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## This 'n That...

**Margaret Giordano, State Regent**

*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.*

—Matthew 5:13-16



It is with great humility and anticipation that I compose this first article as Pennsylvania State Regent. The exhilaration and zeal that was evident at our 2023 CDA PA Convention this past April in Altoona lets me know that truly “You are the salt of the Earth. You are the Light of the World.” I challenge you to keep our CDA service flavorful and to let your light shine for all to see our good works.

We, the State Board, will have our “Transitional” Board Meeting the second weekend in June. This is when the duties of the “board” are officially exchanged. National Regent-Elect/National Representative Susan Moné has encouraged the new State Board to attend the National Workshop for State and Territorial Officers in Arizona this July. I look forward to that event. It’s always enlightening to be with Catholic Daughters from near and far!

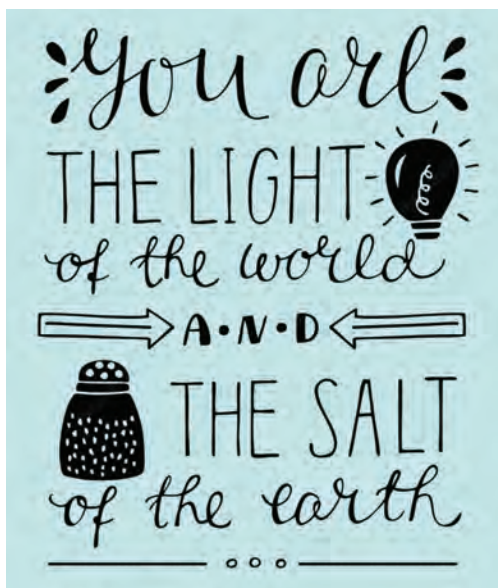
As summer approaches, some courts may cease meeting for a month or two. This can, however, be a chance to work on increasing membership. If you need ideas or help to have a membership drive, please call on the State Membership team. Think about ways to get more members involved using their God-given talents. Everyone has something to contribute to the Good of the Order. We’re all different parts of the Mystical Body, and all parts are needed to make the Body work!

Also, summer may be a good opportunity to arrange a schedule for the coming year and propose some court activities—old and new.

As Sister Mary Paul said,

“Well, CDA, you better go feather your nest. The time has come for our waiting to end because the nest is ready for ideas galore so that we can grow in Spirituality, and we can continue our service in Unity and Charity.”

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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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## You are the Salt of the Earth.



## You are the Light of the World.

*Matthew 5:13-16*

### **Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent**

In late April of 2023, we Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, held our 55th Biennial State Convention at the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. It was exhilarating to meet with so many of you there. The UNITY that we exhibit at such a gathering is imperative for the growth of our establishment. The CHARITY of our members is evident not only by your generous contributions to the state and national projects and charities, but also the convention Mass collections, tombola donations, and chances bought each day for Share the Wealth. LOVE is apparent by the selfless willingness to give of your time and talents before, during, and after the convention. All this reminds me of our convention title, "CDA Unity Through Charity and Love."

All these pieces of the puzzle join together to make us who we are. Let us connect all the pieces in our local courts, in our dioceses, and in our state to further the CDA mission. Let us demonstrate our sharing and caring for one another and all those who need our services.

Our PA puzzle, though, is just part of a bigger picture. We are part of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and our works spread to those, not just locally, not just in our state, but in our country, in the Americas, and—through our good works—in the world. Never underestimate the importance that each little piece of the puzzle provides. We are all entrusted with keeping our institution alive and well for the generations to come. Through our continuance of unity and charity, spirituality and service, we will accomplish that.

I am forever grateful to all those past state regents who have mentored me and given me the courage to continue my CDA service at the state level: Letty Calvetti, Laraine McGinnis, Margaret Novak, Peggy Guckin, Peg Witas and Shirley Hall. I also want to thank the National Supervisors while I was on board—Arline Rich, Sherry Nilles and Essie Walker. I look forward to continue working with National Regent-Elect Susan Mone'.

