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Message from Peggy Witas, State Regent



The State Officers wish all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Amid the busyness and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and the coming of our Lord and Savior on Christmas Day, let us be sure to set aside quiet time to meditate, reflect, and be thankful for the blessings God has given us. This quiet time can be a few minutes in the car while waiting at a traffic light or a weekend retreat.

The National Convention will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, July 17-22, 2018. Make plans now to attend or, at the least, have representatives from your courts attend. Reservations can be made at the Sheraton in Sioux Falls (605-331-0100). You will not be charged until the week of stay, so please do not wait until the last minute to make reservations; they will sell out quickly. If there is a by-law that you would like to see changed, please consider making a by-law change. Any by-law changes should be submitted to the State no later than February 2018. Also, there will be workshops on Tuesday, July 17 as well as a presentation Tuesday evening. Please try to come early to the Convention to avail yourselves of these workshops and entertainment as well as the tours.

The State Officers have been busy with workshops in each of the dioceses. Erie and Greensburg will have workshops in the Spring, while Altoona-Johnstown, Allentown, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Scranton and Pittsburgh had Fall workshops.

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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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PENN-SYL-VAN-I-A



God is good!!! What a beautiful fall season we have had here in our great state. It seems to me the trees were greener longer, the grass needed to be mowed more often and our furnaces were not activated until just recently. "Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, strong and true."

My husband and I had the opportunity to travel in September and October, and we were blessed to see more of our great country by means of a paddle boat trip on the "mighty Mississippi" from New Orleans to Memphis, Tennessee, and then riding the narrow gage railroad and cog wheel train to Pike's Peak in Colorado, followed by a stop at the international balloon festival in New Mexico.

My CDA travels the first two weekends of November have taken me across the entire state of Pennsylvania—Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. We are hoping to start a new court in the Philadelphia, area and we celebrated the 95th anniversary of Court Monessen #776. It was exciting times to see the women interested in starting a new court and to share in what we do and believe—Unity and Charity. And, what a joy to experience the memories that a 95-year-old court holds so dear to their hearts.

It is always such a pleasure to "meet and greet" fellow CDA ladies, to travel with my fellow officers and to see the beauty God gives us in nature (golden leaves, rolling mountains and, of course, the orange barrels and cones) and in each other as one motors across this great state.

"Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
Hear my song to you."

God is good!!! My western travels were awesome, but as our Pennsylvania song says,

"There is beauty in your mountains,
There is peace among your hills,
And no'ere I roam, My only home is...
PENN-SYL-VAN-I-A!"

—Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent

State Regent Message

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The State Membership Team has been busy with a possible new court in Philadelphia. Please remember to contact the membership team to have them assist in membership drives. They have done outstanding work to revive courts. The State Court picks up the cost.

Thank you to the courts who gave to Disaster Relief for the Hurricane Relief effort. It is not too late to make donations as Puerto Rico especially needs assistance. Send your contributions, made payable to CDA, to Lisa McCann, State Secretary. Donation forms may be found on the PA website at **CDAPA.org** or see page 7.

The Circle of Love Report forms can be found on the National website. Please complete the forms and send them to State Chairmen who will forward to National. Remember to use the State website for up-to-date information on State happenings. Forms and logos may also be found on the website to download.

Thank you to all who purchased 10-week tickets. Your support of the State Board is most appreciated.

I am in the midst of assigning State Chairmen and District Deputies. I have contacted some but still need to contact others. I will have a list in the next newsletter of all District Deputies and State Chairmen.

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all for the prayers and well wishes during these past months with regard to the health concerns of me and my husband.

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace and love.

*With grateful hearts and minds,
Lord, let us not be blind.*

*With hands outstretched to others,
Let us help our brothers.*

*While feasting on turkey
and dressings,*

*Let us be thankful
for the many blessings*

We have received

So many others can believe.



Peggy Witas
State Regent



The Three Magi

In celebrating Christmas my special favorite characters are the three Magi. As you may know, “Magi” in Latin translates to “sage.” These three men according to ancient legends, based on Persian beliefs, believed there would rise a star in the East predicting the birth of a ruler with manifestation of a divine figure in fire and light.” The Syrian Infancy Gospel provides information that they were pursuing a prophecy from their prophet Zoradascht. (Wikipedia) The star they followed on their trip was certainly fire and light, the brightest, moving star in the galaxy. Only the Gospel of Matthew mentions these “special” visitors who praised and adored the birth of Christ. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Imagine the years of study, time and persistence enabling them to scan the heavens for “their star.” They devoted themselves to their cause with much planning and foresight for a long trip. In the Western church, we know these three individuals as Casper (or Gaspar), depicted in art as an “old man” with a white beard, an Indian scholar and King of Tarsus, the land of merchants. The second person was Balthazar, a black-skinned youthful Babylonian scholar, and King of Ethiopia, and the third individual was Melchior, a Persian middle-aged scholar and King of Arabia. These individuals symbolize the three stages in the life of man and also are representative of the various national ethnic groups living in the East at that time.

