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Message from Peggy Witas, State Regent

s I write this, Punxatawny Phil did not see his shadow, promising an early Spring. Spring is a time of renewal and hope. With convention being near, it is my hope many will be renewed by coming to workshop and convention.

Regents and Financial Secretaries are asked to sign and complete the enclosed Authorization form for delegates and alternates attending the convention (the form is also on our website.)

It is with sadness I inform you that due to starting a new job, I will not run for another term as State Regent. While there have been challenges, it has been my great honor to represent you,



the members of Pennsylvania, to meet you, to share in the joys of anniversaries and beginnings of new courts. I will continue to work for the good of the order "behind the scenes."

As my theme is Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord, I am moved by the good works of your courts. Recently, I attended the funeral of a CDA member and the members of the court wore white and honored the deceased with a candle procession. It was heart-warming to think the deceased had the light leading her to eternal life.

"Taste and See" the goodness of your courts and appreciate what each member has to offer. As with a banquet, some items are appetizers, some are entrees, others desserts. Not everyone likes everything, but all are satisfied in the end.

May you have a Blessed, Joyous Easter!

Peggy Witas, State Regent

Message from Pennsylvania National Representative

Dear Members.

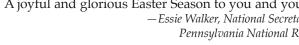
ll roads lead to Blairsville for your upcoming State Convention. I look forward to attending your 53rd Biennial State Convention. Your theme, "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" is a great story within itself.

The convention will be a time for prayer, fellowship, sharing, learning and planning. During the convention, I encourage each of you to come and share as much time as possible with your fellow CDA sisters and truly experience what makes our

organization so unique. Remember, you are the most valuable resource within our organization.

The State Board Members and Committees are working tirelessly to ensure that each member in attendance will have a great time and a greater take-away of new information. It is the perfect time to come together and share your ideas that will help our organization continue to grow.

A joyful and glorious Easter Season to you and your families. —Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer Pennsylvania National Representative



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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NATIONAL NEWS



Greg Lattus, carrying CDA Banner; Debbie Lattus, National Director; Susan Hicks, National Director; Lisa McCann, PA State Secretary; Tom Panis, Public Relations; Jeanette Kitch, Court Columbia #2 and PA District Deputy; Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chairman; Sherry Nilles, National Regent-Elect walking alongside National Regent Olga Samaniego.

46th Annual March for LifeHistory of the National Prayer Vigil for Life

Maryknoll Brother, Goretti Zilli, from New York, had the inspiration forty years ago, in 1979 to hold a National Rosary for Life as an all-night vigil. Other key organizers were Mrs. Sally Reynolds and the Mothers of Mary of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Miss Virginia Murphy and the Immaculate Heart Reparation Society of D.C., also groups from Michigan and Rhode Island.

Father John Gabin of Philadelphia, celebrated the first vigil Mass and over fifty people attended the Mass in the lower level of the Crypt Church. Eucharistic adoration and other devotions continued through the night. Prayers were coordinated and led through the night for an end to abortion by Brother Michael Cerrone who was later ordained and became an Army Chaplain. Following the all-night Vigil for Life, Brother Cerrone led the group in the March for Life.

The following year the organizers requested Cardinal John Carberry to ask the Bishops' conference to co-sponsor the event. Since then, and 40 years later, thousands of Catholics from all over the country packed the Great Upper Church of the Basilica, with an overflow in the lower church, to participate in the Mass via TV screens.

The Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City and Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, was the Celebrant and Homilist at the $40^{\rm th}$ Annual Mass for Life.

Over three hundred clergy including Cardinals, Bishops and the Apostolic Nuncio concelebrated, and countless deacons, seminarians and several Jewish Orthodox were in attendance. The Shrine was packed with the very young and the old from all walks of life.

This year's theme was "For Giving Thanks to God For the Gift of Human Life." EWTN televises the Opening and Closing Masses of the National Prayer Vigil for Life worldwide.

The National Officers and several National Directors and many members from across the country attended these events in D.C. National Regent Olga Samaniego and National Regent-Elect Sherry Nilles represented CDA by sitting in the sanctuary. As in past years, the National Regent and Regent-Elect are interviewed by EWTN.



Catholic Daughters posing for photo after Mass for Life

Front and Center: Tom Panis, Public Relations; Mary Impellizeri, NY
First Row: Margaret Giordano, PA 2nd Vice State Regent; Shirley Hall, PA 1st Vice State Regent; Peggy Guckin, National Director; Susan Moné,
2nd Vice National Regent; Sherry Nilles, National Regent-Elect; Olga Samaniego, National Regent; Emily Guilherme, 1st Vice National Regent;
Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer; Helene Shepard, IPNR; Janie Rubio, Victoria, TX; Bea Gonzalez, Victoria, TX
Second Row: Rachel Zamora, Victoria, TX; Debbie Lattus, National Director; Susan Hicks, National Director; Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chairman

Pro-Life Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The world's largest pro-life event, the March for Life, is an annual rally protesting abortion, held in Washington, D.C, on or around the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion in the case *Roe v. Wade.* The March, whose stated mission is "to provide all Americans with a place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person, "advocates overturning *Roe v. Wade.*

Our trip to Washington D.C. began Friday morning, January 18th, with 5:30 a.m. Mass at St. Bernadette Church in Monroeville, PA. Travelling with me this year was Paula Voloch, a new member to Court Westinghouse #759 and a first-timer to the March for Life.