Of course, I am thankful for my family, my court members, and all of you! I look forward to working with State Chaplain Father Norbert and the other members of the 2023-2025 State Board, First Vice State Regent Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary Pam Callahan and State Treasurer Michelle Russo.

It is truly an honor for me to serve as Pennsylvania State Regent. I ask for your prayers daily; please know that I am praying for all of you, too. I am so grateful for this opportunity and thankful for your support. I ask that you prayerfully consider whether you may want to serve as a state chairman for the next two years. You may contact me at my new CDA email address below for any questions or concerns.

As summer approaches, may we feel the warmth of our loving God in our hearts, minds and souls. May we sprout fresh ideas for our CDA courts. May we recharge and restart our CDA pledges. As the sunshine and rain cultivate dazzling blossoms in our gardens, so may we foster our new insights, allowing them to flourish into stunning and successful tactics. May our patroness, the Blessed Mother, be our model in all we do and say. May we diligently use the talents God has gifted us. Always remember that "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." —Matthew 5:13-16

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## Saints in the Making

*Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent*

The 55th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention is now a fond memory for all who attended. All conventions literally take years of planning. Executing, takes a village. My profound gratitude to all who assisted in any way. I cannot begin to name names for fear of forgetting anyone. From the many committees to ladies who literally jumped right in to help at a moment's notice to get a job done—thank you, thank you, thank you. You are all saints in the making! God Bless You All.

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## Remember the Stress Egg

*Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent*



I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone who came to the State Convention. We had a GREAT TIME. Thanks for all your HELP and SUPPORT. Sorry the room was chilly and you had to cross your legs.

Believe it or not, SUMMER is on the way. I wish you all a very nice summer, filled with lots of FUN, FRIENDS, FAMILY and many NEW IDEAS to SHARE.

Good luck with your fundraisers. Please remember those who can't get out—ask them for prayers, donations, phone calls—to help you succeed with your fundraisers. Everyone has a God-given gift, so please help them use theirs to help you succeed and have an AWESOME summer.

P.S. Remember, when stressed out, use your stress egg to be close to Jesus. God Bless.

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## Back to Work—Duty Calls

*Pam Callahan, State Secretary*

My, my, what a wonderful time I had at the Convention! I hope you did too! After all the work, meetings, and numerous Zoom calls it took for us to plan the Convention, I was so happy to see everyone enjoying themselves and smiling. My favorite parts, as there are too many to mention, had to be the Masses and the spirituality of all the prayer services. The Divine Mercy in song always makes me a little emotional.

The ceremony of exchanging robes was special and significant. Having to say, so long, see you later, as I dislike goodbyes, to our outgoing State Regent, Shirley Hall, was challenging as I have loved working with her so very much. I know Margaret will be a great leader, too. I was sad to see Father Jozef say his last CDA Mass as State Chaplain on Monday but know that our new State Chaplain, Father Norbert, will fit right in.

I haven't had as much fun as I did on Saturday, though, dancing around with all of you, in such a long time! What a blast that was! Dan and Galla really know how to entertain!

I was so happy that my husband was able to come to the installation Mass for me, and both he and my dad came to the installation banquet! My heart was full. The support of family and friends really helps make life less stressful. Having several of our members from Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte, and our Court Chaplain, Fr. Brian Saylor, support me with their presence throughout the weekend was very much appreciated. I am so blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people.

Back to work though, duty calls. I look forward to working with you all and look out for the new donation forms that you will need to use, with my name and address on them, after we officially change positions and transition to our new offices in June. Thank you again for your many votes of confidence, support, and most of all, the faith and trust you have put in me to be your new State Secretary. I hope to continue to make you proud.

With much love and blessings.

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## New State Treasurer

*Michelle Russo, State Treasurer*



I love this time of the year when the spring flowers are in bloom. In addition, I love the fellowship of the Catholic Daughter courts. At this year's state convention in Altoona, I had the opportunity to meet many members residing across the state of Pennsylvania. As your new State Treasurer, I am looking forward to working with all the courts.

My local court, Court St. Mark #1097, has quite a few fundraisers planned this year: a drive-by baby shower, flea market and designer bag bingo. In between all the CDA activities, I will continue working on my counted cross-stitch projects while watching the Phillies and Eagles games. Have a wonderful summer with many blessings and love.

