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This 'n That...

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"Here am I, Lord, I come to do Your will." — Psalm 40

A January trip to Washington, D.C., for the Pro-Life activities within our State and National organization of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is always a moment when we take a step back and remember what we need to continue to do as members of this great organization of Catholic women. We were reminded of the number of lives that have been lost to abortion—almost 50 years of innocent lives being taken away.



With this in mind, I would like to take a moment and remind us all of our **State Pro-Life Projects**—

◆ **Haiti Project** (HANDS AND HEARTS HAITI MINISTRY) is a ministry of the Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters. CCW, twinning with the Little Sisters of the Incarnation, help, through support of many, those who have devoted their lives to the "poorest of the poor" on this Caribbean island.

◆ **The Ultrasound Machine** is an initiative, funded by the Knights of Columbus, to save lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn child on an ultrasound machine at pro-life pregnancy centers.

◆ **The Courage Lion** program was developed in cooperation with Johns Hopkins Children's Center to help children and adolescents discover their inner strength for coping with a variety of crises. "Duffy" the stuffed Courage Lion is a therapeutic aid in this program.



◆ **Advertising** on the "bench" at a Philadelphia bus stop is one way to get our pro-life information to the public.

◆ **Donations/General** is monies paid out, with the consent of the entire state board, when the need arises. The eight dioceses in Pennsylvania are the recipients of at least \$200 each year for their pro-life needs.

Please, read the great article from our National Representative, Essie Walker, as she encourages us to action.

"I ask you one thing: do not tire of giving, but do not give your leftovers. Give until it hurts, until you feel the pain." — DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD in The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa (Blue Sparrow Printing, 2020). ◆

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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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Importance of Faith Community in Our Lives

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- ◆ because we want to experience healing as we sometimes carry deep spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wounds;
- ◆ because we want our children to have a solid faith foundation and a personal relationship with the Lord;
- ◆ because we want to be part of a faith community, meet new people and make new friends, pray with them and for them;
- ◆ because we want to make a difference by helping other people;
- ◆ because (and this may be the most important reason) we hunger for the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who lived, died and rose that we might have a new, abundant life in Him.



Most people discover that joining or belonging to the Church is not an event as much as it is a process that involves a personal sacrifice, a little laughter, sometimes some tears, some thinking, some prayer, some discernment and a lot of letting go.

We know that there might be families or individuals who have left the Church and who have ruled out returning and becoming active in the Church again. To those we can only humbly admit that the Church has always had and always will have her flaws. The Church has always been and always will be the family of saints and sinners. But we also need to remember how many sincere and truly loving people there are in the Church praying, supporting it and living their vocation to be Christ-like people. We need to remain positive and courageous but also remember that just as Jesus was rejected by the world, so will the Church He founded and true followers of that Church be rejected.

On the positive side, we must acknowledge and celebrate that each of us has been endowed with many God-given talents to make the Church a more authentic family of believers and that's what we need to focus on.

In conclusion I would like to share with you a story that really enriched my perspective on the importance of belonging to the Church, but more importantly being active in a parish or faith community.

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The minister glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave, he slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday." ◆

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*Counsel involving right and wrong should never be sought
from a man who does not say his prayers.*

~ Fulton Sheen ~

Catholic Daughters of the Americas History Book

Shirley Hall, State Regent, presents Bishop Gainer with our newly-printed *Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pennsylvania State Court 1903-2021*. A copy of the book will be given to the bishop in each of our eight dioceses.



*Rev. Father Francis Karwacki, Pastor and Chaplain;
Margaret Giordano, Shirley Hall and Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer*

We Are All One Body—CDA

Margaret T. Giordano

First Vice State Regent

Do we show that we value all our CDA members? While some are active leaders, others are supporters in various ways. God has blessed us each with talents we can use to further our CDA mission.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." —1 Corinthians 12, 4-6

Just as the Mystical Body is made up of many parts, each with a different purpose, so, too, are members of the CDA body. We each can contribute in many ways, some diverse and some similar, as others. Catholic Daughters of the CDA body volunteer to be officers, chairmen, district deputies, editors, etc. They may prefer to participate as part of a group or committee.

Although certain people can be present at regular court meetings, others may live in a facility or have other issues that prevent them from attending. Still, all can provide some important attributes to the court. Whether with the group or at home, we bake, cook, sew, make crafts, or donate items for various projects and pray for the health of our members and families and the success of our CDA endeavors.

God bless all in CDA for everything you do—together or alone—for the Good of the Order. ♦

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*Madonna of the Rosary
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo 1617-1682
~ RestoredTraditions.com ~*

Holy Mary we implore thee,
By thy purity divine;
Help us bending here before thee,
Help us truly to be thine.
Thou unfolding wide the portals
Of the kingdom in the skies
Holy Virgin, haste to mortals
Shown the land of paradise.

Thou, when deepest night infernal
Had for ages shrouded man,
Gavest us that Light eternal
Promised since the world began.
God in thee hath showered plenty
On the hungry and the weak;
Sending back the mighty empty,
Setting up on high the meek.