It is over a five-hour drive to Washington, D.C. and we became friends with five other ladies, all first-timers who joined us for the day. It was an adventure in itself navigating the Metro system from where our bus let us off at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to the National Mall where the March takes place.

The theme for this, the 46th annual March for Life, was *Unique From Day One*. The crowd was enormous and jubilant. We did not encounter any negativity. It is always a joy to find our Catholic Daughter sisters and march along side them, carrying our CDA banner.

...and our Pro Life commitment continues

Lisa McCann, State Secretary

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This photo interestingly shows one of our beautiful baby pictures reflected onto the front door of Planned Parenthood.



Jeanette Kitch, Court Columbia #2; Paula Voloch, Court Westinghouse #759 and Lisa McCann State Secretary, Court Westinghouse #759



Mary Elise Brady, Regent, and Erin McShane, a member of Campus Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2643, from United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD with Peggy Guckin, National Campus Court Chairman, prior to the Mass for Life



Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Court Easton #358, Easton Christmas Luncheon

Officers and members of Court Easton #358 began the Christmas Season with a luncheon at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem with blessings from Chaplain, Deacon Kevin Wasielewski. Attending was 65-year member, Philomena Azzolina (front and center).



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ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Courts St. Rita #523 and Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Relic of St. Jean Vianney, Patron of Priests

The heart is a symbol of love, courage and commitment, and serves as the most evident sign of life within a person. In the case of St. Jean Marie Vianney, popularly known as the Cure of Ars, his incorrupt heart is also a sign of great holiness that holds a message of hope for those who approach it for veneration.

This relic was brought to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the Catholic Daughters of this diocese were asked by the Bishop to participate as a welcoming group by handing out Mass booklets, etc. There were approximately 60 CDA members from throughout the dioceses participating during the day. Bishop Mark acknowledged these ladies with grateful thanks.



Standing with the relic are Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent and Susan Ronan, Financial Secretary of Court St. Rita, #523



With Bishop Mark Bartchak in the Cathedral are Annette Ajay, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625; Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian; Bishop Mark; Karen Castagnola, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625; Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent and Susan Ronan, Court St. Rita #523

ERIE DIOCESE

Court St. Mary, Reynoldsville Baby Gifts to Catholic Charities

ourt St. Mary #890 held their Christmas Banquet at Hoss's Restaurant in DuBois on December 10th. The members each brought a baby gift to give to Catholic Charities to help area mothers in meeting the needs of their infants.







HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Tourt Queen of Peace #1023 held a fundraiser selling Christmas items at St. Phillip Apostle Church. Many members helped to make this a huge success.



Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

n February 17, 2019, Lancaster Court Queen of Peace #1023 held their annual baby shower to benefit "A Woman's Concern," the local pro-life pregnancy and parenting resource center committed to meeting the needs of women, men and families in the Lancaster community. Baby Shower Chairman, Janet Kreiner, organized all the games and prizes for the event.



Left to right: Roberta Stefanow, Pat Jacobs, Janet Kreiner, CarolAnne Ferreira, Margaret T. Giordano, Sr. Mary Paul, Nicole Kreider, Linda Greineder and Mary Selway (not shown: Susan Sharer)

We publish our newsletter quarterly. We would like to hear from more courts with a photo and caption listing the names of those pictured at your special activity. Submission deadlines are Fall: August 1; Winter: November 1; Spring: February 1; Summer: May 1. Send your favorite photo and information to Peggy Guckin, email: mmg721@aol.com

HARRISBURG DIOCESE contd.

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mount Carmel

Court Our Lady of Victory #588 recently visited the Mount Carmel Senior Living Community. Members sang Christmas carols and distributed cards and gifts to all residents in the nursing home and assisted living.



Left to right: Kathleen Peeler, Regent; Cindy Saukaitis; Rosemarie Koronkiewicz; Lois Sejuit; Mary Rowland; Barbara Persing, Recording Secretary; and Ann Marie Tice

Unity and Charity

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia Advent Reflection Day

Pennsylvania Court St. Francis de Sales #2617 held an Advent Reflection Day after their December meeting. Guided by Chaplain, Brother Andrew McCarty, OFM Cap, the Regent, Tina Dambach, member Christine Butler, and the District Deputy, Marleen Duley, were the presenters. The entire group shared their thoughts and reflections on the presentations. The other courts in the Philadelphia Archdiocese were invited as well as parishioners and neighbors. Since our first Reflection Day in December 2017, the Court has enthusiastically decided to hold three Reflection Days each year." (Photo below)

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Aid for Friends

Members of Court St. Ephrem #2230 donated 177 mugs filled with goodies at Christmas time for Aid for Friends.



Filling mugs are Betty McGonagle, Barbara Jackson and Carol Parsons. Dolly Moronski took the photo.

Diocesan Meeting — Habitat for Humanity

At our Diocesan meeting we invited Deidra Duncan, Director of Engagement for Habitat for Humanity to speak to our members on the Faith Build and Habitat programs. Habitat for Humanity is one of our National Charities.



Peggy Guckin, Deidra Duncan, Colette McCaffrey and Tina Dambach



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek Court Camaraderie

Members of Court Westinghouse #759 spend an afternoon of prayer, playing and good food. Court member Joyce Hunter recently moved to a new care facility near Greensburg, PA. An afternoon of fun and games was enjoyed by all. Joyce especially had a good day. She won most of the pots!