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# News from National

## CDA Unity Thru Charity and Love

*Susan Moné, National Regent Elect*

**O**ur theme says it all for Catholic Daughters in Pennsylvania. Your work in CDA was so evident in all the Circle of Love reports in the many, many ways that you serve the Lord as His hands and feet to those in most need. You are truly living the theme of "CDA Unity Thru Charity and Love."

It was my great pleasure to attend your 55th Biennial State Convention in Altoona. Kudos to your State board and the convention committee for a very well-planned and successful convention. The convention went so smoothly and not only did your State Regent keep right on track and time, Shirley was often ahead of time, which allowed me time to socialize and be able to meet so many of you who attended the convention.

Doug and I had so much fun on Saturday's fun night and the sharing of your lovely installation banquet. And of course, having been born and raised in Pittsburgh, it was like coming home again with all the many connections I have throughout the beautiful state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome and at home among friends. I offer a big Thank You to your State board who worked so hard the past two years for all CDA members in Pennsylvania and spent much time the past year to make your convention so spiritual, informative, fun and totally successful.

I offer congratulations to your newly-elected board as they begin the journey for the next two years and you continue to serve CDA in Pennsylvania. I pray that you enjoy your term and that God will continue to guide you and the Holy Spirit inspires you as you walk with Mary at your side.

I feel blessed to be your National Supervisor and look forward to working with the board in any way I can help. Please know that I am there for you. I pray daily for all Catholic Daughters at Mass and in my prayers.

Keep up the awesome work you do, living the theme of CDA Unity Thru Charity and Love. Remember our National Regent's theme, "Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed Can Move Mountains."

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## REST IN PEACE Fr. D. Timothy Grimme, † March 17, 2023 Past State Chaplain, 2011-2013, age 73, of Altoona

**F**r. Grimme was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown on May 28, 1977. Father has served in many parishes and was religious instructor at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School from 1977 to 1984 prior to being appointed Pastor of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish on July 24, 2002, the faith community he led until his passing.

He was called home to heaven by God where he is joined with his parents Robert and Lucy (Jorkasky) Grimme. Fr. Grimme served as State Chaplain under Margaret P. Novak, Past State Regent, and also was serving as chaplain for Court Prince Gallitzin #2625. Father, also said the Mass on the third Sunday of the month at his church for our Spiritual Intentions since its inception around 2010.

"Father Grimme was a dedicated servant of the Lord throughout his priesthood," said Bishop Mark Bartchak. "His passing is a tremendous loss not only for his beloved parishioners at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, but for our entire Diocesan church. May the Lord welcome Father Grimme into the glory of His Heavenly Kingdom."



## Projects Deserving Honorable Mention

**Sue Kelly, Circle of Love State Leadership Chairman**



It was a great Convention, both uplifting and inspiring. The sharing of information was outstanding, as always, from court members all over the state. If you were looking for ideas on leadership you were on fertile ground.

I am including here my report on Circle of Love Leadership activity for the past two years.

We received 10 court responses and nine of those reported Leadership projects. The projects included designated activity groups, newsletters, handbooks, monthly officer meetings and community involvement through charity projects. All of the entries exemplified leadership in Unity and Charity in some form.

There are several projects that deserve honorable mention for their innovation and creativity. The first is from Court Ave Maria #399 in Lock Haven. One of their members brought a Catholic Charities project, "Boxes of Toys" to the group and got the court involved in publicity, gathering donations and assembling the boxes. A committee was formed and 55 boxes were filled and shipped for Christmas. The court plans to do 75 boxes next year.

The second honorable mention is Court Blessed Madonna #2521 in State College. They have developed meetings prior to the court meeting, when possible, for the officers to discuss the future direction of the court, add items to the regent's meeting agenda, and discuss how to support one another. They also send the agenda out to the membership prior to the meeting.

The third honorable mention is Court Bellevue #655 of Pittsburgh. Every month their court regent, with input from other court members, publishes and distributes a court newsletter. National, state and local news is included as well as member updates, court activities and prayer requests with the goal of keeping members well informed.