Teach, oh teach us, holy Mother,
How to conquer every sin,
How to love and help each other
How the prize of life to win.
Thou to whom a child was given,
Greater than the sons of men,
Coming down from highest heaven,
To create this world again.
—Bernard of Cluny, 12th Century

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News from National

Essie Walker, National Second Vice Regent and National Representative



Greetings to all and welcome to a new year! Hopefully, you and your family are staying safe and warm. It is important that we continue to reach out to one another and to keep each other in prayer.

Please continue to reach out to members in your court if you haven't heard from them in a while. Make every effort to ensure all members are doing well. I am sure they would love to hear from you.

We hope you have marked your calendar to attend the 59th Biennial National Convention—July 20-24, 2022. You do not need a passport to travel to Puerto Rico. Reservations are open. Workshops will be presented at the convention. I look forward to the fellowship.

Have you received the Delegates and Alternates Form for your court? If not, please reach out to the National Office—212-877-3041. Delegates and Alternates should be nominated and voted on at a meeting. Remember, the form must be postmarked by March 15, 2022. A copy is mailed to the National Office and a copy to your State Regent.

Please take time to visit the CDA website. Tom Panas is continuously updating with convention information and activities going on within our organization. If your court or the state is doing community service, please submit your article to Tom Panas. It is always good to read your articles in *SHARE* Magazine. Thank you to Court Clarion #2454 and Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 for your articles in the Fall 2021 issue of *SHARE*.

Happy Anniversary and Congratulations to the following courts:

- ◆ Pennsylvania State Court
- ◆ Court St. Rita #523
- ◆ Court Our Lady of Victory #588
- ◆ Court of Our Lady #647

What a joy and honor it was to participate in celebrations held by Court St. Rita #523 and Court Our Lady of Victory #588. Thank you to the PA State Officers, Peggy Guckin and members for your kind and warm hospitality during my visit.

I take this opportunity to say thank you to all District Deputies for sharing your time and talents with members in your state and with CDA.

Blessings to each of you as we continue on this CDA journey together. ◆

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The State Board continues our thoughts on the "10" REASONS FOR JOINING CDA

Community and Parish Outreach

Shirley Hall, State Regent



We don't have to look any further than our NEWSLETTER and our *SHARE* magazine as to how the Catholic Daughters share their time and talents with their local areas and with their parishes. In attending anniversaries and other functions within our state courts, I am always impressed by how the courts are recognized by leaders of their communities and from their chaplains for their ministry of helping those in need. How beautiful it is to look back at our deeds and remember how we came together for others.

When someone shows an interest in joining CDA, one thing that impresses them is our Unity and Charity with each other. HOLD ON TO THESE THOUGHTS AS WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!! ◆

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“Give, and it will be given to you.” (Luke 6:38)

Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent

Dedicating time and talent as Catholic Daughters is most rewarding! We act as courts, and then, in countless ways, extend to those in our communities and parishes, yet we receive much more.

We reach out, for example, by inviting youth to enter the CDA Education Contest, volunteering at the weekday Brown Bag Lunch or Friday night dinner to feed the homeless, bringing bingo prizes and Christmas gifts to residents in the local nursing home, or holding a baby shower for the local pro-life center. Catholic Daughters also collaborate with the Women’s Auxiliary, CCW or K of C, helping with spaghetti dinners or bazaars and celebrating special events for our priests, religious and teachers. ♦

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Community and Parish Outreach—Backbone of Catholic Daughters

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent



We are asked to consider the selling point of Community and Parish Outreach of “The Top 10 Reasons why you should be a Catholic Daughter” recruitment postcard. This concept is the backbone of Catholic Daughters. When you are participating in a parish or community service endeavor, whether it is a CDA project or not, hang your CDA banner and wear your CDA attire.

The National “Store” has it all. In the apparel “department,” you will find shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and scarves. In the gifts and trinkets “department,” you find patches, stickers and decals. Why not make a statement every time you are in your vehicle with a very impressive CDA magnet?

If you are out on a rainy day, there’s a CDA umbrella. Make that fashion statement as you volunteer at the parish fish fry wearing your white or purple CDA apron!

I pray each of you experience a joyous and holy Lenten Season. ♦

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One Act of Kindness Goes a Long Way

Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary

We have eight local churches of all denominations in our area, and during Lent, we gather for gospel readings. The priest, deacon or religious person gives a homily and then we discuss the readings. We visit with those who attend and share soup and sandwiches.

We also have a soup kitchen from which we donate food or volunteer to help make meals and serve them to those in need.

We also donate food and clothing to St. James Haven, a place for homeless men who have dinner, take a shower and get a good night’s sleep.

We have a battered Women and Children Shelter that accepts food, clothes and donations. The Pregnancy Center accepts clothes, toiletries, etc.

At church we have food donation boxes and everyone is welcome to fill the box or ask for food. No one is turned away. At Christmas time, we have an Angel Tree—we gave away 200 presents to children in need, up to the age of 13.

