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Message from Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Dear Members,

March came in like a lamb, but just like "March" weather, it fooled us. The State Officers met the National Officers the weekend of March 4-6th. The whole week the weather forecasters were predicting snow. I had my niece pack my car on Thursday, fearing the worst. It did snow overnight in the Philadelphia area, but due to the previous day's warm weather, it only landed on roof tops and grass. Most streets and the turnpike were dry. It remained cold, but at least the snow did not last.

By now, many courts are back in full swing. Please read carefully the National March Quarterly. There is information on the Convention regarding registration, meals and trips. Please adhere to the deadlines.

I would like to thank all the courts in our eight dioceses for their 1000 items for our ditty bags for the Convention. We are also in need of cookies (no nuts or national brand) four to a bag, to be placed in our bags. I was also asked if each court in PA could donate a \$50 gift for the raffle. There is a donation letter on our website that you could download for donations from businesses. We will list any business that donates for the Convention in our Convention booklet. The deadline to get this information to me is April 30th.

The State Officers and some committee chairmen met with the National Officers on Sunday, March 6th, to discuss our plans for the upcoming Convention in Pittsburgh, July 20-23. If you live in the surrounding area of Pittsburgh and do not plan on coming to the Convention, would you consider volunteering a few hours a day at reservation/meal tables? You will also be invited to attend Mass. You are also permitted to buy meal tickets for PA fun night, on Friday, July 22nd, and you can also attend the Installation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday. Mass will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. The Appreciation Banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$40.00.

If you are a vendor or know of any vendors that might be interested in selling at the Convention, we would be glad to have you. Information regarding vendors is on the National website: www.catholicdaughters.org; on the home page, left-hand column, go to Registration forms, see page 7.

In order to make assignments, I would like to know who will be coming to the Convention, when you will be arriving and when you will be departing. Regents, if you could please email me at mmg721@aol.com or call 215-638-9217 to give me the names of the voting and non-voting members who will be attending. Also, please let me know if you will be bringing your whites.



Please keep in your prayers all our members and their families who are sick and pray for their caregivers.

On behalf of the State Officers, we wish you, all your members and their families a Holy, Blessed Easter.

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

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Summer: May 1

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From Our National Director

And now, brothers (sisters), I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect." —Romans 12: 1-2

The season of Lent gives us time to practice sacrifice. We are not asked to sacrifice because God needs something from us. God wants us to understand his enormous love for us.

Sacrifice is not just about money, but a willingness to give up a new pair of glitzy dress shoes for me so that my sister in Haiti can have a pair of shoes to protect her feet from cuts and bruises.

It's a willingness to eat sacrificially on Fridays to encourage a tradition of serving sacrificially on those days also.

When we see and understand that a willing sacrifice pleases God and blesses others, we are happy to participate in that sacrifice.

Sacrifices made during the Lenten season will return new blessings and a greater understanding of Jesus' passion on Good Friday and the joy and wonder of Easter.

Happy Lent and a Joyous Easter!
Sherry Nilles, National Representative
Second Vice National Regent

2016 Newsletter Contest

The deadline for the 2016 newsletter contest is **March 30, 2016**.

Please send your entries to:

Gloria Kissel
236 Connecticut Dr.
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Pay close attention to the fourth line of the requirements on the Contest Scoring Sheet. It is highlighted in blue because it is so important. Directions must be followed exactly or entries will be eliminated. Good Luck!

Gloria Kissel, State Newsletter Chair

State Membership Report

Of the 71 courts in Pennsylvania, 56 responded to the spring Court Membership Report and only 24 responded to the fall report by returning the form to me. This form should have been completed at your biannual Financial Review with your District Deputy's assistance.

The State saw 67 new members, received by having a membership drive, 28 members from other than a membership drive, 85 members deceased and 103 resigned, for the period October 1, 2014 to September 31, 2015.