These royal men left their luxuriously safe homes behind to travel thousands of treacherous miles as foreigners to faithfully follow their belief and dream to a small unknown town, Bethlehem, to pay homage to a newly-born infant! They bowed and knelt before this tiny person, a King in his own right, to offer praise and thanksgiving for his divine birth. This type of respect (bowing and kneeling) was adopted by the early church in its religious practice and continues today in the church. Although these three traveling Kings paid a courtesy visit to the King of Judea, King Herod, a Jew, who was aware of the Jewish prophecies (Isaiah 60:6 and Psalm 72:9-11), they certainly were not cut from the same cloth as Herod. These humble wise men thankfully were “wise in the ways of the world,” thus never returning to Herod to inform him of the whereabouts of their ending journey destination.

The gifts brought by the Magi to the infant had hidden prophetic importance to Jesus’ mission. Melchior’s presentation of frankincense is associated with providing incense for prayers and praise to a deity. Casper’s presentation of gold was the normal offering made to royalty. However, Balthazar’s gift of myrrh, an embalming ointment, is associated with what was to come—suffering and entombment.

Some ancient legends report that St. Thomas later found these men, and baptized them into the Christian religion. They were martyred for the faith and are regarded as saints. The church in Cologne, Germany holds their relics in the Shrine of the Three Kings where they are venerated.

The Church acknowledges these “wise men” who took such a perilous journey by establishing The Epiphany of the Lord, celebrated on Sunday, January 7, 2018. These three Magi are known as the first Gentiles to receive the Manifestation of Christ! During the last few years, following Mass, some parishes provide the blessing to place over your entryway at the beginning of the year: 20 + C (Casper) + M (Melchior) + B (Balthazar) + 2018 (which stands for “The Three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar, in the year of our Lord 2018) or whatever year it may be.

During this Advent season, you should read the novella written by Henry van Dyke, “The Story of the Other Wise Man.” This fourth wise man never saw the infant Jesus. He had started out on his journey intending to present Christ with a sapphire, a ruby and a “pearl of great price.” But he encountered many obstacles along the way, and he journeyed many years looking for Christ, never returning to his homeland. However, with deep commitment after many miles traveled, he did meet Christ, but not in the way he had expected. In many aspects, we may be able to relate and profit more from his story than the previous one depicted in the Gospel of Matthew.

We also are on our pilgrimage journey, faced at times with sacrifices, stumbling blocks and perilous dangers and decisions. We need to keep faithfully following Christ and believing as these wise men did to reach our final destination.

—Mary E. May, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, Past 1st Vice-State Regent



Eugenio Kahes - Three Kings of the Orient Adore Jesus
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Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE *Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 Celebrates 60th Anniversary*



**Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies, was instituted
on September 15, 1957.**

*Regent Marilee Prough honors charter members
Pat Gildea, Parliamentarian, Marilee Prough, Regent
and Dorotheann Simendinger, Past Regent*



*State and Court Officers and members of Court Our Lady of the
Alleghenies #1755 and visiting District Deputies and members*

GREENSBURG DIOCESE *Court Monessen #776 Celebrates 95th Anniversary*



*Back Row: Knights of Columbus, Bishop Phelan Assembly #0911
Color Corps. Middle Row, left to right: Sara Stein, Kathy Byron,
Debbie Genemore, Rose Marie Lesovic, Pat Godla, Rev. Michael
Crookston, Jackie Elias, Kathy Imbrescia, Sandy Craig. Front row:
Margaret Giordano, Peggy Witas, Peggy Guckin, Shirley Hall and
Lisa McCann. Not in photo: Betty Geis, Ceremonial Coordinator*



Veteran's Honored for Their Service

Prior to the final blessing, Fr. Crookston called up the veterans so the congregation could thank them for their service; Fr. gave them a special blessing and we all prayed over them.

HARRISBURG DIOCESE ***Court Queen of Peace #1023***

Court Queen of Peace #1023 members donated and packed items for the Shoe Box Program for which items—clothes, toys, hygiene items and school supplies—are sent to boys and girls in three age groups, 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14—to as many as 100 different countries throughout the world.



*Elizabeth Wijtyk, Pat Jacobs, Josephine Hiemenz, Robin Burgoon
(and two future Catholic Daughters, Robin's daughters), CarolAnne
Ferreira, Margaret T. Giordano, Mary Clare Selway, Shoe Box Pro-
gram guest speaker, Brenda Raver, and Nicole Kreider*

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE *Catholic Daughter Day*

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, celebrated the 41st Annual Catholic Daughter Day, October 14, at St. Katherine of Siena Church, followed by luncheon at Fishers Tudor House with 100 members in attendance. Guest speaker was Dt. Michael Schiavone who spoke on Aid For Friends and his late wife, Rita Ungarao Schiavone, who was founder of Aid For Friends.



Mary Jane Becker, Court Mystical Rose #2628, carrying cross;
Marie Phanord, Court Ave Maria #650, and Doris Kitt,
Court Rose Cecilia #1641, carrying decades;
and Loretta Cain, Court St. Dominic #2222



Mary Jane Becker, Court Mystical Rose #2628; Mary Wender, Past
State Secretary and member, Court Mystical Rose, crowned our
Blessed Mother; Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer

Seamen's Church Institute

Members from Court Ave Maria #650, Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Court St. Dominic #2222 and Court St. Francis de Sales #2617 helped to pack 900 ditty bags to be distributed to seamen as the ships come into Philadelphia and New Jersey ports. Chaplain of the Institute is Rev. Bill Rex.