These are just some of the things we do. I bet you ladies have lots of activities that you do for your community. I know with COVID it is harder, but when out getting groceries, for instance, you could give \$20 to pay for the next customer in line. You could buy a veteran or a homeless person lunch at McDonald’s, etc.

Remember ONE ACT OF KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY. ♦

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Many Hands Make Light Work

Pam Callahan, State Treasurer



I absolutely love being a Catholic Daughter and helping our community and parish in multiple ways. My local court has a Baby Shower Bingo, where all items and proceeds are given to three different organizations to support families in need. The pro-life cause is very important to me and I try to help whenever I can.

We also provide scholarships to four local high schools in our surrounding area as well as to our 5th grade class at our local Catholic school before they move on to public schools. We have a joint committee with the Knights of Columbus, and we work together to provide the fish fries and other events to include a Parish Fun and Fellowship Dinner. This brings everyone in the parish together.

Being a part of something that reaches farther than I can as one person is so rewarding. Many hands make light work and when it comes to all that a community and parish needs, we need many to help lighten the load. Joining Catholic Daughters was one of the best choices I ever made. ♦

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Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Roses of Mary #2766, Somerset Celebrates 1st-Year Anniversary

Court #2766 Roses of Mary celebrated its one-year anniversary in August 2021. For Christmas, the court donated a local loot gift basket for Saint Peter's Church annual bazaar and collected and donated gifts and personal hygiene items to local senior homes.



Left to right: Laura Robson, Financial Secretary; Ann Thome, Vice Regent and Margaret Novak, member

Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson Advent Prayer Program and Brunch

Court Joan of Arc members attended Mass for deceased members on December 7th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ashville. Father Robert Resse was the celebrant. He joined members for an Advent Prayer Program and Brunch after Mass. The CCD class of Rob Pettenati as well as Renee Pettenati and Mary Jo Fitzsimmons provided the brunch.



Left to right: Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Vice Regent; Frances Rhoa, District Deputy; Virginia Rhoa, Dot DeAngelo, Regent; Regina Watt, Catherine Iapalucci, Millie Bodenschatz, Renee Pettenati and Lillian Repko

Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Court Joan of Arc 716, along with financial donations from our three local Knights of Columbus councils, packed 60 Christmas gift bags for residents of three local Personal Care Homes: John Paul II Manor, Martha's Manor and Just Like Home. Bags of personal care items and sweet treats were unable to be delivered in person due to COVID restrictions. Facilities said bags brought many smiles and thanks from the elderly. Helping with packing and delivery were Monna George, Treasurer; Patricia Nagy, Financial Secretary and her husband Gary from K of C; Dot DeAngelo, Regent and grandson Anthony; Millie Bodenschatz and Mary Lou Zimmerman.



Member Mary Lou Zimmerman, Dot DeAngelo, Regent and Sisters of Sacred Heart at John Paul II Manor

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel Centennial Celebration!

The Centennial Celebration liturgy for Court Our Lady of Victory #588 was celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Father Francis Karwacki, Pastor and Court Chaplain concelebrated the Mass.

"Through these 100 years, you've remained faithful—all of your predecessors, the women who have been part of the court here—to the motto of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 'Unity and Charity.' You've fostered that in your hearts, within your family, within your parish family, and within this community and region," Bishop Gainer told the members.

Established on December 12, 1920, Court Our Lady of Victory #588 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is 101 years old, founded just 17 years after the official birth of the national order in 1903. It's a milestone built on a foundation of faith and rejuvenated less than a decade ago with a renewed focus on membership. In Mount

HARRISBURG DIOCESE cont'd.

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel, Centennial Celebration!

Carmel, the court has lived up to the national organization's motto of "Unity and Charity" and its two-fold purpose of spirituality and service.

With nearly 50 members strong, they are involved in a number of local and national efforts, giving of their time, talent and treasures. "We are dedicated to assisting the community and helping everyone in their faith and in their struggles," Kathleen Peeler, Regent, said. "We like to call ourselves prayer warriors. That's the number one thing that we do. We find out those in the community who need our prayers, whether it is because of illness or the stresses of everyday life—and put them on our prayer list to say prayers for them every single day."

Local efforts include the coordination of a food collection box at the Mount Carmel Library in support of the local food bank; a prayer shawl ministry; creating the annual display of a 100-year-old Nativity set in the library window; and setting up a religious-items stand at the town's annual three-day picnic. Prior to the pandemic, the ladies made frequent visits to residents of the nursing homes in Mount Carmel, Kulpmont and Shamokin, singing carols and distributing gifts at Christmas. Due to precautions surrounding COVID, the women have been sending cards to the residents on a monthly basis, assuring them of their continued friendship and prayers.



"As members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, we build each other up, and we pray together and for each other. We work to get women to live their faith and consider every day what it means to be Catholic," said Mary Catherine Wydra, a 31-year member of the court and its current treasurer.

