith—and what a joy it was to witness so many cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and Archbishop Chaput as the main celebrant. As you all know, the week ended with Pope Francis coming to Philadelphia. Doris was on the Parkway as a Communion Assistant and Denise Voisard, Margaret Giordano, State Secretary, and Peggy volunteered at the Art Museum, directing the clergy and VIPs. This photo was taken by Denise Voisard as Pope Francis passed in front of her on the Parkway.



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If God points His finger toward you, will you step up and say "Yes" to be a court officer? Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

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The **42nd Annual March for Life** will be held January 22nd. Will you be there with the National Board to let Washington know we **STAND FOR LIFE**? There will be a Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you cannot attend the Mass and March, it will be broadcast on EWTN.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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Return Service Requested



Adoration of the Shepherds
Francisco Rizi (1608-1685)

Blessing Before a Christmas Stable

By Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

"No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child." (CCC 563).

Lord Jesus, as I kneel before your manger in adoration, let my first Christmas word be: thank you. Thank you, Gift of the Father, for coming to save me from my sins.

Without you I do not know even how to be human. The characteristics of your human body express the divine Person of God's Son. And in that wondrous expression, Lord, you reveal me to myself. Thank you for that saving revelation in your sacred humanity. As the Christmas liturgy proclaims, in Christ we experience "The holy exchange that restores our life." Thank you for coming as one like myself to save me from myself.

You come as a baby because babies are irresistible and adorable. You come as a baby because you want our first impression of God incarnate to be that of one who does not judge. How I long to be united with you in every way.

May I never be attracted to the allurements and charms of the world. May

I love you always, at every moment, with all my heart, soul, mind and

strength. May the tenderness, the dependency, and the mercy that you reveal in your infancy become the hallmarks of my life.

Newborn Savior the very silence of your Incarnation proclaims that the answer to the misery, the strife, and the meaninglessness we often experience in life cannot be found within us. You alone are the Answer. As I kneel before you, eternal King, I surrender to you all my selfishness, self-absorption, self-indulgence, self-righteousness, self-assertion, and self-exaltation. Even as I adore you on this night of your birth, rid me of the nagging desire to be adored.

Word become flesh, you make your dwelling among us. Yet you do not live your life for yourself, but for us. And you enable us to live in you all that you yourself lived. Help me to embrace this truth with all my mind and heart. Come and live your life in me. Empty me of my willfulness, my petulance, my hardness, my cynicism, my contemptuousness. Fill me with your truth, your strength, your fortitude, your purity, your gentleness, your generosity, your wisdom, your heart, and your grace.

O Emmanuel, may the assurance of your unfailing Presence be for me the source of unending peace. May I never fear my weakness, my inadequacy, or my imperfection. Rather, as I gaze with faith, hope, and love upon your incarnate littleness, may I love my own littleness, for God is with us. Endow my life with a holy wonder that leads me ever more deeply into the Mystery of Redemption and the meaning of my vocation and destiny.

Longed-for Messiah, your servant Saint Leo the Great well wrote that in the very act of reverencing the birth of our Savior, we are also celebrating our own new birth. From this night on may my life be a dedicated life of faith marked by holy reliance, receptivity, and resoluteness. May my humble worship of your Nativity manifest how much I seek the Father's kingship and his way of holiness. The beauty of your holy face bears the promise that your Father will provide for us in all things. This Christmas I renew my trust in God's goodness, compassion and providence. I long for the day when you will teach us to pray "Our Father."

May your Presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with care and prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, you are the only real joy of every human heart. I place my trust in you.

Oh divine Fruit of Mary's womb, may I love you in union with the holy Mother of God. May my life be filled with the obedience of Saint Joseph and the missionary fervor of the shepherds, so that the witness of my life may shine like the star that leads the Magi to your manger. I ask all this with great confidence in your holy name. Amen.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., Editor-in-Chief, Magnificat