CDA Banner Bearers: Gloria Benton, Court Ave Maria #650;
Michele Russo, Court St. Mark #1097;
Marge Hall, Court Mystical Rose #2628



Color Guard: Heather Goldsmith, Suzanne Garnett, Lydia Phillip,
members, Court Ave Maria #650

Court St. Ephrem #2230

Seven ladies prepared 90 trays for Aid for Friends Thanksgiving dinners for those in need.



Left to right: Colleen Keating, Laura Tertel, Barbara Jackson, Dolly Maronski, Carol Parsons and Diane Beal



Court Chatter contd.

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE contd.

Court St. Dominic #2222

Officers and members of Court St. Dominic #2222 take time out for photo op at their Flea Market.



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Westinghouse #759

Members of Court Westinghouse #759 annually prepare 150 bagged lunches which are delivered to the Red Door Project at St. Mary of Mercy Parish in downtown Pittsburgh. The Red Door daily serves the homeless and underprivileged of Pittsburgh. Our bagged lunches contain; two sandwiches, one meat and cheese with condiments and one peanut butter and jelly, bottled water, fruit juice, a piece of fruit, a bag of chips, candy, gum, home-baked cookies, wet wipes and napkins. We work hard to get much of this donated from local community stores and members donate the balance with very little needed to be supplemented by court funds. This project brings out the best participation of court members as we find it very worthwhile.



Member Ann Malarkey happily preparing the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches



Mary Kay Edgar, Court Treasurer; Shannon Shaughnessy, Granddaughter of Court Regent, (earning service hours for her Confirmation); members Terry Gojkovich and Jean Rankin, busy on the meat and cheese sandwiches



40 Days for LIFE - Pittsburgh

Left to right: Johanna Leonard, Court Allegheny #664; Lisa McCann, State Secretary, Court Westinghouse #759; and Donna Egan, Financial Secretary, Court Westinghouse #759, participating in the Fall campaign, 40 Days for Life, a peaceful and prayerful event at Planned Parenthood, Pittsburgh.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Pennsylvania State Court Local Court Donations



Make checks payable to:
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Lisa McCann, State Secretary
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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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Make New Friends But Keep the Old One is Silver and the Other's Gold

How many times have you been to a workshop and didn't recognize half of the faces? I have been to several CDA functions and always look forward to seeing those familiar smiling faces. What I did not realize is how amazing it is to see a pool of new faces at an area workshop. Not only were there many new faces, but many of them were new members. This gives me great faith that our membership drives are successful! Keep up the good work.

The workshop itself was truly eventful! Peggy Guckin, Margaret T. Giordano and Colette McCaffrey gave wonderful presentations based on the Tools of the Trade and Circle of Love, including spirituality, leadership and the roles of officers. There were open discussions and plenty of participation. Sprinkled with love and peppered with humor, the women did an outstanding job inspiring all of us to step up in our own communities with an innovative concept: Using three simple tools, the eagle, the star and a band aid, we can protect, shine and heal. We played the "dice and ball" game which got us active and bonding like the family that we are. We even got to attend a beautiful Mass at St. Ephrem Church in Bensalem, PA.

I learn new things every time I go to a CDA event; in conclusion, I would like to encourage everyone to attend a workshop, including members that are not officers.

—Submitted by Nicole Kreider



32 members from Philadelphia and three from Lancaster attended area workshop. Left to right: Carol Ann Ferreira, Nicole Kreider, Barbara Jackson, Dorothy Mankowski, Carol Parsons and Patricia Lafferty

The Wayward Teenager



There once was a wayward teenage. He was walking down the street with his mother, and across the street he spied a bow-legged man. He laughed mockingly, and said, "Look at that bow-legged man." He laughed again. His mother grabbed him by the arm, and as she yanked him, she said, "Wait till I get you home." At home, she said, "I'm taking all your MAD magazines away from you, and throwing them into recycling. And you, you're going to read Shakespeare for one month." At the end of the month, again the teenage was walking down the street with his mother. Across the street he spied that same bow-legged man, but this time, he called out in a loud voice, "Hark, what manner of men are these whose legs are like parentheses."

—Submitted by Sr. Mary Paul, DM

The Joy of CDA and The Master's Joy

*Happy are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in the ways of God.
What your hands provide you will enjoy;
you will be happy and prosper.*

—Psalm 128: 1-2

This passage reminds me of the joy of CDA as we serve church and community. My pastor, Father Daniel O'Brien, gave a sermon on how important it is to so many people to work out to stay in shape and how musicians need to practice to keep up their musical skills. He also reminded us how often times these things are such a priority. He likened our faith to both of these, and how that must be our priority. We must work at building our faith to strengthen it, and we must practice our faith skills to improve them and keep them in shape.

We must use our God-given talents to increase our faith skills and give back to God not only what He has given us, but much more. As in the parable of the talents, Matthew 25: 14-29, we must use our God-given talents for the glory of God, our Master, for service to His people. Well, let us be good and faithful servants in small matters, and God will entrust us with great responsibilities. Come, let us always be prepared to share our Master's joy. Isn't that what being Catholic Daughters is all about?

—Submitted by Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

A Family of One

A"family" implies at least two people who share their lives in some way.

However, with the holiday season approaching, we, as Catholic Daughters, should look for people who are alone. Perhaps he or she has lost all family members. An only child who never married and no longer has the companionship of parents could become a "Family of One."