Front row, Peggy Guckin, past State Regent, National Board member and Woman of the Year; Shirley Hall, PA State Regent; Essie Walker, 2nd Vice National Regent; Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg; Terry Gross, color guard; Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent; Pamela Callahan, State Treasurer and Barbara Muesel, District Deputy. Back row: Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary; Mary Snyder, Vice-Regent; Kathleen Peeler, Regent and Mary Catherine Wydra, Treasurer

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Court Queen of Peace #1023 member, Roberta Stefanow, has not been able to attend group meetings during the COVID pandemic, but she generously made individually wrapped cupcakes for after the Catholic Daughters Day meeting—a treat for members, our two 2021 National CDA award Education Contest winners and their families.

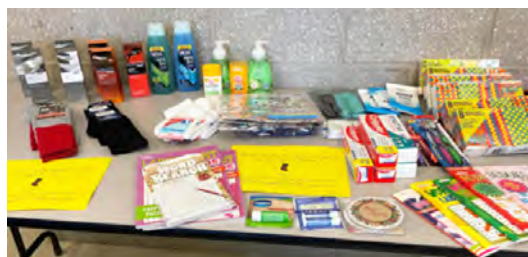


Court Queen of Peace #1023 fundraised at St. Philip the Apostle Holiday Bazaar, December 4, 2021.

Left to Right: Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Margaret T. Giordano, Andrea Accardi, Mary Selway, Treasurer (not shown, Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent)



Getting ready to enjoy Christmas social after-meeting feast—Left to Right: Paulette Manzella; around the table: Carly Long; Karen Mastriana, Youth State Chairman; Peggy McGinley, New Member; Nicole Kreider, Vice Regent; Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; Sr. Mary Paul Giordano DM, Spiritual Advisor; Mary Selway, Treasurer



Members of Court Queen of Peace collected items at their December social/meeting to donate Christmas gifts as requested by the Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their residents.

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Thanksgiving Trays for Caring for Friends

The court provided 100 trays for Thanksgiving with all the trimmings for Caring for Friends, to be given to people in need.



Working in the kitchen: Rose Marie Medash, Barbara Castelberg, Patricia Lafferty and Laura Tertel



Adding final treats and bagging the trays: Linda Gilmer, Jennifer Wrazen, Kathy MacElroy, Joanne Marie Hayes and Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan

Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia

Packed Bags for Seaman Center

Members packed thirty-five bags with 10 items each of toiletries, candy, cards, etc., to Seaman Center for the men and women who come into our ports on cargo ships.



Doris Kitt, Anne Albertson, Dorothy Andrilla, Rose Malaczewski, Chris Moncrief, Henrietta Estrada and Rosemarie Webster, (behind the camera, Peggy Guckin)

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia

Packed Bags for Seaman Center

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617 gathered after their November meeting and packaged 30 bags of toiletries and goodies for the Seaman Center.



At our Catholic Daughter Day, members were asked to bring toiletries to be distributed to St. Johns Hospice for Men and the Seaman Center.



CDA members and other friends come together at Seamen Center and filled over 2,000 bags of toiletries and goodies

News from Bethany Convent

Sisters of the Holy Cross

Peggy Guckin Past National Director



One of our National Projects is The Labouré Society. Sixty-five percent of their clients have been women who are unable to enter religious formation programs because of a financial impediment. CDA helps to make their vocation become a reality. Many courts have been supporting Erin Lyons.

In July, Erin began formation as an aspirant, a pre-candidacy to religious life and a time of discernment to see if this is a right fit for Erin and the community. After one year as an aspirant, she will move on to become a postulant, at which time Erin will be considered an official candidate to continue formation with the community for one more year. Erin received an early Christmas present—she received word that she was accepted as a postulant. Her only communication is by snail mail. If your court has not sent in donations for State, National Projects and Charities, now is the time to do so. Send your checks to Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary, so Pennsylvania may be recognized as a top giver of donations at the National Convention. Consider Labouré Society to support future aspirants to fulfill their dream in a religious vocation. ♦

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PITTSBURGH DIOCESE Court St. Rene #1868, Monroeville Celebrated its 60th Anniversary

Court St. Rene 1868 celebrated its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, January 30. Members and guests of Court St. Rene marked the court's 60th Anniversary by attending Mass together followed by a banquet. The court used the event to recognize members' years of service and to take a look back at the court's special moments through the years.



Left to Right: Shirley Hall, State Regent; Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent; Lisa Fellner; Winnie Ritter; Carol Intrieri; Annie Glass, Financial Secretary; Chris Palamone, Regent; Mylene Samek; Donna Roney, Secretary; Mary Ellen Samek, Vice Regent; Peg Witas, Treasurer; Jackie Welch

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek Box of Joy Campaign

Court Westinghouse #759 participated in the Box of Joy Campaign of Cross Catholic Outreach promoted by the National Board. Twenty-five boxes were filled with essentials and goodies that impoverished and vulnerable children in dire situations throughout the world will receive. Westinghouse is a small court that does great things with joy! Court Regent Margaret Gowaty chaired this project.