Front Row: Marguerite Crokus; Margie Gowaty, Regent; Joyce Hunter; Christina Seese, Recording Secretary

Standing: Donna Egan, Vice Regent; Lisa McCann, State Secretary; Paula Voloch; Terry Gojkovich, Financial Secretary and Ann Malarkey



Taking a tour of PA State Capital: Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer; Shirley Hall, First Vice State Regent; Margaret Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Message from 2nd Vice State Regent

My Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,

A the beginning of the year 2019, I attended our State Officers Board meeting in Harrisburg. The afternoon we arrived and before the meeting commenced, I was privileged to sight-see in the State Capital Building with Shirley Hall and Colette McCaffrey. It is certainly a beautiful building, and the history is amazing. I was so impressed



by how God had such an impact on our state's founding fathers and that "He" is written in so many quotes on so many walls. Thanks to Shirley's daughter, Jennifer, for arranging our tour. At the board meeting, then, we were busy planning for the upcoming April workshop and convention.

Also in January, I had the privilege of traveling with Shirley Hall and Peggy Guckin to attend the Pro-Life Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As usual, it was incredible how many people of all ages and walks of life from all over the country were there in support of this critical moral issue. The music was amazing, and the Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Archbishop of Kansas City, the Most Reverend Joseph F. Nauman, presented a quite inspiring sermon. It was wonderful to connect, too, with our Catholic Daughters from National, some other states, and even a campus court.

In February, we state officers did not have a face-toface meeting, but we did have conference calls to continue planning for the upcoming workshop and convention until we meet again the first weekend in March at the site of our biennial convention in Blairsville in the Diocese of Greensburg.

As Lent approaches, let us prayerfully dedicate ourselves as we do our CDA work. May we remember all our precious Lord went through—because of His Love for us—in the desert, throughout His Passion, and before his glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. When we find it difficult to go on, let us rest in the Lord and refresh our spirits, so we can selflessly do the work our Lord has given us to do.

May God be with you and yours as spring approaches, and may we continue to discover the wonder of each season of life as we do in the seasons of the year.

In Unity and Charity,

-Margaret T. Giordano, Second Vice State Regent

Easter Prayer

Loving Father, You sacrificed Your only Son to die on the cross for our sins, Only to raise Him up to a new life on Easter Sunday. Guide me to live the Easter mystery everyday: To die to my own desires; To resurrect my spirit when I feel low; To rise to the challenges that may confront me; To praise you in all I do; To love as you have loved us. Let the Risen Lord's light shine forth through me and give me courage to live my faith. Amen.

Are you familiar with the 40 Days for Life movement?

Days for Life is an international, religiously-based pro-life advocacy group that campaigns against abortion in over 20 nations worldwide. 40 Days for Life began as a one-time effort in Bryan/College Station, Texas in 2004. Local Christians organized a 40-day campaign designed to revitalize pro-life efforts in their community. A number of other cities heard about the campaign and conducted similar programs. The first nationwide, coordinated 40 Days for Life effort was launched in the fall of 2007. The project has since expanded internationally.

Abby Johnson, the director of the Planned Parenthood facility in Bryan, Texas (where 40 days for Life originated), became a pro-life activist. After holding a probe for an ultrasound guided abortion, (Johnson was technically the facility manager and thus did not perform or assist in abortions) Johnson stated that she had seen "the baby move away from the probe."

Shortly after this experience, Johnson quit working for Planned Parenthood and joined the Coalition for Life, the local group that had been praying outside her former facility. Abby Johnson wrote an acclaimed book, *Unplanned*. The book has been made into a movie that will be released March 29, 2019.

A 40 Days for Life campaign consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting in shifts outside of a clinic or hospital that performs abortions.

Among the campaigns being held across Pennsylvania, there is one in Pittsburgh, one in Harrisburg, one in Allentown, one near Easton and at least seven in the Philadelphia area.

I can speak personally about the campaigns held outside the Planned Parenthood that is located on Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh. There is always a 40 Days for Life vigil shift manager at the vigil during vigil hours, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., seven days a week during a campaign—rain, shine, snow or sleet.

I am humbled to be a part of this team of pro-life warriors by being a vigil shift manager on Tuesdays, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. I am also eternally grateful to my dear Johanna Leonard, PA State Cantor, District Deputy and Financial Secretary of Court Allegheny #664 located on Pittsburgh's North Side who is my shift "buddy." I can always count on Johanna to be with me during my shift, and she can be found there on numerous other occasions praying for life.

If you cannot physically stand (or sit) in prayer at one of these vigils, please pray for the success and safety of those who do and pray and fast for an end to abortion where you live! Check out the website **40daysforlife.com** for more information.

Two campaigns are scheduled each year, one during the 40 Days of Lent—this year it will be held from March 6th through April 14th; the second campaign of 40 Days for Life is in the Fall. Since the launch of 40 Days for Life in 2007, 15,256 lives have been saved. Shift managers of the Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life send a message and photos of their shifts for the daily blog. Below is the blog entry written for the last Tuesday shift during the Fall 2018 campaign.

An evening with an international flavor

Tonight, as we spend our last Tuesday evening 5 - 7 shift for this 40 Days campaign, the streets were busy! This evening, Johanna and I had more people stand with us and several very positive interactions with those passing by.