How can we learn of these people? How can we help them through the holidays and beyond? The answer is as varied as the community in which you live.



Your parish priest may have information to help you.



A local senior center may also be a resource. Lonely people in need can be found in nursing homes.

What can be done once a person in need is located?

You can visit the person to establish a relationship and learn of his or her interests or needs. Bring cards or small gifts to brighten the day (something showing you remember their interests would be great). Pray with the person. And continue to develop your relationship after the holiday season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times to remember the lonely, but they need a friend every day of the year.

—Dolores Croyle
State Chairman, Family

Message from State Chaplain

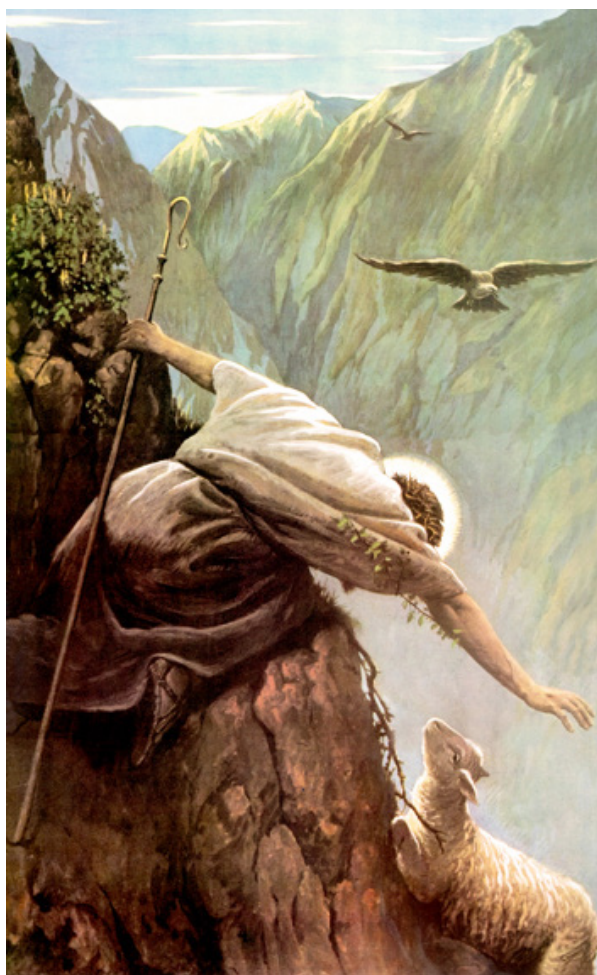
As we come to the end of our Church year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As we celebrate this, it is important to reflect on the Lord as Shepherd. We think of a king as someone on a throne to be waited on, but Jesus said He came to earth as a king to serve, not to be served. Although this is the image of king that Jesus portrays, it is also the image of Jesus as shepherd.

In Old Testament times, if a king was a good king, he would be someone to care for his people and tend to all their needs. This is the image of the 23rd psalm.

Verse 1 begins: *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.* Because as a good shepherd, a good king, the Father and the Son will give us all we need. The reality is that all we really need is to be with them, to be held by them. Just like when we are children and upset, or something is wrong, it does not matter if the problem is fixed or not, but being in our parents arms is what matters, and when we are, we need nothing else.

The psalm continues in verse 2, *In green pastures you let me graze; to safe waters you lead me.* Not only are we comforted, and God has all that we need, the psalm shows this is in abundance of food and water, grazing and drinking, our basic needs are met and in excess. Beautiful green pastures, means much grazing food.

Verse 3: *You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of your name.* To restore strength means to refresh us and repair the hurts we have. After God as a parent, as a loving king, as a loving shepherd comforts us and gives us an abundance of our basic needs, He guides or leads us in right ways, of course, that is if we listen to Him. This is the definition of the name of a Father.



Alford Usher Soord 1868-1915
The Lost Sheep

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We will have only goodness and love follow us all the days of our lives and lead us to heaven for eternity.

Jesus came to us as the image of the invisible God. If we allow him to be our King, Shepherd and Father, we will have intense security and comfort here, and then be in heaven, in that comfort with Him for eternity.

—Rev. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain



Jesus taught us to pray, “Our Father, hallowed is Your name.” He wants us to go in the right ways and He leads us to goodness, and then his name is truly hallowed, holy, as He lives up to these characteristics. We must remember He is there during our temptations, leading us, guiding us, we have to only listen.

Verse 4 continues: *Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage.* In the days of Jesus, the dark valley was the area between the hills, like a hollow of West Virginia. In those shadows was often where wolves would hide to attack the flock, as dusk began earlier, due to the sun setting behind the hills. God protects us and fights off the wolf, which for us are the demons, the devil, and temptations. If we allow God to be our shepherd, He will fight off the evil and defend us.

Verse 5: *You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.* Often in those days, when families or groups would go out and have picnics, or even while traveling, they would go into an open area of grass to eat, so as not to be attacked by robbers and thieves. The robbers and thieves would watch from the trees, the woods for an opportunity to attack or steal the food. So with God, we are protected, as our enemy the devil watches.

Anointing with oil on the head was the custom of visiting someone. The host would anoint the head as a blessing. God is anointing us as a host, to be in His home for eternity. Also, oil is a sign of strength in blessing to carry out tasks. Kings, prophets, and priests were anointed. God anoints us for the task of being His disciple, priest prophet and king for the kingdom.