Left to right: Nicole Kacey; Carol Kacey, Financial Secretary; Terry Gojkovich, Regent; Margaret Gowaty, Treasurer; Georgine Bogovich Horn and Ruth Ann Hornyak

Unity and Charity

Pro-Life Legislative Updates

Shirley Makuta



Catholic Daughters of the Americas has maintained awareness of pro-life actions, most notably those dealing with abortion. We encourage and support our members and others who participate in the March for Life which acknowledges the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on *Roe v. Wade*.

Recent legislative actions from other states have again brought the issue of abortion to the forefront. Most notably, a 15-week gestational ban is addressed in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Mississippi law at issue bans all abortions over the gestational age of 15 weeks unless there is a medical emergency or a severe fetal abnormality has been detected.

The United States Supreme Court granted certiorari in this matter, agreeing to review the decision of the lower court. Oral arguments were heard on December 1, 2021. A decision is expected later this year.

We must keep in mind that the definition of sanctity of life is that all life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death. The end-of-life issues have been addressed in Pennsylvania through legislation on living wills/advanced medical directives. On May 21, 2021, PA House Bill No. 1453 of 2021, "Compassionate Assisted Dignified Death," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary which is intended to be an amendment to Title 20 of Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. As the proposed legislation has been written, an individual who has a terminal illness and meets other criteria may be prescribed "end-of-life medication" by an attending physician. Stay tuned for updates on this and other legislative actions being taken in Pennsylvania as well as significant decisions being issued by the U.S. Supreme Court. ♦

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Members going to the National Convention in Puerto Rico might consider purchasing this t-shirt. We will all wear the shirts on Thursday to show our PA State CDA Pride. Please spread the word to your members going to the Convention. PA State Dinner will be held Thursday, July 21, at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino. Cost will be \$49.00 per person, inclusive of taxes and gratuities. Price includes salad, entrée and dessert. More information to come by email.



MARCH FOR LIFE

*Pro-Life Mass
January 20, 2022*

Shirley Hall, State Regent and Margaret Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent, along with National Officers, National Directors and other members of our CDA family attended the Pro-Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.



Shirley Hall and Margaret Giordano, along with other CDA members from across the country, attended the CDA Legislative Presentation. Eileen Petersen made arrangements for Christopher and Joan Bell to speak on abortion.



Far right kneeling is Jeanette Kitch with other CDA members preparing to march, displaying their posters. Essie Walker, looking on behind Jeanette.



Prayer for the Supreme Court

Holy Trinity, Source of LIFE and TRUTH, we entrust our nation to you. We ask for mercy for the decades of legalized abortion that has been permitted in our land. We ask that the sacredness of every human LIFE be protected and upheld both in law and in culture. In a special way, we commend to you the justices of the Supreme Court. Please grant them clarity, wisdom and right reason. Overthrow, at last, by your power, the scourge of abortion in our land and usher in a new era of protection for the unborn.

By the power of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, may Your perfect justice be established on earth. Amen.

—Sisters of Life

A Child's Perspective

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chair

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. —Matthew 19:14

We all want to live in this world so that we will be with Jesus in the next. How do we do that? Jesus told us how. We must look at the world as children. This does not mean that we are not to act like an adult—getting an education, a job, etc. It means that we are to look at other people and the world with love. Jesus sees in children traits and attitudes that we all need if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. —St. Augustine

The innocence of a child allows him/her to look at people without preconceived ideas. He can accept everyone—until he is taught differently. I have often been amazed at the reflections of children when I have worked with them in schools, religion classes, and children's liturgy. After listening to the gospel readings for the week, even three and four-year-olds will tell me how they can follow the teachings of Jesus.

How many of us leave Mass and carry the gospel to those we meet? I don't ask the children if they did what they claimed they would do. God knows if we as adults give good examples to our children to live a life of love.



Our Education Contests entries are due at this time. The poems, essays, art work, and even music show a deep understanding of Jesus and his teachings. If your court holds an Education Contest, try to share all of the entries with your members, not just the winners. These are older children who have been exposed to prejudice and other downfalls of society. Yet the love of Jesus shines through their works.

Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. —Matthew 18:3-5

How do we enter the kingdom of heaven? By looking at the world through the eyes of a child. ♦

—Email Dolores Croyle: scocro@comcast.net



Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 19:14

Carl Christian Vogel von Vogelstein 1788-1868

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Remembering Our Youth

Karen Mastriana, Youth State Chairman



We are still in the heart of winter, but are looking forward to spring and seeing new life appear in the flowers, trees and, of course, the grass.

The different courts in PA are trying to get our youth involved in our Education Contest, and I look forward to getting the submissions for the youth for the first time and seeing the talent we have amongst us.

February is the month courts host baby showers for the soon-to-be-born babies and babies that have been born. Please, if your funds allow, help support this important function. Remember, these moms chose life and may need a little kickstart to get going. These babies are our future!!

In my last article, I wrote about the children in different shelters or transitional living, who may be in need of hats, scarves and mittens for the winter to help keep them warm. I did not receive any emails from courts that may have wanted to do this—if your court did find a place, a big “Thank You” for caring about our youth staying warm.