This report indicates that membership drives are vital to the continued existence of your courts. We have found that more than half of the new members joining Catholic Daughters throughout the state resulted from having attended a membership drive. The Catholic Daughters grassroots level, our local courts, are the only true source of gaining members, primarily through membership drives to achieve our goal of becoming "Catholic Daughters of the World."

We hope that your courts will continue to encourage and participate in membership drives in their parishes. Remember, new people come into your parish every month and will only know about the good works that Catholic Daughters do through the information given at a membership drive.
Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman

Spiritual Enhancement

When I was in the Novitiate, for the first time in my life, I celebrated Lent. We'd salute each other with, "Lent is the Church's springtime. Lent is the time of renewal." The greeting would be like fresh air. I'd take a deep breath, drawing in the joy of preparing for a little resurrection that very day (some progress in the spiritual life, that is, in my relationship with myself, others and my God). It wasn't self-denial that I focused on, but rather, the end product. Looking toward new life made the biggest difference. This year, I want to celebrate Lent once again. Won't you join me? I greet each of my CDA sisters with: "Lent is the Church's springtime. Lent is the time of renewal."

Sr. Mary Paul, D.M.
Spiritual Enhancement Chair

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: _____

Happy Birthday

William Engelman - 100th

Requested by: Court St. Rita #523

Evelyn Squicimara - 98th

Requested by: Court St. Matthew, Mayfair #1828

Teresa Herr - 91st

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Marcella Tegethoff - 91st

Requested by: Peg Rafferty (Court St. Rene #1868)

Julius Kreider, Grandson - 21st

Mikey Hoskins, Grandson - 12th

Skyler Giordano, Nephew

Matthew Christian, Nephew, Godson

Kim Burgess, III, Grandson - 20th

Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, Brother

Adrien Hatfield, Granddaughter - 10th

Celeste Eckman - 60th

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Karen Hurley

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Congratulations on 60 Years of Service

St. Lucy Day School for the Blind

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Congratulations First PA Campus Court

Court Our Lady of Loretto #2702

Instituted November 22, 2015

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Rebirth of Jesus in Our Hearts

All God's Children

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Merry Christmas & Healthy New Year

Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, December 2015-February 2016. 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. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary.** Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!

Thank You - Christmas Gift

Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent

Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent

Margaret Giordano, State Secretary

Lisa McCann, State Treasurer

Sandy Inzana, District Deputy

Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

Music Bringing Glad Tidings of Great Joy

Risen Lord Choir

Requested by: Opal Kunz

Safe & Successful Trip to Kenya for New Court

Shirley Seyfried and Helene Shepard

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

December Mass Intentions

Betty Brun

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

December-January Mass Intentions

Blind, Jane McKenna, Jennifer McCable

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

Blessed New Year & Good Health in 2016

Family and Friends

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Get Well Wishes

Ellen Yates

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Betty Brun

Requested by: Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Rev. Steven Marinucci

Requested by: Court St. Matthew, Mayfair #1828

Mary Selway

Alessandra Hoskins

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Jane McKenna, Jennifer McCabe

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, State Regent

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Get Well Wishes contd.

*Fr. Matthew Kuhn, National CDA Chaplain
Vickie Feist, Louis Snyder, Lynn Kelly, Kaitlyn Fello
Msgr. Kenneth McAteer*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

*Janice Silverstein
Mark Thomas*

Requested by: Sandra L. Owens
(Court Our Lady of Victory #722)

Successful Surgery *Christina Bousigard*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Robert, brother-in-law of Sr. Reginald, DM
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

In Loving Memory ♦ In Sympathy ♦ Repose of Soul

*Donald J. Stritmatter, Kathleen Miller
Marilyn Frank*

Requested by: Nancy M. Anna
(Court Our Lady of Victory #722)

*Merle Frank, son of Lucille Frank
Judith Sprowls, sister of Linda Sroka
David Johnston, husband of Ann Johnston
Delores Remish Sekora, sister of Loretta Forte
Gloria Graff*