The cup overflows is a sign that blessings in abundance will be given.

We come to the end with verse 6: *Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.* As a Shepherd, King, Father, He will always follow us with goodness and love. Years to come means eternity.

Message from State Secretary

Dear Members,

In the fall issue of the *Angelus*, you were advised of the change the National Board made in moving National Center on Sexual Exploitation to a National Project and Smile Train to be listed as a National Charity. Their very sound reasoning being the dire need for the "NCSE," our champion, working on facing the evils of pornography, exploitation of women and children and human trafficking. The National Board urges and encourages all courts to give generously to this new project.



Found in our Tools of the Trade, each Catholic Daughter local court is asked to contribute annually a minimum of \$20 per project to the five National Projects. The National Board also encourages courts to pray about their continued support of all the National Charities.

As I receive copies of each courts Financial Reviews that are copied to me as State Secretary, it is encouraging to see the amounts courts are listing under #1, amounts "paid out by check for Religious, Charitable and Educational purposes."

Do these figures include donations to National Projects, National Charities and Pennsylvania State Pro-Life Projects?

As members of this great National organization, each court's first charitable consideration should be here. Only then should courts consider local donations. Even a small donation to each of these, makes a big difference.

Upon further examination of your Financial Reviews, many courts carry a very large account balance. Why are these funds not being given in charity? These are not your personal accounts to be saved for a rainy day.

The rainy day is here. The National Board has recently made an appeal to all members to contribute to Disaster Relief. In every area recent-

ly hit by the devastating hurricane season, we have Catholic Daughter courts. Your charity is desperately needed and will go to your sisters in great need.

All members receive our National *Share* magazine. We are presented with many of the projects and charities requesting direct donation to that entity.

Please share this message with and encourage your members to (1) make their donation through your court. Your court, then, (2) makes that donation to your State Court which we, in turn, (3) make all combined donations to the National Office in **Unity**. In this way, you know with confidence your donations are going to be spent in **Charity** exactly how you intended.

Remember to find the current State Donation Form on the PA web site: www.cdapa.com or see page 7.

♦ Follow the path, Resources — Forms — Court Forms — Donation Form.

- ♦ One check for ALL donations.
- ♦ Use the form to stipulate how much for each possibility.
- ♦ Court Check.
- ♦ Payable to Catholic Daughters of the America /or simply CDA.
- ♦ Two signatures.

May God bless each of you with a joyful, caring, generous heart.

—Lisa McCann, State Secretary

Know, Love and Serve!

Why were we created?...To Know Him, to Love Him and to Serve Him in this world and to be happy with HIM forever in Heaven.



At the Philadelphia/Lancaster Workshop, held on October 28, in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, the ladies in attendance were provided the opportunity to do just that.

The day began, after a continental breakfast, with prayer and everyone singing together the hymn, *Our Lady of Knock*. Power Point presentations were given on Spiritual Enhance-

ment and duties of local court officers, Regent, Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Review Guidelines.

The day was not without some fun. We played a game and enjoyed a Philly style lunch of Hoagies, salads and desserts.

The time spent together was rewarding and it gave us an opportunity not only to learn but to stop, think and reflect on the many ways we, as Catholic Daughters, share our Spirituality in service to Our Lord.

Wishing all of the Catholic Daughters, their families and all those they love, a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with wonderful opportunities to know Him, Love HIM and Serve HIM. God Bless You.

—Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer



Peggy Guckin, National Director and IPSR, presents Helene Shepard, National Regent, with a book about Dorothy Day on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Board and Members.

The book was written by Brother Michael McGrath, OSFS; Robert Elsberg wrote the Forward.



2018 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST

Themes: ♦ “The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us,
We Are Filled With Joy.” Ps. 126
♦ Finding Joy In My Life

Deadlines:

Entries being submitted to **LOCAL COURT** chairperson must be handed in or postmarked to the Local Chairperson no later than **February 15, 2018**.

Entries being submitted to **STATE COURT** chairperson must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2018**.

Each local court should make a very special effort to sponsor the EDUCATION CONTEST. The themes selected for the contest encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought when student talent and application go hand-in-hand. The contest enables students of our communities, schools and CCD classes to compete and strive for awards while following certain fixed rules.

All rules apply to Local, State and National entries. Local, state and national CDA officers, education chairmen and all judges are not eligible to enter this CDA contest. NOTE: NO ENTRIES SHOULD BE FOLDED OR ROLLED. NEATNESS IS A KEY FACTOR IN JUDGING.

Divisions & Categories: Note: Students may be Catholic and Non-Catholic

Division 1: Grades 4-5 - Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art

Division 2: Grades 6-7-8 - Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

Division 3: Grades 9-10-11-12 - Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

Division 4: Adult CDA members - Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Photography

2018 NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Why have a court newsletter?

♦ They are a wonderful tool to educate new members (or even old-timers) all about Catholic Daughters.

♦ They help members to understand how they are part of our national and state levels of the order.

♦ They communicate to the members of your court current activities, upcoming events and special projects the court may be planning.

♦ They are of special interest to those members who are unable to attend meetings due to illness, being homebound or because of work, school or family responsibilities.