Please remember to add our youth to our daily prayers to keep them safe, warm and healthy. Our youth are our future, so it is up to us to help them grow in mind and faith. May the Blessed Mother keep watch over each child throughout the year. ♦

—Email Karen Mastriana: mastrianiam@aol.com

Nov. Lottery Winners

Jennifer Deemer
 Betty Dombrosky
 Court St. Rita #353
 Mary Ann Cochran
 Teresa Bayly
 Georgiann Anderson
 Charles Farina
 Janet Hill
 Bernadette Behary
 Judy Kavulic
 Helen Fox
 Georgia Blotzer
 Frank Wydra
 Cindy Fedorka
 Krys Straub
 Deacon Tom Boldin
 Dan Mansteller
 Joanne Hayes
 Michele Edinger
 Helen Fox
 Virginia S. Rhoa
 Daniel Cistone
 Christina Meyer
 Anna Parish
 Sylvia Fox*
 Betty Geis
 Karen Pipta
 Caira Cruz
 Daniel Cistone
 Deborah Fox
 *\$100 winner

Nov. Selling Court

St. Marys #890
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Rita #353
 Columbia #2
 St. Martin #418
 St. Marys #890
 Easton #358
 Sylvia Fox
 Brownsville #1141
 St. James The Greater #2180
 Sylvia Fox
 Westinghouse #759
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 Lambing #314
 St. Marys #95
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 St. Marys #890
 St. Ephrem #2230
 SO Lisa McCann
 Sylvia Fox
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Westinghouse #759
 Westinghouse #759
 Sylvia Fox
 Monessen #776
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Ave Maria #650
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Sylvia Fox

Dec. Lottery Winners

Margaret A. Acker
 Cynthia Keefe
 Carol Ternoway
 Susan Sharer
 Camille Jasper
 John Walker
 Jack Futrick
 John Pallott
 Jennifer Fox
 Annie Fedele
 Dorothy Costulas
 Eloise Brown
 Tina Strible
 Susan Ronan
 Jay Shaffer
 Lisa McCann
 Fr. D. Timothy Grimme
 Carol Caliotto
 Ron Faller
 Edie Miranda
 Daniel Cistone
 Robert Jackson
 Sylvia Fox
 Dolores Madden
 Gladys Glunt*
 James Giordano
 Kelly Mateljan
 Mary Jane Hodak
 Rick Horn
 Mary Stoy
 James Giordano
 *\$100 winner

Dec. Selling Court

Columbia #2
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Westinghouse #759
 Queen of Peace #1023
 St. Theresa #562
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Rita #523
 Bellevue #655
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Veronica #111
 St. Veronica #111
 Ave Maria #650
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 St. Rita #523
 Lambing #314
 SO Lisa McCann
 Prince Gallitizin #2526
 Prince Gallitizin #2526
 Bellevue #655
 St. Francis De Sales #2617
 Holy Trinity #1336
 St. Ephrem #2230
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Francis De Sales #2617
 OLO The Alleghenies #1755
 SO Margaret Giordano
 PSR Margaret Novak
 St. Bernard #339
 Westinghouse #759
 Prince Gallitizin #2526
 SO Margaret Giordano

Jan. Lottery Winners

David Borelli*
 Barbara Krug
 Ct. St. James #2180
 Lorraine Andrews
 Coleen Bowser
 Janet Hill
 Will Kocher
 Nancy Stella
 Alan Mongelluzzo
 Debra Christy
 Letty Calvetti
 Dale Egan
 Stephen Parish
 Sue Kelly
 Terry & Dave Venneri
 Theresa Belski
 Ct. St. Thomas #1483
 Carol Watson
 Susan Farrah
 Suzanne O'Neil
 Ct. St. James #2180
 Fr. Alan Grote
 Sylvia Fox
 Elizabeth Fox
 Barb Oliveros
 Brandon Wasofsky
 Elenor Connolly
 Theodora Walters
 Annette Ajay
 Linda Meyer
 Beth Goldbach
 *\$100 winner

Jan. Selling Court

SO Lisa McCann
 St. Marys #95
 St. James The Greater #2180
 PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
 St. Bernard #339
 Sylvia Fox
 SR Shirley Hall
 St. Theresa #562
 PSR Margaret Novak
 Butler #443
 PND, PSR Letty Calvetti
 Westinghouse #759
 Westinghouse #759
 Columbia #2
 St. Dominic #2222
 Greene County #1923
 St. Thomas #1483
 Of Our Lady #647
 Lambing #314
 St. Thomas #1483
 St. James The Greater #2180
 Patricia #998
 Sylvia Fox
 Sylvia Fox
 Of Our Lady #647
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Mark #1097
 Allegheny #664
 Prince Gallitizin #2625
 St. Marys #95
 St. Marys #890