Johanna and I are very proud to be members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. My court is Court Westinghouse #759 out of the Turtle Creek valley and Johanna is with Court Allegheny #664 with members from the North Side. We were joined by the organization's State Regent, Peg Witas, who is a member of Court St. Rene #1868, comprised of ladies in the Monroeville area. Judi joined us again for a prayer-filled evening. Jim Flannigan did his usual quick stop as he was leaving the city for the evening. Peg knows Jim as a fellow parishioner of St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville. Next, Peg saw a lifetime friend, Lisa Fennessey, who also works downtown.

When we arrived this evening, Matthew, from Minnesota was on his knees. He was very interesting to speak with. He advocates for Life as he free spirits along on his bicycle. Another lady joined us for a while but I apologize that I do not remember her name. The street was filled with a lot of people from the convention center. Notably, a young woman from Jordan and a young gentleman from Venezuela spent time with us discussing their conviction to Life in their home countries.

We had a conversation with a hurting homeless couple who recently had a baby that they were encouraged to abort because their baby boy would be born very ill. They lovingly carried their child to almost term as he was born premature and lived on this earth only eight hours. She was able to hold him, love him and have pictures taken to have with her always. The baby was cremated and she has kept his ashes with her. Prayers for this sad situation.

-Lisa McCann, State Secretary



Judi, Johanna Leonard, Peg Witas and Lisa McCann



PPP PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE POINTERS

What If???...a member does not like the idea in the proposed motion made at the business meeting (she feels it is not ap-

propriate for CDA)? (Pending means motion has been seconded and stated by the regent.)

At this point, can this member do something to "kill" (block the action) on this pending motion??

YES, she can. WHAT??

1. Use the INCIDENTAL Motion—"I OBJECT TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION (Motion)." No second required. Is not debatable.

Regent says, "All those in favor of considering this motion, say, "Aye." Those opposed, say "No."

Regent states the result of the vote—"Motion carries or is defeated." (Needs a 2/3 vote in the negative for motion to be killed/blocked from action)

2. Use SUBSIDIARY Motion—I move it be "POST-PONED INDEFINITELY." Must be seconded. Can be discussed. Majority vote needed.

Regent puts the question (this motion) to a vote, and announces the result.

3. Use SUBSIDIARY Motion—I move to "LAY IT ON THE TABLE." (This is only on the table temporarily). Must be seconded. Is not debatable. Needs a majority vote.



Regent puts the question (this motion) to a vote, announces the result. If motion carries, at the next meeting, this can be brought from the table by one who voted on the prevailing side, by a majority vote. Second needed. Is debatable. (If not brought FROM THE TABLE by a member, the original motion is killed at this time). (Regent does not put it on her agenda.)

-Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian

Prayer in Preparation for the Election of Officers for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Mary, Mother of Love, the first Catholic Daughter, we ask you to grant us the grace of openness to the Holy Spirit, dynamic fidelity to the charism of Unity and Charity, and untiring devotion in the service of the Catholic Daughters.

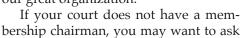
May this period of preparation for our State Election of Officers be for us a favorable time of humility, obedience and openness to God's will for our court. Make each member available and open to what the Spirit wishes to accomplish in our court. Grant that each member have the ability to respond 'YES' to God as He calls her to serve Him.

Mary, Mother of the Church and of the Catholic Daughters, pray for us.

-Fr. Edward Lamp, National Clergy Consultant

Membership

The goal should be not only to add new members to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas but also to instill enthusiasm in the members so that they, too, will go out and spread the word about our great organization.



one of the more enthusiastic members of your court to be part of the membership team.

Every member is a salesperson for Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In order to be a good salesperson, one needs to be able to articulate why a Catholic woman who is busy raising a family, active in church activities, and working to keep up with the economy should join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Remember, it is important when talking about Catholic Daughters that the chairman and the members of your court always bear in mind, when recruiting new members, that a positive attitude of the membership may be the deciding factor in the decision as to whether a person joins or not.

"Let us pray that women may understand and conquer the horizons open before them so that their presence may truly bring goodness, beauty, love, decent living and hope." —*Pope Paul VI*

- Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman

CDA Lucky Lottery Calendars

Court Regents should have received the 2019-2020 lottery calendars. If you have not, please contact the State Secretary. If your court would like more calendars, contact the State Secretary. If each court does their share, this fundraiser remains a success.

If you find it difficult selling all the calendars assigned your court, please consider an announcement in your church bulletin. A sample announcement was included with the calendars sent to your court. If you cannot locate it, or for other selling "tips," contact the State Secretary.

Deadline to return calendar stubs with a court check is **April 30, 2019.**

National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Offers Scholarships

Deadlines for all scholarships is April 1, 2019 **Applications must be POSTMARKED BY April 1, 2019**Information on all CDA scholarships may be found at www.catholicdaughters.org

FATHER LEONARD BACHMANN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS - Three \$2,500.00 Scholarships will be awarded to persons who have completed UNDERGRADUATE studies.

A Campus Court Catholic Daughter is eligible to apply for \$2000.00.

For 8th graders entering 9th grade in a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2019 there will be two \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded.



Message from our State Chaplain

Te recently began the season of Lent. Many of us remember the days when the priest applying ashes on Ash Wednesday, said the words: "Remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you will return."

After Vatican Council II, we now have the options to say that phrase or to say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" (or more simply: "Repent, and be faithful to the Gospel.") Currenly, most clergy use the later.