Bernard Staskiewicz, husband of Phyllis
Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Mary Gargotta, Virginia Linhart, Jim Matthews
Requested by: Peg Rafferty and
Mercedes Rafferty (Court St. Rene #1868)

Marlene Hilliard's sister
Requested by: Peg Rafferty (Court St. Rene #1868)

*Judy Ruwe
Frances M. Sventek, Past DD
Delores Remish Sekora, sister of Loretta Forte*
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Husband of Mary Salamacha
Requested by: Court Isabella #959
Opal Kunz

Agatha Gerz, Marie Sawyer
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Marguerite Pfrommer
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Officer

Catholic Daughter Servants

As your state secretary, it has been my distinct pleasure to attend many special court anniversary celebrations, the institution of our first campus court, meet with some courts holding financial reviews, and prepare for the upcoming national convention. Thank you for the kind invitations and for allowing me the honor to rejoice with you.

Pennsylvania was especially gorgeous this past autumn, and then we experienced a very crazy and fickle winter. Just as the season changes and converts from the dark, and sometimes brutal, winter to the bright and glorious spring, so, too, do we contemplate this Lent and transform our lives as we prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter and the approaching spring.

In this Year of Mercy, let us call on our patroness of Catholic Daughters and heed the words of Pope Francis: "Together, let us pray to the Virgin Mary that she helps us ...to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in the Lord's mercy. He always awaits us, loves us, has pardoned us with His Blood and pardons us every time we go to Him to ask His forgiveness. Let us trust in His mercy!"

—Regina Caeli, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013

You are all such busy volunteers—Catholic Daughters work is not all you do—but with the grace of God and the talents with which He has blessed you, each one finds the strength to do what God has called us to do. We are his Catholic Daughter servants. Thank you all for your work in the Catholic Daughters, for the unity and charity you spread through your court projects and in your daily lives—it's so contagious! I look forward to seeing so many of you drawing on the enthusiasm of our sister Catholic Daughters from throughout the Americas, and maybe even from our new court in Kenya, at the National Convention this coming July. What a wonderful way for us to renew ourselves and confirm our spirituality and service to all of humanity!

Remember, too, to never underestimate the power of prayer. Please pray for me and know that I will pray for you. In Unity and Charity,

Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary

Housekeeping Rules when sending checks to the State Court—remember to:

✓ Make checks payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

✓ Be sure court checks have two valid signatures.

✓ Be sure your court name and number are on court checks.

✓ Use the memo line to designate the purpose of the check.

✓ Use current forms from our website to designate purpose of donation.

✓ If you are sending donations for State projects and National projects or charities, send two checks—one for State and one for National—both payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

Message from State Chaplain

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends,

As we continue our spiritual journey through our Season of Lent, we are preparing to celebrate the most solemn and somber Liturgical season of the entire year: The Sacred Paschal Triduum. The Sacred Paschal Triduum is a liturgical season unto itself. The Church places such importance upon what we commemorate over these days, that she contains these days into an intensely prayer-filled liturgical season. (The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and continues through to the Church's celebration of Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.)

I encourage each of you—to the extent you are able—to participate in the beautiful Liturgies the Church places before us, whether at your home parish, a neighboring parish, or (if possible) the Cathedral of your (Arch)Diocese. The beauty of the Liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum are truly inspiring!

Holy Week actually consists of two parts: the end of the season of Lent and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The season of Lent began several weeks ago (on Ash Wednesday), and it continues through to early Holy Thursday evening; the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Easter Sunday evening.

Throughout the days of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the Church implores her members to separate themselves from distractions of the world and concentrate on the place our faith and our love for the Lord has in our lives.

On Holy Thursday evening, the Church celebrates The Mass of the Lord's Supper. It is at this Liturgy that we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit" of all that we are as a Church. At the Last Supper, our Lord, also established Holy Orders, when He commissioned His Apostles to continue His work in the world.