♦ Leaving copies of your newsletters in the church or distributing them to women of the parish can go a long way to pique interest and bring in new members!

An EFFECTIVE newsletter will: ♦ Inform ♦ Motivate ♦ Inspire

Please remember that your newsletters are judged specifically on their content, not whether they are printed in black and white or color or how many pages they contains. What is important is the coverage of your local, state and national CDA news, and the interests of your court and community.

Instructions for Local Courts

1. Complete Cover Sheet and make three (3) copies of Cover Sheet; the same for Score Sheets.
2. Attach one (1) copy of Cover Sheet to each set of newsletters.
3. Attach one (1) copy of Score Sheet with court information completed on top, to each set of newsletters.
4. Send entries to State Chairman, postmarked on or before **March 26, 2018**.

CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORTING FORM

Local Chairman to State Chairman—Best Local Court Project

At this time, you should consider one outstanding activity chosen from those submitted by local courts in either of the one-year periods from **March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017** OR **March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018**.

All courts are asked to fill out the Circle of Love Reporting Forms and to send them to the State Chairman, even if there are areas in which your court does not participate. The names of the State Chairman will be on the website as soon as they are all available.

Trusting in the God

of the Living through Mary

But will you believe me...when I tell you that Mary's love is not cooled, is not extinguished even by our ingratitude, infidelity, contempt, nor the most atrocious iniquities? You may well believe it, since you and I have but too often experienced it. Oh! What ingratitude, infidelity, contempt, and injuries she has had to suffer for so many years, so many and many times from me! It has passed all sufferance, and yet has not wearied her patience! She has continued to love me, and still loves me with the same ardor; she has protected and defended me from the just anger of God; she has loaded me with benefits, with spiritual and temporal graces; she pities and excuses me; she consoles and embraces me.

And if I desert and offend her a thousand times daily, she lovingly receives me in her arms, a thousand times, if I return to her. She once said to Saint Bridget: *However often a man may sin, if he return to me with true and heartfelt penitence, I am ever ready to receive him; and I do not regard the number of his sins, but the intention and will with which he returns.* Oh! This is love as strong as death, which the waters of the basest treachery and ingratitude, of the falsest infidelity, cannot extinguish, nor the floods of the most revolting crimes absorb and drown. Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it. (Sg 8:7).

—Dom Roberto, ER. CAM.
Dom Roberto was a 17th-century Camaldolese hermit at Monte Corona in Italy.

—Excerpt from “The Love of Mary,”

TAN Books, Charlotte, NC

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SOAR! Dinner

This past September, at the SOAR! Awards Gala in New York, I recognized a familiar face in the crowd. It was Sister Joan Rychalsky, IHM, who was a long-time resident at Holy Innocents Convent in Philadelphia while fulfilling her ministry as President of Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls. Sister worked with Little Flower alums to establish an endowment, providing scholarship/grant monies to assist girls in attending this spirited high school.

Now Sister Joan works for SOAR!—a national non-profit organization which distributes grants to numerous Catholic religious congregations in the U.S. to address their immediate, practical retirement needs and to ensure the safety, comfort and dignity of these religious. Sister calls donors all over the country to thank them for their generosity to SOAR! as well as to let them know how helpful and appreciated their gifts are to these aging religious. Sister states, "It's a joy and privilege to work with such committed, dedicated people at SOAR! and their generous donors whose goodness means that many aging religious can enjoy their retirement in safety and comfort after a lifetime of loving service."

—Peggy Guckin, IPSR, Publicity Chairman



Sr. Joan Rychalsky, IHM and Peggy Guckin



Helene Shephard, National Regent, on behalf of CDA membership, presenting Sr. Kathleen Lunsmann, SOAR, with a check for \$10,000.



*Helene Shephard, National Regent, accepts SOAR Award.
Left to right: Sr. Kathleen Lunsmann, Helene Shephard,
Kathryn Caballero, Chair of the Board, SOAR*

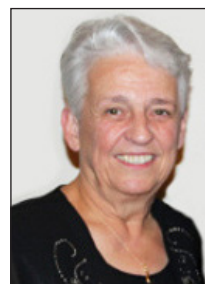
Making Winter Productive

It's that time of year! Shorter daylight hours and many more dark hours. Less time spent in the sunshine and out of doors. More time spent in the house. This is the perfect time of year to increase prayer time. God is always ready to listen. Talk to Him! Talk to his mother, Mary. Take the opportunity to do a self-evaluation and work on improving a relationship with God.

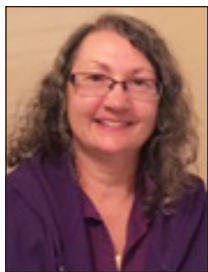
It is also a good time to volunteer and help those who have difficulty leaving the house because of the cold and snow. The winter can be lonely days for the home-bound. Enjoy a cup of coffee with a friend. That will make the winter shorter for them and for you!

Take time this winter to communicate with God and those who are lonely.

Blessings for a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year!



—Sherry Nilles, National Representative for Pennsylvania



Our Journey Continues

My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,
First of all, I want to thank all of you who have kept me in your prayers. God is good, and I am very appreciative of my special CDA family. This fall, I have had the pleasure to join in the celebration of two milestone court anniversaries: The 60th Anniversary

of Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and the 95th Anniversary of Court Monessen #776 in the Greensburg Diocese. I really enjoyed how each court had a unique way to commemorate its roots and acclaim its progress through time to the present.