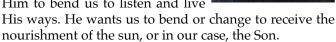
The first phrase is from Scripture and is a matter of fact. We were created from the earth and we will return to that as our bodies decay after we die. The second phrase is found in the New Testament in the first chapter of Mark as Jesus begins His public ministry. Jesus begins His ministry calling us to repent, or turn away from sin and listen to His message. This call of Jesus always reminds me of the beautiful hymn from Hosea:

Come back to me with all your heart,
don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, tho' straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.
The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.
You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.

This song is based on a passage from the book of Hosea in the Old Testament. We often are much like trees. Trees are very independent, tall and strong. They live for themselves, and survive alone. Although they might exist among

many other trees, their existence is not dependent on the other trees, nor do any of them help each other to grow or live. Although when the wind blows or the sun is not readily available, the tree does bend from the force of the wind or to reach the light so it may live.

In the New Testament, Jesus calls us to bend from His strength, allow Him to bend us to listen and live



That is why fear can prevent this, it can be fearful to let go of our ways, our wants, our desires, and to bend to the ways of Jesus. To think of charity of others as more important than our wants, desires and comfort.

The song reminds us that God is always waiting for this, for us to bend to His ways, to imitate Him—which leads us to unite with Him in a New Life forever.

How do we do this? The hymn goes on to say that the wilderness will lead our hearts to hear God speak about integrity, justice and the tenderness that we should be living.

We do not have to go into the wilderness of the earth, the woods or desert. God wants us to go into the wilderness of our hearts. That can only happen when we empty out our hearts and minds from all our own wants, desires and comforts. These are the things that clutter our hearts and minds and keep them from hearing God speaking to us, calling us, asking us to be one with Him, to imitate Him.

This turning from sin, or the clutter in our hearts and minds, will turn us away from sinning, which is repenting in its truest definition, and lead us to be secure with peace and joyful in faithfulness. Becoming one with our God who waits for us!

This Lent, "repent, and be faithful to the Gospel," and experience more joy than ever before.

-Rev. Tony Gargotta, State Chaplain

A Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]

Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him, In his sorrows, strengthen him In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified,

and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls,

he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much. Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend

the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen. *God-Filled Priests Can Do Anything!*

-Reprint from December National Quarterly

Lenten Spirituality

"ALL OF YOU ARE Christ's body and EACH ONE is a part of it. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it..." 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

These particular statements can be carried into our Lenten intentions during this 40-day period as to what we will do as our penance, not only for our indiscretions, but for all those that have been dramatically brought to our attention over the past eight months on the national level and throughout the world affecting "the body of the Church" of which we are part, whether it is the financial or the sexual crises' done by priests, sisters and lay ministers.

We have all been affected on different levels, and now we must deal with it, not only materialistically, but spiritually. We need to keep praying to the Holy Spirit for direction, the cleansing in the Church, and a return to religious devotion. We need to resolutely practice penance during this assigned period of Lent. But should we be doing the same "old type of penance" which sometimes may be counterproductive? We get into a rut with boredom and just "do the same old thing" without true meaning and feeling, or maybe even for a specific purpose. Shouldn't we extend ourselves somewhat and attempt something new that may give us better personal/spiritual benefits and also assist the Church to heal itself?

One suggestion during this penitential season would be to remember the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them. One could pray the daily litany for them; the 7-days of prayer is available with specific intentions for each day. This would be a wonderful time to pray for them, releasing them to see God and rejoice in heaven with Him at Easter. What a great gift we can make without cost but merit mighty spiritual benefits for them and also for us! Even though we may never realize how many souls were affected by our prayers, a spiritual benefit we receive is that they can pray for us down here with the anticipation of seeing God when we complete our earthly pilgrimage.

There are many types of prayers we can say using our "old rosary" and just adapt it to fit the "new types" of prayers. We could pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the "old rosary," which can be recited anytime, (although people do recite it at 3:00 p.m. each day since it is believed that this is the time of day Christ expired on the cross.) St. Faustina requested that everyone recite this prayer daily to receive Christ's mercy for the world.

St. Faustina was personally given direction by God to recite the Novena of Divine Mercy, which we can also undertake from Good Friday through Easter Saturday. Each day is designated with a particular intention, followed by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet. Then we can joyfully celebrate Mass on the Sunday of Divine Mercy, proclaimed by Saint Pope John Paul II.

Novena of Divine Mercy Intentions

Day 1: All mankind, especially sinners

Day 2: The souls of priests and religious

Day 3: All devout and faithful souls

Day 4: Those who do not believe in God, and those who do not yet know Him

Day 5: The souls who have separated themselves from the Church

Day 6: The meek and humble souls, and the souls of little children

Day 7: The souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy

Day 8: The souls who are detained in purgatory

Day 9: The souls who have become lukewarm.

It was brought to my attention a few years ago that you can pray the Stations of the Cross using the rosary; namely, the "Stations of the Cross Rosary Chaplet." (There is a specific rosary you can purchase for this chaplet.) In my court, we prayed this devotion during Lent in our meeting room rather than opening up the larger church or the chapel. Also, the usual "up and down" genuflections ordinarily used saved the knees of the "older" members.

Stations of the Cross

On the crucifix you pray the Apostles Creed; then recite the Our Father, three Hail Marys and finally the Glory Be. Next, "Identify the Station"

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Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682) Christ Meets His Mother While Carrying the Cross This painting shows Jesus falling under the weight of His cross on the way to Calvary. He looks up and sees His mother, the Sorrowful Virgin Mary.