Many thanks to all the courts that submitted projects. Your projects exemplified the spirit of Catholic Daughters of the Americas to lead women in Unity and Charity.

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## Court Winners—National Newsletter Contest

**Gloria Kissel**

**State National Newsletter Contest Chairman**



First-place winners will go on to National level.

### 1st Place

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
and Court St. Dominic #2222

### 2nd Place

Court Bellevue #655

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## Remembering Our Youth

**Karen Mastriana, State Youth Chairman**



As we are in the heart of Spring, seeing things come back to new life, and looking forward to summer, with hopefully a little relaxation, the state chairmen for the Circle of Love, were busy gathering together all the reports from the local courts, so they could choose one that stands out the most to them and get the report they chose to the State Regent Shirley Hall, in time for the State Convention.

This year, I had eight courts reporting for Youth. I still enjoy reading each one of the reports, still finding it difficult to decide on just one. I did manage to pick one that I felt told me how the court supports its youth through pack-free Fridays.

Court St. Rita #523, helps a school by providing lunches four times a year to students and staff at a school that does not meet the state threshold for providing a lunch program for students. All the courts did a great job and I know each court will continue to do an awesome job of continuing to help our youth.

Please remember to add our youth to your daily prayers to keep them safe and healthy over the summer months. 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.

Congratulations to our new State Regent Margaret Giordano! Thank you all for allowing me to serve you as the State's Youth Chairman.

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## Summer School

**Margaret Gowaty, State Education Chairman**



Summer school—what a dreaded term when we were young. School in the summer was for kids who needed to catch up or failed the school year; but we all go to summer school.

In the summer our bodies learn to move again as the warmth of the summer sun melts away the cold of winter. We relearn the lessons that come from

being lazy on a hot summer day and just enjoying the gifts that God has given us. We learn more about our family as we take time to spend with them on vacation.

Summer reading programs were developed so that kids would not lose what they had learned during the previous school year. As adults, we need to read to hold onto what we have. It's too easy to plop in front of a screen and receive mindless entertainment or listen to a book as we drive. Reading works our brain in so many ways. We have to work on comprehending what the writer wants to say. We use our imaginations to bring characters to life.

I'm challenging all my CDA sisters to read this summer! Read to grow your faith. Read to learn something new. Read just for enjoyment. Mainly, just READ!

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# *55th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention*

## *Altoona, PA - April 21-23, 2023*



*Opening Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church*

*The Very Rev. Alan Thomas, Vicar General; Con-celebrants Rev. Jozef Kovacic, State Chaplain; Rev. Brian Saylor, Chaplain, Court #448*



*Opening Mass: Pat Gildea, Senator Judy Ward, Jeanette Kitch, Margaret Giordano, Shirley Hall, Susan Moné, Lisa McCann, Pam Callahan, K of C Honor Guard, Father Brian Saylor, Chaplain Court #448 and Father Jozef Kovacik, State Chaplain*



*Crowning of the Blessed Mother  
Past State Regents: Laraine McGinnis, Margaret Novak and Peggy Guckin, look on as Peggy Witas, IPSR, crowns the Blessed Mother; Fr. Brian Saylor, Chaplain, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, blessed the shrine*



*Officers and members, Court Our Lady of Victory #588 and Court Queen of Peace #1023, with newly-elected State Regent, Margaret Giordano and newly-installed State Chaplain Father Norbert Suresh*



*Blowing bubbles fun!*



*Dancing in the aisles!*

**A** job well done. We thank Father Jozef, outgoing State Chaplain and Shirley Hall who poses for last time in State Regent's robe for their service to PA State Court and to Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Unity & Charity for these last four years. Congratulations to Father Jozef as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary to the priesthood. We wish you many more healthy, happy years in God's service. (See message of Shirley Hall, IPSR, in fall newsletter.)