I enjoyed seeing many members from the Philadelphia Archdiocese along with some of my own court members of the Harrisburg Diocese at the Fall Area Workshop on October 28th in Bensalem, PA. It was a busy day, and the "unity and charity" of all present was most evident. We began our workshop as we should begin all CDA events, with a spiritual activity. Besides the education part of the workshop, we also got the chance to bond with each other as family enjoying fabulous food, jovial jokes, and great games. Please always remember that you all remain in my thoughts and prayers each and every day, and I ask you to please continue to pray for me as well. May we always be willing to answer the Lord's call as did our patroness, Our Mother Mary.

May God be with you and yours throughout these seasons of Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

—Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Meeting Phrases: "Toss Out the Window"



- ♦ "Old business" (toss)
Use: Unfinished business
- ♦ "I so move" (toss)
Use: "Regent: Kindly put the issue in the form of a motion"
- ♦ "I move to/that..." (toss)
- ♦ "Motion to approve minutes" (toss)
Use: Regent: "If there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved as read, distributed, printed..."
- ♦ "Are there any additions or corrections" (toss)
Use: Regent: "Are there any corrections (additions or deletions are corrections) to the minutes."
- ♦ "Motion to approve treasurer's report" (toss)
Use: Regent: "Treasurer's Statement has been read for your information. Are there any questions?"
(Note: Only an Audited Report is approved by motion.)
- ♦ "Motion to adjourn" (toss)
Use: Regent: "Is there any further business to come before the Court, (PAUSE), hearing none, the meeting is adjourned."

Thank you for using this correct terminology in the conduct of your court meeting.

—Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

Is Your Court Promoting Membership?



Recruitment must be of the highest priority in our courts. Without new members, our courts will fail. Some courts struggle more than others. At the National and State Conventions, it was stressed that membership should be one of our highest priorities.

We have a long history of members who are dedicated, hardworking, inspiring, and fun-loving. It is important to ensure that our legacy of good works in our parish, our community, and our world continues. From the beginning, Catholic Daughters has stressed that women promoting and supporting women in spiritual growth, education and leadership is important.

How are our voices heard? Each member must become a recruiter. We must know the history of our organization before we can recruit. Knowing "Who we are" and "What we do" is vital. We need to stress that God is the center of our courts and that the Blessed Virgin Mary is our model in all we do for others and ourselves.

Prospective members need to know that their time, talents and skills are valued. They need to know that Catholic Daughters share their values, interest and concerns. We need to also emphasize FUN!

We should approach women 18 years of age or older, not forgetting the single ladies. We should invite women who recently joined the church and women who just moved into our parish. We should invite women we connect with at our church functions and in other organizations. Most of all don't forget your family and friends; they may be just waiting for you to ask them to join.

How do we get in the spotlight? Sponsor retreats, bus trips, parties and picnics and invite all the women of your parish to attend. In hosting fun and interesting events, women will hopefully want to join our organization.

Be vigilant at all functions. If you see someone, don't just think, "I wonder if she would join," go and ask her. A personal invitation can be very persuasive and powerful. We already know what an incredible organization that we belong to and we know the wonderful women who are a part of Catholic Daughters. We need to **SHARE** and reach out to all women.

—Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 19, 2018, Washington, DC

Plan to be there in person or in prayer
on this day for the unborn.

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: _____

100th Anniversary Congratulations

Court Santa Maria #295, Medina, NY

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Happy 95th Anniversary

Court Monessen #776

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Happy 60th Anniversary Congratulations

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 50th Anniversary

Sherry & Lee Nilles

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Happy Anniversary

Susan and Rodney Hicks

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Court St. Thomas #1483 - 69 yrs.

Court Washington #1651 - 64 yrs.

Court Greene County #1923 - 53 yrs.

Court St. Ephrem #2230 - 36 yrs.

Court Immaculate Conception of Clarion #2452 - 19 yrs.

Court Blessed Madonna #2521 - 14 yrs.

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy 21st Birthday

Alessandra Hoskins, granddaughter

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Tina Morgan, niece

Jimi Giordano, brother

Mary Clare Selway, sister

Susanne Gillespie

Cathy Roth

Charlie Sultzbach, father-in-law

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, Sept.-Nov. 2017. 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, Second Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Happy Birthday contd.

Marialice Sagan

Vicki Feist

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

CarolAnne Ferreira, Regent

Louise Beighley

Josephine Hiemenz

Mary Selway, Financial Secretary

Rita Smith Wade-El, Immediate Past Regent

Ellen Yates

Cathy Haefner

LaRue Lautsch

Lorraine Keeley

Helen Bitts

Christine Fink

Elizabeth Wijtyk

Janet Kreiner

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Thanksgiving

Catholic Daughters of the Americas and their families

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Complete Recovery

Dr. Sophia Lam

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Full Recovery from Severe Auto Accident

Christopher, Nephew of Elizabeth Witjyk

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Get Well Soon ♦ Good Health ♦ Welfare & Well-Being

Patricia Gildea

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Dorothy Mastronardi

Requested by: Peggy Witas

Christine Fink

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

PA CDA Members

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

National Directors

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Improved Health ♦ Return to Perfect Health