There is a beautiful tradition in the Church that the faithful, after participating in The Mass of the Lord's Supper, make a "Pilgrimage of Adoration" to three, five or seven local churches to offer prayers at their Holy Thursday Repository. Depending on where you live, it might be possible only to visit a few churches on Holy Thursday evening, but if your schedule permits, it is a beautiful tradition to partake in during Holy Week.

On Good Friday, we offer the most somber Liturgy of the entire year: The Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion. It is a profoundly solemn and equally inspiring Liturgy. Many parishes also offer The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening—both of these liturgies are fitting ways to commemorate the Passion of our Lord.

On Holy Saturday, the Church is silent. Throughout the world, the faithful wait for the joy-filled event of our Lord's Resurrection to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, and, indeed, throughout the entire Easter Season.

The Easter Vigil (as the Roman Missal reminds us) is the "Mother of all Vigils"; it is the most profound liturgy the Church offers. It tends to last longer than a regular Sunday Mass, but for those who attend the Easter Vigil, I am confident you will experience an extraordinary sense of the Lord's presence.

Easter Sunday is the greatest day on the Christian calendar, since we celebrate the singular event that defines who we are as followers of the Lord Jesus.

The Sunday following Easter Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast will hold special significance this year, during our celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

I encourage each of us to take time from our busy schedules to place aside all the distractions that can pull us away from the Lord and allow the beauty of Holy Week and the prayerful participation in these special liturgies to help you in your journey to the Lord!

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



*Pieta (William-Adolphe Bouguereau 1825-1905)
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Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358, Court Ryan #911 and Court St. James #1029

Members of Court Easton #358 are shown working on a project for the National Convention which will be a joint effort of Court Easton #358, Court Ryan #911 and Court St. James #1029, all members of the Allentown Diocesan Committee.



*Seated: Pauline Coughlin, Joan Tanzella and Pat Blean
Standing: Eileen Yanno, Sally Lerch, Faye Meola and Kathleen Finkbeiner*

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448



Members of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 made valentines for the students at St. John's Catholic School, Bellefonte. Pictured are the kids with us modeling their valentines...what an awesome bunch of kids they are. They were so wide-eyed and so receptive to us and receiving the valentines. They thanked us so kindly. It was a big project, but a day we will never forget. WE ARE A FAMILY...GOD BLESS OUR SCHOOL! (St. John School is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year!)

ERIE DIOCESE

Court Sharon #507

Court Sharon #507 of Sharpsville, PA celebrated 95 years at St. Bartholomew Church. Mass was celebrated by their pastor and chaplain, Rev. Matthew J. Strickemberger.



*First Row: Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, State Regent; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, State Treasurer
Second row: Kathleen Stockan, Recording Secretary; Margaret Green, Vice Regent; Antoinette M. DeAngelis, Regent; Pauline L. Radasavich, Treasurer; Jeanette Kitch, District Deputy*



Peggy Guckin, PA State Regent, placing Outstanding Catholic Daughter of the Year pin on Mary E. May, a 52-year member, Regent of Court Erie #515. The announcement was made at our State Convention in April, but Mary was unable to attend. She received the pin at the 95th Anniversary Mass of Court Sharon #507.

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of Victory #588 celebrated 95 years of service under our banner of "Unity and Charity."



Front row: Holding banner is Christine Seidel with State Officers Margaret Giordano, Secretary; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, Regent; Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent and Lisa McCann, Treasurer
 2nd Row, left to right: Danielle Hooper, altar server; Mary Snyder; Father Francis Karwacki, Chaplain; Lois Sejuit; Nora Aoellino; Kathleen Peeler; Mary C. Wydra and Margie Cowels
 3rd Row, left to right: Judi Hooper; Cynthia Drucis; Mary Rose McCarthy; Christine Connor; Janice Koutch; Shelly Koutch; Zita Harner; Joann McCann; Nicole Hooper, altar server
 Back Row, left to right: Anna Gentile; Anna Mae Augustine; Barbara Puketza; Janet Dondero; Gina Laspina-Noon; Mary Rowland; Cindy Saukaitis and Paul Koutch, Extraordinary Minister



Rev. Francis J. Karwacki, M.Ed, M.Div, Chaplain, blesses a 25 year-pin, presented to Mary Catherine Wydra by Mary Snyder, Regent



Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts Group entertained at the 95th Anniversary of Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel. Several of the court members are a part of this group and they also did a solo. They are directed by Daniel Thomas, Sr., playing the keyboard.