*Philadelphia Delegation  
"Its a Philly Thing"*



*Travelers Mass celebrated by  
Father Jozef Kovacik*



*Delegation from Court Our Lady of Victory #588  
points to their location on the map*



*Shirley Hall, State Regent, awards Laraine  
McGinnis, Past State Regent, biannual  
Women of the Year 2023*



*Margaret Giordano, newly-elected State Regent, is escorted into the  
banquet by daughters, Valarie Hatfield and Nicole Kreider*



*Shirley Hall, Regent, presents plaque to Dr. John Joyce, M.D.,  
U.S. House Representatives; Dr. Joyce was keynote Convention  
speaker who addressed pro-life issues*

***Thank you to all ladies who wore white!***

*Jean McCord #523, Nora Avellino, Kathleen Peeler and Mary Catherine Wydra #588, Dolores Croyle and Anne Nemc #998, Diana Byrnes, Cecilia Hazenstab, Gloria Kolonich and Ann Taylor #1755; Lynn Kelly and Cheryl Viscomi #2222, Dolly Maronski #2230 and Mary Becker #2628. Special thanks to Dolly who served as sacristan for all the Masses. You make us all proud. You all did a great job giving dignity to our great organization.*

*—Peggy Guckin, Color Guard Coordinator*





*Tombola Committee: Annamarie Trombetta, Laraine McGinnis, Robin Krofcheck, Denise Quayle, Peggy Pizzi and Anita Burket*

## 2023 State Convention Tombola

*Laraine McGinnis—“Tombola Lady”*

Thank you to the courts and members who donated 45 beautiful, creative gifts of all sizes and shapes. We had a variety of gift cards, several \$50 cash gifts arranged in frames and baskets, lottery tickets, lots of wine and chocolates, a handmade quilt and a host of other useful items for everyone.

Special kudos to Denise Quayle, Robin Krofcheck and Peggy Pizzi from Court Washington #1651, and Anita Burket for helping to sell tickets and Annamarie Trombetta for delivering them from the hotel lobby to the convention center lobby. Anita and Annamarie are from Court Our

Lady of the Alleghenies #1755.

We made \$3,085 this year!! (We made \$2,285 in 2021 and approximately \$2,000 in 2019). We sold 164 tickets and several members bought more than one sheet of tickets. One member won four gifts and several won two or three!

Winners were drawn during the final session of the Convention on Sunday and all but three were claimed before leaving on Sunday. (They are all from the same court and will be personally delivered.)

I’m looking forward to the 2025 Convention and taking care of the Tombola again since it’s something I thoroughly enjoy and have “mastered” the procedure after doing it for so many years on different levels. Hope to see you all in 2025 wherever the next convention may be!

—Email Laraine McGinnis: lam1719@outlook.com



*Shirley Hall, State Regent, gave pledge to District Deputies who were not present at Fall workshop—  
Shirley Hall, Colette McCaffrey, Janet Oesterling, Debbie Genemore, Dolly Maronski, Sara Janulewicz and Mary Ann Voystock*



*Susan Moné, National Regent Elect and Supervisor, gives pledge to 2025  
Nominating Committee: Nicole Kreider #1023 Chairman, Laraine McGinnis #1651,  
Kathleen Peeler #588, Judy Christensen #2, Dolly Maronski #2230,  
Joan Lewis #339-1st Alternate, Mary Ann Morley #2617-2nd Alternate*



*Many Hands—Many Hearts puzzle was  
solved by Mary Jo Fitzsimmons,  
Court Joan of Arc #716,  
Altoona-Johnstown*



# Court Chatter

## GREENSBURG DIOCESE

*Court Monessen #776, Monessen  
Pro-Life Baby Shower*

**CDA** members had a fun time participating in our annual Pro-Life Baby Shower and presenting newborn clothing and baby items to the Family Life Center in Monessen, PA. Parishioners of the Epiphany of Our Lord Church also donated to this event. A good time was had by all.



## HARRISBURG DIOCESE

*Our Lady of Victory Court #588, Mount Carmel  
Education Contest*

**O**ur Lady of Lourdes Regional High School participated in the 2023 Education Contest sponsored by CDA Court Our Lady of Victory #588. The theme was from II Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith, not by sight." Winners received a monetary award, and the first-place entry was submitted to the state contest.