**10-Week Wednesday Raffle Ticket Winners
November 3, 2021 - January 5, 2022**

<u>Winners/Selling Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Won</u>
Ct. Joan of Arc #716	11/3/21	100
Ct. Joan of Arc #716	11/3/21	25
Carol A. Bellini	11/10/21	100
Ct. Columbia #2	11/10/21	25
Sylvia Yonalunas	11/17/21	100
Ct. St. James #1029	11/17/21	25
Andrea Y. Christoff	11/24/21	100
Ct. St. Catherine of Siene #1992	11/24/21	25
Pat Mencer	12/1/21	100
Ct. St. Bernard #339	12/1/21	25
Julie Walker	12/8/21	500
Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448	12/8/21	25
Jean Lenz	12/15/21	100
Ct. St. Bernard #339	12/15/21	25
M. I. Evans	12/22/21	100
Ct. Easton #358	12/22/21	25
Audrey K. Spenard	12/29/21	100
Margaret Giordano	12/29/21	25
Charlotte Polak	1/5/22	100
Ct. New Kensington #860	1/5/22	25

Leadership... Can Feel Like a Burden and a Reward

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman



Sometimes it seems to take a great deal of energy to lead. There are never-ending details to be dealt with and many opinions about how they each should be done.

During the pandemic these last few years, it has seemed more difficult to accomplish even the simplest of tasks.

With decreased membership and attendance, a few of our PA courts have just said enough, this is too much and disbanded. But many courts have found a way within their court to communicate, to help each other and to somehow keep going to accomplish their Mission and Purpose. I am sure that prayer has been an often used tool in these efforts.

All of the tried and true leadership methods will still work but may need a creative application. How and when we communicate may be different, but communication as always is the key to keeping any group vital and effective.

Sometimes we just have to take to the phone or the written word to make sure our membership feels informed and included. When it's just not advisable or safe for everyone to attend, then we have to use the resources at hand and determine if a member who cannot or chooses not to attend can somehow assist the court in accomplishing our goals.

Yes, it takes more time and effort, but if it helps to keep us going, then it is worth it. Don't try to do everything yourself, ask your officers for help.

The reward, of course, is success—a court that survives and thrives. Soon I hope, we will be able to recruit new members to a safe and welcoming environment—to again have rituals without putting our members in harms way. A positive and active court is within our reach, we just need to shoulder the burdens and we will reap the rewards. ♦

—Email Sue Kelly: vozarkelly@zoominternet.net

Power of Prayer

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director



CDA members are the best prayer warriors, always storming heaven, praying for those in need.

Thank you for your continued prayers and to those who have sent me cards. God bless.

Peggy

Walking With Our Sisters

Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman



Each day we have to decide what to wear and the shoes to go with it. We make decisions in our courts, as Catholic Daughters, as to what styles of shoes we would wear that would make a difference in our walk with our daughters in our courts. The shoes that we decide to wear could be sneakers, sandals, flats or high heels.



SNEAKERS is the member who is ready and willing to run with each new idea or project and goes the extra mile.

SANDALS is the casual member willing to help whenever needed, without taking on the chairman position, and adds a calming spirit to the membership.

FLATS is your dependable, level-headed and sensible member, always there and keeping the traditions and standards of the court alive.



HIGH HEELS is all business and full of great new ideas adding organization and order to court activities.

At different times on our journey with our court, we all wear each of these styles of shoes as we serve as the hands and feet of Our Lord.

Every court needs a new pair of shoes to match all your beautiful Circle of Love programs.

Members, go out and find at least one new pair of shoes, which fit your style, to help us with all our beautiful projects. ♦

—Email Janet Oesterling at: jmoest@yahoo.com

Spring Fever

Margaret Marie Gowaty

Education Chair



Even though most of us have left our school days behind us, we are not immune to the effects of Spring Fever. That longing to put aside our everyday tasks and just enjoy the warmer weather and that wonderful earthy smell that comes with spring. Little did we know that fighting that longing to focus on our teacher back when we were young was good training for our lives as adults.

Spring Fever renews our chance to be educated in self-discipline each year. By renewing this lesson each year, we grow to be better people and better able to serve one another. Education goes well beyond the basics of knowledge. It reaches deep inside and influences even our spiritual lives.

May we always grow through education and enjoy that longing for the newness of life each spring. ♦

—Email Margaret Marie Gowaty: margiekid1@aol.com

*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: _____

All Our Special Intentions

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Blessed Christmas 2021 & Joyous New Year 2022

All Catholic Daughters and Chaplains of Pennsylvania

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

All My Family and Friends

Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy

Bishop Ronald Gainer & the Harrisburg Diocese

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

My Sister CDA PA State Officers

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Blessings for Safe, Successful,
Spiritual & Spirited Events**

2022 Washington, DC March for Life Participants

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Baby Blessings

Arabella Noel, Great Granddaughter

Karena Valentina, Great Granddaughter

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Blessings and Congratulations
on Your Newborn Baby Girl**

Jada Hoskins, Granddaughter

Kim and Karen Burgess,

Grandson and Daughter-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 in December 2021 and January and February 2022. 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, First Vice State Regent.** Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!