Left to right: Kristen Blasko; Leah Briggs; Missy Roshon; Zita Harner; Mary Snyder, Regent; Shelly Koutch; Paul Koutch; Mary Wydra, Financial Secretary; Daniel Thomas, Sr., Director and Thomas Owens

Court Chatter *contd.*

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Officers and members celebrate the 90th birthday of Betty Brun.

Betty is a 59-year member.

Left to right, sitting: Betty Brun and Rose Marie Webster

Standing: Dorothy Andrilla, Rose Malaczewski, Maryanne Silvestri, Henrietta Estrada, Doris Kitt, Sandy Bilinski, Chris Moncrief, Shirley Wybranski and Beverly Polec

Happy Birthday, Betty!



SCRANTON DIOCESE

Court St. Martin #418

Court St. Martin #418, Honesdale, conducted a successful fundraiser where members and friends painted Easter lilies under the tutoring of an artist.



Pictured are Court St. Martin Regent Tess Murray and members Florence Southerton, Kathy Spaulding and Nancy Donovan.



**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day
and
Happy
St. Joseph's
Day!**



REMINDERS!

After your May election of officers, remember to fill out the **officers list**. You will find this in your March Quarterly from National. Please supply an email address, which is only used to give you important messages. Send the original officers list to the National office and a copy to the State Regent. Please check your emails frequently and reply that you received the message.

All **forms regarding membership** should be sent to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary: 1530 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Regents, contact your District Deputy to see when she is available to do your **Financial Review**, which is due by May 1st. Remember to send a copy to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary and to the State Regent.



Sherry Nilles, 2nd Vice National Regent and Shirley Seyfried, National Regent, are practicing at Hofbrauhaus Restaurant, dancing to German music and getting ready for Mike, the "one man band," who will entertain at our PA Convention dinner, Friday evening.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

National Convention - July 20-23, Pittsburgh

The Delegate and Alternates Form for each local court (even if you have no one going) must be postmarked by **March 15, 2016** and sent to National CDA office and to Peggy Guckin, State Regent.

If you have not yet made your room reservations, be aware there are no rooms remaining at the Wyndham Hotel. Other accommodations are:

Cambria Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh-Downtown, 1320 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219; cost is \$104 per night. Reservations can be made by calling Cambria at 877-305-7123. State you are with the Catholic Daughters. Parking is \$18 per night. A complimentary shuttle runs Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-12 midnight.

Pittsburgh Marriott City Center, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh PA 15219; cost is \$114 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-645-3553 or 412-471-4000. State you are with the Catholic Daughters. Parking is \$22 per night. Complimentary shuttle runs Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.-11p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-11p.m. No shuttle service on Sunday. For Convention information, go to: www.catholicdaughters.org. On the home page, under Recent News, Convention Center, select March Convention Mailings AND Registration Forms. This will provide you with pertinent information. Please follow all deadlines to avoid late fees.

Important Legal Notice

We have had a situation brought to our attention of which everyone should be aware. Be very careful not to quote poems or paragraphs from another source unless you have permission from the author. Just giving credit by listing the author's name is not enough. If the author is alive, or the literary work is under copyright, you must get his/her permission to publish a poem or lengthy quote in your newsletter or anywhere else. The best rule of thumb is that unless the poem is very old and is in public domain, or it is truly anonymous (meaning you absolutely cannot find out who the author is by searching the internet) do not quote a poem or other literary works.



Congratulations to Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent, for her upcoming wedding in September to Rich Witas!