Left to right: Jamie Bordel, Treasurer; Mary J. Snyder, Regent; Molly Pancher, 10th grade, third place (tied); Rylee DeHaven, 10th grade, second place; Ava Carnuccio, 10th grade, first place; Rita Nolter, Education Contest Chairperson; and Matthew Leavens, art teacher. Not pictured, Chloe Yablonski, 12th grade, third place (tied). Ava Carnuccio took first place in the State for her art work.

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

*Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue  
Holiday Meals & Bunny Treat Boxes at Easter*

**C**ourt Bellevue #655, is proud to have partnered with Christ Our Savior Parish outreach ministry. The ministry was created at Thanksgiving 2020. They deliver meals six times each year to parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish and Most Holy Name seniors who are 70 and older. The group cooks the meals, packages and delivers them personally. Since its beginning, the ministry has delivered over 2,000 meals. Court Bellevue has provided treat cups and bags for several of these dinners including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is truly a wonderful ministry and we at Court Bellevue are so happy to be able to help in a small way.



Above photo, left to right: Mary Jo Pallott, Treasurer; Karen Brown, Vice Regent who is also the chairperson for this project, and members Dorothy Pavlasky and Jackie Daniele filling bunny treat boxes at March meeting. 100 boxes were filled to go with the Easter meal.

## Unity and Charity

# 2023 PA State Education Contest Winners

Margaret Gowaty, Education State Chairman

## Art Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

## Name

Madeleine Mae Deal  
Sariah Thomas  
Adelina Zanzalari

## Court # and City

St. Thomas #1483, Franklin  
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia  
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte

## Art Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Kaityn Camacho  
Avery Myers  
Nancy Rojas

St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia  
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson  
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

## Art Division 3

First Place  
Second Place

Ava Carnuccio  
Jocelyn Biclak

Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt Carmel  
Patricia #998, Kittaning

## Computer Art Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Kateri Hong  
Mason Moret  
Natalie Balsom

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia  
Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh

## Computer Art Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

William Leisher  
Rachel Cribbs  
Julianna Daniele

St. Thomas #1483, Franklin  
St. Bernard #339, Indiana  
Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh

## Essay Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Reagan Noel  
William Cavenor III  
Madeline Farabaugh

Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona  
Patricia #998, Kittaning  
Our Lady of Victory #722, Hastings

## Essay Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Gus Clement  
Madelyn Weir  
Elisa Halteman

Blessed Madonna #2521, State College  
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson  
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

## Essay Division 3

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Adelynn Connors  
Savanna Hawk  
Max Clement

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Patricia #998, Kittaning  
Blessed Madonna #2521, State College

## Music Division 2

First Place  
Second Place

Jessica Moore  
Rosalie Golden

Our Lady #647, Johnstown  
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

## Poetry Division 1

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Trinity Smith  
Abigail Harris  
Mario Stiehler

Blessed Madonna #2521, State College  
Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh  
Washington #1651, Washington

## Poetry Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Niki Kumagai  
Megan Farabaugh  
Brianna Kalich

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Our Lady of Victory #722, Hastings  
Washington #1651, Washington

## Poetry Division 3

First Place

Patrick Fertil

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

## Poetry Division 4

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Faith Cravenor  
Sara Stein  
Barbara Surovec

Patricia #998, Kittaning  
Monessen #776, Monessen  
Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte

## Photography Division 2

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Dani Meenan  
Raigan Myers  
Ava Baumler

Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia  
Joan of Arc #716, Cresson  
Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

## Photography Division 4

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Lee Ann Hrycaj  
Dolores V. Croyle  
Arlene J. Yackuboskey

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Patricia #998, Kittaning  
St. Bernard #339, Indiana



# Seeing the Face of Jesus

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



The theme of the “quest for God’s face,” the desire to know His face, the desire to see God as he is, is clearly present throughout the Old Testament, to the extent that the Hebrew term *pānim*, which means “face,” recurs 400 times, and refers to God 100 times. The wish to see God’s face is expressed 100 times.