Audrey Aubaugh

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Christine Fink

Rita Bigley, Cousin

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Kathleen McDowell

Margaret Gardner

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Speedy and Complete Recovery

Father Timothy O'Sullivan, Immediate Past State Chaplain

For those newly diagnosed with cancer

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Successful Procedure ♦ Improved Health

Rita Smith-Wade-El

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Well Wishes

Margaret Giordano

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

God, Our Father, Protect Them

The Unborn

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

St. Michael the Archangel, Defend Them in Battle

**All Military, esp. Anti-tank 1, Delta Company, 1st Brigade
504 Parachute Infantry Regiment (AKA Red Devils) on 8-mo.**

Deployment in Southern Afghanistan

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Peace and Harmony

World peace and harmony amongst all God's peoples

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Thank you for 35 Years as Chaplain of Allentown Diocesan Court

Rev. Floyd Caesar, Jr.

Requested by: Allentown Diocesan Committee

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

In Appreciation

Living & Deceased Past Regents

Requested by: Pittsburgh Past Regents Club

Thank You for the Cards, Encouragement, and Prayers

PA State Board

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

In Thanksgiving

National Directors

Living & Deceased Chaplains of PA CDA Courts

In Thanksgiving for Blessings

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

In Thanksgiving contd.

Living & Deceased Members of PA CDA

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Gratitude, Love, and Prayers

All Armed Forces and their family, friends and pets

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

Unity and Charity

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Fromknecht Family

In Memory † With Sympathy † Rest in Peace

Baby Annelise Esperanza Silveira

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

James McGuire

Tom Broderick

Betty Waytowitch

David Bilinski

Requested by: Peggy Guckin

Pat Foley

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Richard A. Sauers

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Patty Ondash

Bob MacDonald

Victor Duchess, husband of Karen

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Lucy Grimme, mother of Fr. D. Timothy Grimme

Donna J. Thompson

Requested by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

Fromknecht Family

Margaret T. Giordano

Henry A. Horn, grandfather

James A. Giordano, Sr., father

Margaret H. Giordano, mother

E. Margaret Horn, grandmother

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Memorial Mass

Dorothy Anna

Requested by: Nancy M. Anna (OLV #722)

Patty Ondash

Pete Savoca

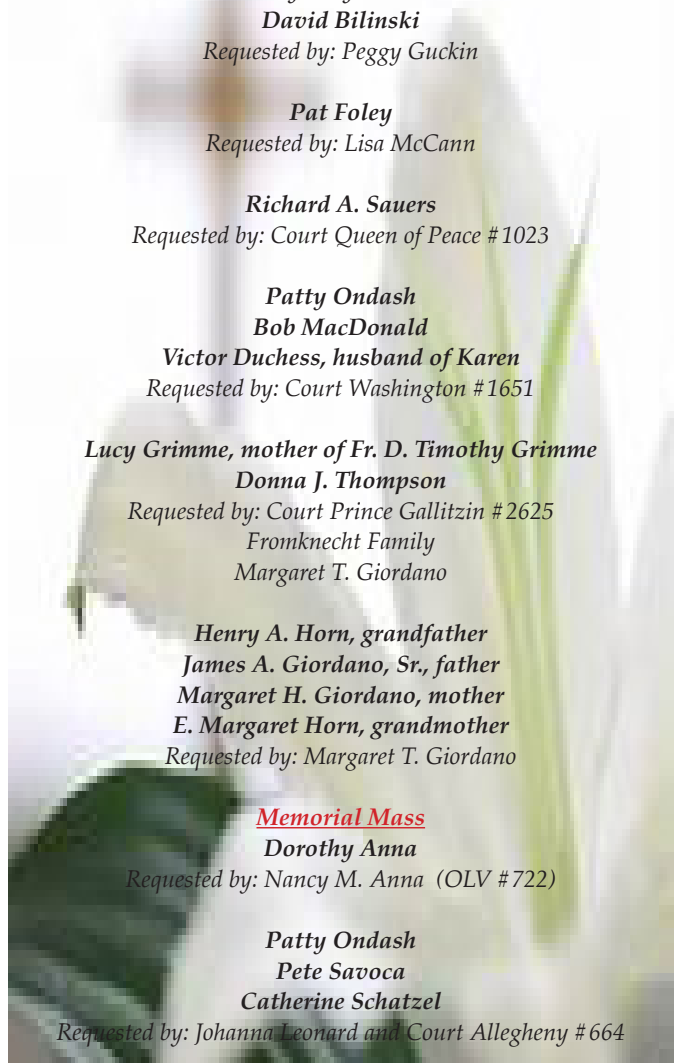
Catherine Schatzel

Requested by: Johanna Leonard and Court Allegheny #664

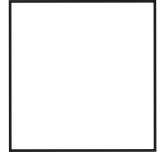
Holy Spirit, Guide Them

CDA Leadership

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, IPSR
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested



A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
at this most critical time,
we entrust the United States of America
to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim
this land for the glory of Your Son.
Overwhelmed with the burden
of the sins of our nation,
we cry to you from the depths of our hearts
and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us
and touch the hearts of our people.
Open our minds to the great worth of human life
and to the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods
that lead to the evil of abortion
and threaten the sanctity of family life.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation
on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source
of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death
and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

 **Men of the Sacred Hearts**

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