Left to right: Peg Rafferty, Lisa McCann, State Treasurer; Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; Shirley Hall, 2nd Vice State Regent; Sherry Nilles, 2nd Vice National Regent

Circle of Love Forms

By March 20, you must send all Circle of Love forms to the proper State Chairman (see the website if you need additional copies). You may also download the forms from our website: cdapa.com—all information regarding the state chairman is on this site. The State Chairman must have forms postmarked to National Chairman by April 1.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

Praying to end abortion is our greatest weapon against abortion. Please join in the Million Rosaries for the Unborn event to be held this year, May 6-8th. This event is sponsored by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization and persons participating are asked to say at least one rosary during that weekend, "For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons." For more information, please go to their website: www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE WORLD!

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bishops approached the Catholic Daughters to take a "leadership role" in support of the Papal Foundation, citing CDA's committed support "of the Church at the highest level." The Catholic Daughters responded by giving a gift of \$500,000 to be used by the Holy Father to help Catholic Churches in Third World countries.

In the spirit of our theme this year, "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40), we would like to ask that the Catholic Daughters contribute money to earn the \$40,000 to buy the bus and tractor for our Kenyan brothers and sisters. If all local courts contributed \$50 and state courts contributed \$100, we should have enough money to buy the bus and tractor (there may even be some left for vegetable seeds). Any contributions from individuals would also be greatly appreciated. This would be our gift to the new court. Send donations to Margaret Giordano, State Secretary; contributions then will be sent in one check to Shirley Seyfried, National Regent.

Donations, with the names of all courts and individual donors, will be sent to National where the checks will be deposited, and one lump sum of money given to the priest who will buy the bus and tractor. All the names will be enclosed with a "Congratulations on the New Court" card. Thank you so much for all you do in Catholic Daughters, "for the least of my brethren."

Peace and God bless, Shirley Seyfried, National Regent

2016-2017 Lucky Lottery Calendars are out. Many mailed to the Regents 1st week of March. If you did not receive yours, please call the State Regent.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE POINTERS ON THE HORIZON...NOMINATIONS and ELECTION A QUICK OVERVIEW

DO REFER TO BYLAWS...ARTICLE XIII, pages 44-45

MARCH MEETING

Elect three or five Members for the Nominating Committee.

BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS

Nominating Committee meets to consider possible candidates for office. Contacts are then made to secure "consents to serve" if elected. Submit Slate of Officers to Court Regent (any vacancy marked "open").

APRIL MEETING

Nominating Committee Chair reports the Slate of Officers to the Court Membership. A vacancy in an office is reported as "open."

MAY MEETING

10 days before the May Meeting, the Regent has notice sent (US mail or E-mail) to all members as to date, time and location of the Election of Officers, along with the Slate of Officers, prepared and submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee Chair (at the May Meeting) reads Slate of Officers, indicating "any office which is open."

Regent/Presiding Officer calls for Nominations from the floor for each office (no second is needed).

After all nominations for each office are completed, REGENT declares nominations closed.

Election takes place. If there is only one candidate for an office, a VOICE VOTE is in order to elect that nominee to the respective office.

If there is more than one nominee for an office, a BALLOT VOTE MUST be taken. A majority vote (one more than half of the votes) shall elect these officers.

RIGHTS OF A MEMBER TO...

INTRODUCE/PROPOSE any item of business, with "I MOVE TO..." or "I MOVE THAT...";

SEE/HEAR (if you cannot, advise the Regent);

Rise to a POINT OF INQUIRY (ask, if you don't understand);

NEVER VOTE on a motion or amendment you don't understand (ask for clarification);

State your MINORITY OPINION (if you are not in favor of the idea because...);

AMEND (PERFECT) a motion (use a SUBSIDIARY/ RIGHTING motion);

INTRODUCE A MOTION EVEN IF NOT IN FAVOR, to get the issue on the floor for discussion;

APPEAL DECISION of the Presiding Officer (Motion: "I appeal the decision of the Chair");

Move to RECONSIDER a motion (at the same meeting after another item of business is transacted);

RESCIND A MOTION (at another meeting, if no action has yet been taken);

Ask for a COUNTED VOTE ("DIVISION"), if you disagree with the Regent's decision; by "calling for a Division" (if you doubt the result of the vote as stated by the regent).