This scene is also known as the fourth station of the cross. —Restored Traditions.com

Lenten Spirituality

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and pray, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." Then state the appropriate intention below; next recite: Our Father, and three Hail Marys. Continue in the same manner with the remaining 14 Stations.

- 1. Pontius Pilate sentences Jesus to Death Lord, when I condemn others, I continue to condemn you. FORGIVE ME.
- 2. Jesus takes up the cross. Lord, not your cross, but mine you bore. HELP ME REMEMBER.
- 3. Jesus falls the first time under the weight of the cross. Lord, when you fell down, you kept going. GIVE ME COURAGE.
- 4. Jesus meets his mother on the road to Calvary. Lord, you comforted your mother. COMFORT ME.
- 5. Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the weight of the cross. Lord, Simon had compassion for you. TEACH ME COMPASSION.
- 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. Lord, Veronica gently wiped your face. GIVE ME TENDERNESS.
- 7. Jesus falls a second time. Lord, as you fell again, you didn't quit. GIVE ME PERSERVERANCE.
- 8. Jesus receives the consolation of the women of Jerusalem.
 - Lord, as you opened your mind, OPEN MINE.
- Jesus falls a third time.
 Lord, as you fell again, you stayed focused.
 GIVE ME FAITH.
- 10. Soldiers strip the clothes from Jesus. Lord, they couldn't strip you of your love. MAKE MY LOVE STRONG.

10-Week Wednesday Raffle Ticket November 28, 2018 - January 30, 2019 PA Lottery Mid-Day Drawing

	Lottery	Winning	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	Amount	<u>Winner</u>
11/28/18	870	100	Teresa Fontana
11/28/18	870	25	Vandergrift #1008
12/5/18	853	100	Josephine Steransky
12/5/18	853	25	OLO Victory #588
12/12/18	176	500	Max Chobody
12/12/18	176	25	St. Francis #1726
12/19/18	090	100	Alice Morgan (Allegheny)
12/19/18	090	25	Allegheny #664
12/26/18	448	100	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
12/26/18	448	25	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
1/2/19	588	100	OLO Victory #588
1/2/19	588	25	OLO Victory #588
1/9/19	995	100	Connie Brown
1/9/19	995	25	Doyle #932
1/16/19	888	100	Dolly Maronski
1/16/19	888	25	St. Ephrem #2230
1/23/19	591	100	Gwen Hall
1/23/19	591	25	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
1/30/19	416	100	Marge Krajci
1/30/19	416	25	New Kensington #860

- 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross. Lord, as you forgive, HELP ME FORGIVE.
- 12. Jesus dies on the cross. Lord, you redeemed the world—EVEN ME.
- 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross. Lord, Mary and only a few remained with you. KEEP ME FAITHFUL.
- 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

 Lord, you went first so that I wouldn't be afraid.

 GIVE ME HOPE.
- 15. Jesus rises from the tomb. You could sentence me to death, but YOU'VE LOVED ME TO LIFE—FOREVER. THANK YOU LORD.

Conclusion: Lord Jesus, by dying, You destroyed our death. By rising, You restored our life. Lord, Jesus, come in glory!

As you know Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are required days of complete fasting and abstinence for everyone, unless there is a legitimate medical reason for not adhering to it. The National Conference of Bishops recommends complete abstinence from meat each Friday for ages 14 and older as an act of personal penance since this is the day Christ suffered his agony on the cross. In addition, those individuals, ages 14-59, should observe complete fasting during this time which means one full



meal and two smaller meals each day with no snacking in between meals. However, milk and fruit juices are acceptable in between meals. Sundays (the Lord's Day) are exempt from fasting and abstinence.

— Mary E. May, Past First Vice State Regent Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

The Nominating Committee has submitted the 2019-2021 slate for State Officers:

Shirley Hall, State Regent
Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent
Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent
Colette McCaffrey, State Secretary
No name was submitted for State Treasurer

Any current or past State Officer, State Chairman, District Deputy, or current or past Local Court Officer who is interested in running for State Treasurer should submit a letter stating her willingness to run for this office. Also, a letter of endorsement by the local court of this candidate, voted on at a court meeting and

signed by a majority of the court officers, must also be submitted. These documents must be given to the State Regent before the start of Convention on Saturday morning.



Season of Lent

A Time for Forgiveness and Reconciliation

The are about to or have already entered the season of Lent in which we are invited to consider a more regular routine of prayer, fasting and sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

Forgiveness is an overriding Lenten theme and invites us to reflect on our willingness to FORGIVE those who have wronged us. Forgiveness is possi-



ble when we trust in God to bring healing, forgiveness and reconciliation to a broken relationship.

I may have the power to forgive someone with God's help. That doesn't mean I want to forgive or it will be easy. Forgiveness is a spiritual act which means I must rely on God to accomplish it. My own faults and actions may get in the way of my doing this.

Forgiveness is a private action. One can practice the action without anyone knowing it. We must choose to forgive. I may be terribly hurt about what someone has done, but before I confront this situation, I must choose forgiveness.

Reconciliation is a process between two people. I may forgive, but I may not be ready to reconcile. But, for now, I will forgive and leave it at that. Reconciliation can be as complicated as those involved. Are we willing to act in love and mercy? Are we willing to pray for the grace to take the best way forward, whatever it is?