In Appreciation

Our Court's Religious Education

Directors and Teachers

Our Catholic School Principals and Teachers

Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

**Blessings as They Teach in the Ways
of Our Catholic Faith (Proverbs 22:6)**

Deborah Baker & Teachers

Brandon Peters & Teachers

Melissa Lee & Teachers

Renee Pettenati & Teachers

Jennifer Sklowdowski & Teachers

Sandy Inzana & Teachers

Nancy McCulley & Teachers

Mrs. Kathy Maurer, Principal

& All Saints Catholic School Teachers

Mrs. Robin McMullen, Principal

& Holy Name Catholic School Teachers

Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

Happy Anniversary

Caron and Jeff Gillespie

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Congratulations on Your 60th Anniversary

Court St. Rene #1868

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Court Washington #1651

**Congratulations on Celebrating
Your/Happy 100th Anniversary**

Court Our Lady of Victory #588

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

**Congratulations on Celebrating
Your 110th Anniversary**

PA CDA State Court

Requested by: Court St. Victoria #646

Happy Birthday

Karen Mastriana, PA Youth Chairman

Janet Bennett

Pat Jacobs

Karen Hurley

Paulette Manzella

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Julius Kreider, Grandson

Celeste Eckman, Longtime Friend

Matthew Christian, Nephew and Godson

Tony Giordano, Nephew

Kim Burgess, Jr., Grandson

Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, Brother

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Feast Day

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Safe and Happy New Year

All Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Complete Recovery / Speedy Recovery
Get Well / Improved Health**

Special Intentions

Brendan, Grandnephew of Karen Mastriana

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Sara Janulewicz, Court Mystical Rose #2628

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Thank You

St. Philip's Women's Auxiliary

A Woman's Concern

Our Circle of Love Chairman and Reporters

All Our Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

Rest in Peace

Larry Johnson, Husband of Member, Bonnie Johnson

Mary Corbett, Member

Loretta Remish Forte, Past District Deputy

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Loretta Remish Forte

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Frank Felizzi, High School Classmate

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Gonzalo Pabon Valerio

Husband of Henrietta Estrada, Regent,

Court Rose Cecilia #1641

Eleanore Crawford

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Court Member

In Memory

Dr. Rita Smith-Wade-El, Past Regent

Teresa Herr

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Prayers

Peggy Guckin, PND and Past State Regent

Those Who Are Dealing With Viruses

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Through Age-Related Ailments

Those Taking Care of the Elderly

All Those Dealing With Other Health Issues

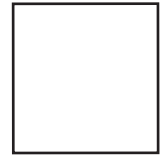
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Welcome

New Member Peggy McGinley

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, PSR, National Director
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

Importance of Faith Community in Our Lives



Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,

A majority of Americans report that religion plays a very important role in their lives, a proportion unique among the world's developed nations. In the United States of America, we are blessed with a wide diversity in religious beliefs, traditions and practices. When it comes to an adherence level that a particular religion receives, that's a different story. Recently, I heard on the news that religion is losing its influence in American life. I wasn't surprised because I had heard this comment before.

Our Catholic Church is such a wide and diverse family of believers. We are blessed with various rites, customs, rituals and traditions that enrich our spiritual lives. It's no secret, however, that despite all the positives, the Church's membership is declining and also the Church seems to be losing its influence in people's lives. Someone once told me that Catholics are the largest Christian denomination and second largest are the fallen-away Catholics. This poses all kinds of interesting questions, such as: Why is the Church's membership declining? Why is the Church losing its influence? Can something be done about it? And, should something be done about it? The answer is: absolutely. Each one of us can do something about it.

I once read that six percent of people who are attracted to a church are attracted by the church's programs. Eight percent are attracted because of the ministers. However, seventy-five percent of all church members come as a result of a personal invitation. How about that? A personal invitation to belong to a group or family of people who truly love God and are willing to follow His Son is the best and most effective way. We are to be the ones who deliver that personal invitation by our day-to-day practice of our faith and our religious principles and values. What makes all the difference and impacts those around us, is the way we conduct ourselves, making visible the life of Christ in us.

One thing is certain, no matter how long a person may have been away from the Church, they can always come back if they want to. I believe that it is a decision God is always willing and ready to help with. But we need to realize that God only invites and never forces returning or belonging to the Church on anyone. Jesus made it clear how God feels when one searches for him or returns to Him and our spiritual family—the Church. In the Gospel parables of the Lost Sheep, the Prodigal Son, the Lost Coin, just to name a few, Jesus clearly shows how overjoyed our Heavenly Father is when a person is found and returns to him.

There are numerous reasons for belonging to the Church and being active in the Church's life. Although Jesus Christ our Savior is at the heart of the many reasons to belong to the Church, each individual's experience in belonging can be unique and enriching, depending upon whatever speaks to his or her heart. We need to remember that the Church is the Body of Christ. Jesus loves her unconditionally and forever.

Some of the reasons for belonging to the Church, but more importantly, being active in the Church might be:

- ◆ because we want to deepen our understanding of our life's meaning and purpose;
- ◆ because want to grow in our Christian faith;
- ◆ because perhaps our childhood memories surface in our minds and we miss the simplicity of faith and that special connection with God;
- ◆ because we made mistakes and want to be forgiven, but also because we want to forgive;

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