**YOU ARE THE GRASS ROOTS OF CDA—
USING YOUR RIGHTS AS A MEMBER IS VITAL
TO ITS GROWTH AND SUCCESS!**

Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE WORLD!

I would like to announce a very exciting development in CDA. At the National Convention in Billings, our new National Chaplain, Father Matthew, read a statement that had been made at the 1956 Catholic Daughters National Convention by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, which said, "You are the Catholic Daughters of America. I would like to see you become Catholic Daughters of the World." Father Matthew challenged us to do that.

On Tuesday, December the 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, National Regent-Elect, Helene Shepard, and I instituted the first "world" court in Kenya, in East Africa! As we had told you in July at the State officers conference in Belleville, the priest in Kenya had seen me on EWTN talking about Catholic Daughters on the Church Universal program, and he called and asked me to come to Kenya to start a Catholic Daughters court there. We were finally able to set a date that was possible for all involved to leave on December 2. Then came the travel warnings from the State Department, two weeks before we were to travel, advising us not to travel to Africa and many other places (because of the possible terrorist attacks). We did reconsider our plans and prayed hard about whether we should go and felt we were being called to go at that time. However, because of the warnings and advice to keep a low profile, we went, but did not announce that we were going. Now that we have returned, we are extremely happy to make that announcement. **Court St. Monica #2706 was instituted in Kenya** with 60 women in attendance and many more who want to join but could not come that day because they were working.



*Pictured are a few of many members in new Court St. Monica #2706
In the gold and white gowns, left to right, are Shirley Seyfried,
National Regent and Helene Shepard, National Regent Elect.*

We had a wonderful visit to Kenya. Father Peter, the priest there, is a Sons of Divine Providence Order Priest, the first native Kenyan in the order and is currently the rector of the seminary there. He had us stay at the seminary and he and the seminarians were the best hosts anyone could ask for. Father took us out on a few trips to experience Kenya first hand and show us the beauty of the country. We also saw some extreme poverty and the work being done by the Sons of Divine Providence order.

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40 Days for Life

is a peaceful, prayerful—and proven effective—pro-life campaign that has been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide. People who are pro-life stand in front of abortion clinics and peacefully protest and encourage women who enter the clinics to reconsider. Although 11,165 unborn babies have been saved from death, 124 abortion workers have been converted and 64 abortion clinics closed, a greater number of babies are silenced before ever being born.

Several Pittsburgh courts are involved in encouraging women to keep their babies to delivery. Court Allegheny #664, Court Westinghouse #759 and Court St Rene #1868 are a few of the courts who participate. Although the weather often is inclement and does not always cooperate by granting nice warm, sunny days, members stand vigil anyway for one hour or two.

From February 10 to March 20, Pittsburgh took part in the groundbreaking, coordinated, international mobilization effort. If you cannot stand vigil, please say a prayer for the unborn:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen recommended saying the above daily prayer for a period of one year to help babies in danger in the womb. During this life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in Heaven you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and enjoy eternal happiness in his or her company.

Prayer of Blessing for an Unborn Child in the Womb

Heavenly Lord, You are the author of life and we pray Your blessing and protection over this little life that is developing in its mother's womb. We pray that you would grant an uncomplicated pregnancy and a healthy birth and we bless You for the beauty of new life.

Guard and protect the mother and fill her heart with longing and expectation as it draws closer to her time of delivery and instill in her a sense of wonder and awe at the miracle of life that is being formed within her body.