May God, during this Lenten season, give us all the grace to participate in forgiveness and reconciliation so that we can be at peace with ourselves and one another!

God's blessings during this Lenten season,

— Shirley Hall, 1st Vice State Regent

Message from State Treasurer

reetings to all my Catholic Daughter Jsisters. Your State Officers are in full swing getting ready for our Workshop and 53rd Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention being held in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. We hope that you will attend.



Our theme is Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. It will be a time to learn, to share, to pray, to have fun, to discuss, to vote and to plan for the future.

I like to think of us as a family. A family in Christ that needs to take time to be with one another. We need to nurture our CDA family so it can grow—so that we can help our neighbors.

Won't you come and join us? I am looking forward to seeing you at the convention. May our Patroness, the Blessed Mother, continue to bless us and guide us as we move forward to Tomorrow. In Unity and Charity,

—Colette McCaffrey, State Treasurer

Lucky Lottery Winners — Oct. 2018-Jan. 2019

October Lottery Winners

Irene Dedinsky Mary Louis Kutsch Gina Klopfler Scott Sweeney Bernadette Mulholland Raphael L. Rhea Donald Eaise Dorothy Mankowski (2X) Josie Filiaggi Betty Dugan Betsy Wolfgang-Rugh Josie McClelland Shirley Kurzynski Rosemary Campoli (2X) Paula K. Bodnar St. Bernard Regional School Principal (2X)

Father Dusza Ianie Provan Ct. St. James the Greater #2180 Rev. Edward Rauch OSFS William Ortlieb III * Barb Meusel Brandi Shaw Christopher Rafferty Alberta Werner Heather Graff Sara Janulewicz Kenny Knaus Tina Forsyth (2X) Dot DeAngelo Patricia Figart *\$100 winner

December Lottery Winners

Frederico Oliveros Susan Jones Edward J. Guckin Ann Henderson Donna Egan (2X) Barbara Krug Alice Havics Lori Shannon Donna Boyer (2X) Don Watts Ct. St. James the Greater #2180 Ianet Hill Gwen Hull Barbara Caggeso Charlene MacDonald Cindy Ganska (2X) Phyllis Hudak Stephen Dolan Michael Fox Maxine E. Holzer PA State Court Officers Linda Malinoski Bonnie Conley Steven Mucowski Joann Cistone * Nicholas Campagna Lorraine Andrews Ct. St. Victoria #646 Gloria Leggett Benton Peg Witas Patti Bello

*\$100 Winner

November Lottery Winners

Donna Boyer Sylvia Fox CDA Pittsburgh Past Regents Barbara Uncapher Ruth Kearney Theodora Walters **Jill Hetrick** Mary Ellen O'Hare Carol Hoffman Mary M. Corbett Coleen M. Bowser Theresa Kattner Connie Geary Catherine Sannelli Marianne Bird James A. Giordano Barbara Krug Mary Hershey Carmelite Sisters Community

of the Word Timothy Reichert Mary Moretz Margaret Gowaty * (2X) Sharon Pawolwitz Sue Dougherty Shirley Hall Barbara Lloyd Ct. James the Greater #2180 (2X) Jean Lehner (2X) Heather Graff (2X) Ed Levan

*\$100 winner

January Lottery Winners

Gloria Kissel ' Alice Woodford Linda Facchine Kim Costello Monna George Brenda Taylor Mary Grunthaner Bill O'Hara Fr. Antony Sudherson Grace Schall **Jasmine Weeks** David Borelle Loraaine Gribben George Rumbol Rose Marie Blatteau Philip Quirk PA State Officers (2X) Janet Trozzi (2X) Bonnie Conley (2X) Ct. St. Veronica #111 Dorotheann Simendinger Mary Stoy Blaine Galonski Antoinette De Angelis Patti Bello (2X) Ruth Burns Padraic McCaffrey Peggy Mosco Dorothy Hayson Janet Sharbaugh Janet Hill *\$100 Winner

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.

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Happy Anniversary

Susan and Doug Mone
Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Happy Birthday

Julius Kreider, Grandson
Steve and Mary Swope
Mikey Hoskins, Grandson
Skyler Giordano, Grand Nephew
Matthew Christian, Nephew & Godson
Celeste Eckman, Longtime Friend
Kim Burgess, Grandson
Dr. Thomas Giordano, Brother
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Pat Jacobs
Karen Hurley
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Susan Hicks
Susan Mone
Emily Guilherme
Martha Hambousi
Father Edward Lamp
Father Mauer
Arline Rich

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Christmas Blessings, Healthy, Happy New Year

Malta Cordisco Frances Goroney Katherine McKeta Josephine Zavatchen

Requested by: Andrea Remish, Court Dolores #1675

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions, December 2018-January / February 2019. 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. Spiritual Intention forms are found at: cdapa.com/spiritualintention. Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, Second Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!

<u>Christmas Blessings, Healthy, Happy New Year</u>

All Pennsylvania CDA Members
Father D. Timothy Grimme and All CDA PA Chaplains
and Spiritual Advisors

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Father Grimme and all Court Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

All CDA Members
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

PA CDA

National Board & Directors
Illinois CDA State Officers and Members
North Carolina CDA State Officers and Members
Campus Courts Officers and Members
Court Rose Cecilia #1641 Officers and Members
Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

Congratulations!