Give grace we pray to the father, who by Your favor has fathered this child. Grant him strength, wisdom and the courage to engage in all godly responsibilities toward his family. May he lead his family into the path of righteousness—becoming a genuine example of a man of God.

Draw near to each one and may this little life that is soon to take up his or her position within the home and family be nurtured in the things of God and come to trust the Lord Jesus as Lord and Savior, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE WORLD!

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He showed us a really nice day school they run for 150 children with disabilities (we saw one school—they actually have two schools) and they fund it by raising a large (two acres) garden and several greenhouses of vegetables all tilled, planted, weeded and harvested by hand. Their extra vegetables are given to the poor. Because the weather is beautiful all year around, they are able to harvest one crop and plant another so that they get three or four crops a year.

Father said that there have been many missionaries from the United States and other places helping the people of Kenya for which they are extremely grateful. However, they now would like to help themselves and each other and become self-sufficient. They have two dreams, which would help them do that in a big way. Each would cost \$20,000 or a total of \$40,000. The Catholic Daughters would like to get a bus that they would hire a driver to run as a sort of taxi, taking people from one place to another for a fee. This is allowed in Kenya for anyone with



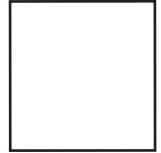
Peg Rafferty, 1st Vice State Regent, with Tom and Bev

a license (and much needed) and the convent just down the street from Father supports themselves by owning and running four buses. The money raised from owning and running this bus would provide the Catholic Daughters with a continuous source of income from which they can do many, many charitable projects including starting to build two bathrooms for the church. (They currently do not have bathrooms in the church). The other project is to buy a small tractor and plow with which they could till, plant, and weed a much larger plot (40 acres), and raise vegetables to sell and give to the poor and raise considerably more funds for their charitable work.

Father did not ask for these items. They were discussed as possibilities for which they could work to save money to purchase. However, this could take many years for them to earn enough money to purchase the bus and tractor. Catholic Daughters have a wonderful history of helping others. In 1976, the Catholic Daughters presented a gift of \$750,000 to the Catholic University of America for the Chair in Catholic Church History. In 1990, the

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Return Service Requested

40 Days of Praise and Thanksgiving

One of the most important spokes in our Circle of Love wheel is our influence on the youth in our community. Many schools have closed, limiting our access to young people in need of our service. But they are there—in your parish and in your community. I ask each court to look for them and try to find ways to help them spiritually or physically (sponsoring scout troops, working with the parish youth groups or Faith Formation classes, finding ways to become involved with First Eucharist, etc.). However, this year I am asking each court to find a way to help children celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

We are halfway through the Lenten Season, preparing for the sadness of Good Friday and for the joy of Easter through fasting, prayer and giving. In honor of Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert, we spend the 40 days of Lent preparing for his death and resurrection. But what happens after Easter? It is time to consider ways to help children celebrate the Risen Lord.

The Risen Lord remained on earth another 40 days before his Ascension into heaven. He continued to appear to the Apostles and to his followers throughout this time. How can children celebrate these 40 days? Wouldn't it be wonderful if for 40 days we guide children in finding ways that they "meet" Jesus as he continues his ministry on earth until his Ascension?

With each child that you may come into contact with between Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday, try to ask daily, "Christ has Risen! Where did you meet him today? Thank you, Lord, for coming to us." Christ can be seen in every person on earth if we only look for him. We need to train children to do just that—look for him. What a better time than the 40 days after Easter to emphasize that Christ did not go straight to heaven after his Resurrection, but stayed with us, showing us his love, for another 40 days.

Glory to God! Thank you, Jesus! Not only children can practice this 40 days of praise and thanksgiving, but everyone can continue the Easter celebration.

Dolores Croyle, Youth/JCDA Chair



Jesus and the Small Child

Carl Heinrich Block (1834-1890)

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Clearly, the emphasis on the child is that you need to be simple like him to gain the kingdom of heaven. The olive branch traditionally symbolizes Christ's victory over death.

If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

— St. Mark 9:35-37