Members of Newly Instituted Court St. Gerard Majella #2751, Clarence, PA Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

For Their Welfare

All CDA Courts in Pennsylvania Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Thank you

Anne Miller, Pat McCall, Karen Zeiset Father Daniel O'Brien Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Warmth for the Winter and Blessings All the Homeless

All the Homeless

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Get Well/Complete Recovery/
Healing/Improved Health
M. Joan McKenna, Past National Regent
Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director
CDA PA State Officers

Karen Fellner

Requested by: Lisa Intrieri-Fellner, Court St. Rene #1868

Peggy Guckin, National Director Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Jim Miller
Charlotte Meck
One-Year Old Baby Michael
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Dorothy Mankowski
Request by: Peggy Guckin, National Director

M. Joan McKenna, Past National Regent Father O'Sullivan, Past State Chaplain Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

John, Mark, and Dylan
Requested by: Madonna Roney, Court St. Rene #1868

Recovery from Mild Heart Attack
Bishop Malesic
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Successful Surgery
Mother of Susan Sharer
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

<u>Comforting Prayers</u> <u>Mabel Popp, Mother of Janet</u> Requested by: Angela Lancas, Court Monessen #776

May God Bless Them With Happy Hearts
For All Those Missing A Loved One This Holiday Season
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

May Your Efforts Help Protect Life of All Ages in All Stages All Participants in the 2019 March for Life Events

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Rest in Peace
Helen Bitts
Austin Frushour, great grandson of Alice
Rita Smith-Wade-El
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023
Peggy Guckin, National Director

Rest in Peace
Tillie Link
Mary Louise Lieb
Joann Holtz
Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

*James Ott*Requested by: Court Dolores #1675

Mother of Mary Jo Oppel
Requested by: Peg Witas, State Regent
CDA PA State Officers and Members

Ralph Duda, Father of Irene Duda, Oregon State Regent Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director CDA PA State Officers

Repose of Her Soul
Mother of Dolores Croyle
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

In Memory
Aunt Teresa Dorsey
Marguerite Pfrommer
Margaret T. Giordano
Teresa Herr
Agatha Gerz
Jerry Liebeck
Marie Sawyer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Memory of Mom
Blanche Amelia Eley
Requested by: Cheryl McLaughlin, Court Monessen #776

With Sympathy
Richard Witas

Requested by: Court Dolores #1675

CDA Court St. Bernard #339

Patti Boley and All the Bitts Family
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Ismael and Ayodel, sons of Rita Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Richard Witas
Requested by: Court St. Rene #1868

Joe Ronald Parrish, Sr.
Requested by: Lisa Intrieri-Fellner,
Court St. Rene #1868

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



Return Service Requested



Charity Begins At Home

Recently, I received a telephone call from a cousin-in-law (my cousin has passed away), asking if I knew where she could get help with shopping, housework and personal care. I called several places near her (she lives about 45 miles from me) and asked if they could provide the help she needed. I called and told her the results of my inquiries. Knowing she has trust issues with strangers, I was not surprised when she said thank you for trying but she would see what else she could do. Why didn't I drive to her place and give her some of the help needed (at least once while she was asking for twice a week)? I can make excuses, but in reality it was inconvenient for me.



In contrast, when St. Mother Teresa went to help "the poorest of the poor" wherever she found them, she often would clean the house. A children's hospital in Armenia that had been open for three years before St. Mother Teresa arrived had never been cleaned. She and her sisters systematically began to clean all the washing and toilet facilities and corridors. Later, at the "home" (a ramshackle shed meant for hay) of Irma, a crippled old woman, everything was sticky and covered with a layer of dust and grime. The Sisters worked the entire day cleaning and packing garbage to help Irma. They would do for strangers what I did not do for family.

This and many other amazing acts of St. Mother Teresa can be found in the book, *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*, by Leo Maasburg. (Ignatius Press) From this one can also learn her thoughts on family. When asked, "Where does love begin?" she replies, "Love begins at home." In a personal communication to Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, she wrote:

"The family is a special instrument in God's hands, for it is chiefly through the family that God wants to tell us that we are created for greater things: to love and to be loved. As our families are, so will our relations with our neighbors be, and so will our towns, cities and our whole country appear. If the family becomes a place of love and peace and holiness, then our nations and our world too will live in love, in peace and in unity with God and with each other."

When asked why so many people in retirement homes sit near the entrance and look to the door, she replied: "Perhaps because their sons and daughters put them in that home, where they have all the material things that they need. But in reality they have been forgotten there by their children... Often they are the poorest of the poor, because they have a great hunger, a hunger for love... We must remember that charity begins at home."

In her speech at the National Prayer Breakfast on February 3, 1994, she said:

"God loved the world so much that He gave His Son. Jesus died on the Cross to show that greater love. Jesus says very clearly: 'Love, as I have loved you.'"

Maybe in our own family we have somebody who is feeling lonely, who is feeling sick, who is feeling worried. Are we there? Are we there to be with them, or do we merely put them in the care of others? Are we willing to give until it hurts in order to be with our families, or do we put our own interests first?

Our children depend on us for everything—their health, their nutrition, their security, their coming to know and love God. Often father and mother are so busy they have no time for their children. So the children turn to the streets and get involved in drugs and other things.

Will I reconsider helping my cousin in light of these thoughts? I hope I will, but I am no St. Mother Teresa. Perhaps her words will inspire others to choose to love their families more.

—Dolores Croyle, State Family Chair





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