Yet the Jewish religion absolutely forbids images, for God cannot be portrayed as, on the contrary, he was portrayed by the neighboring peoples who worshipped idols. Therefore, with this prohibition of images, the Old Testament seems totally to exclude any “seeing” from worship and from devotion. Yet what did seeking God’s face mean to the devout Israelite, who knew that there could be no depiction of it?

The question is important. There was a wish on the one hand to say that God cannot be reduced to an object, like an image that can be held in the hand, nor can anything be put in God’s place. On the other, it was affirmed that God has a face—meaning he is a “you” who can enter into a relationship—and who has not withdrawn into his heavenly dwelling place, looking down at humanity from on high.

God is certainly above all things, but he addresses us, he listens to us, he sees us, he speaks to us, he makes a covenant, he is capable of love. The history of salvation is the history of God with humanity, it is the history of this relationship of God who gradually reveals himself to man, who makes himself, his face, known.

The desire to know God truly, that is, to see God’s face, is innate in every human being. And perhaps we unconsciously have this wish simply to see who he is, what he is, who he is for us. And yet, Israel means ‘one who sees God,’ and the prophets were regarded seers into the mind of God. But this was a far-seeing, as though from a distance, or, at best, a glimpse of God but never seeing His face.

This desire is fulfilled in following Christ; in this way we see His back and, in the end, we see God too as a friend; in Christ’s face we see His face. The important thing is that we not only follow Christ in our needy moments or when we find a slot in our daily occupations, but in our life as such. The whole of our life must be oriented to meeting Jesus Christ, to loving him; and, in our life we must allocate a central place to loving our neighbor, that love which, in the light of the Crucified One, enables us to recognize the face of Jesus in the poor, in the weak and in the suffering.

This is only possible if the true face of Jesus has become familiar to us through listening to his word, in an inner conversation with him, in entering this word so that we truly meet him, and of course, in the Mystery of the

Eucharist. For us, the Eucharist is the great school in which we learn to see God’s face, we enter into a close relationship with him; and at the same time we learn to turn our gaze to the final moment of history when he will satisfy us with the light of his face.

—Email Fr. Suresh:  
norbert.suresh@gmail.com

(See Fr. Norbert’s bio in fall newsletter.)

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## Who We Are and What We Do

Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chairman



I would like to tell you a little bit about The Catholic Daughters of the Americas—who we are and what we do. The Catholic Daughters was started in 1903 in Utica, NY by the Knights of Columbus. We are one of the oldest and largest national organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. We have

courts in 45 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands and Mexico. We are 96,000 members strong. Our mission is one of faith, working through love, in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all.

At the cornerstone of our organization’s mission is prayer and service. Under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our members are united by their faith in Jesus Christ and their devotion to the Catholic Church and the Holy See. Our motto is “Unity and Charity.” The purpose of Catholic Daughters is to participate in religious, charitable and educational programs. We support many charities on the national, state and local levels of this organization. Some of the charities we support are: SOAR, Support Our Aging Religious; Laboure Society, helping men and women pay off their school debt so they can enter religious orders; Habitat for Humanity and of course the Knights of Columbus Ultra Sound Pro-Life Initiative, just to name a few. Along with National charities, each local court decides the charities that are important to them—for example: food banks, visiting residents in nursing homes, baby showers for expectant mothers in need, Gabriel project/diaper drives. We have many spiritual programs such as retreats, Rosary, trips to shrines, guest speakers, Bible classes. Our education contests and scholarships provide young and old a chance to compete and to share their talents. Now that you know who we are and what we do—go out and recruit new members!

—Email Janet Oesterling: jmoest@yahoo.com

**February Lottery Winners**

Bonnie Conley  
 Lisa Mavero  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Barbara Rozycki  
 Eileen Myer  
 Skip Davis  
 Court Ave Maria #399  
 Pat Gawryla  
 Linda Wesner  
 David Borelli  
 Alan Mongelluzzo  
 Not Sold  
 Ernest Shaulis  
 Loreen Hlebig\*  
 Josh Hickman  
 Kate Bielak  
 Kati Morrison  
 Fr. Alan Grote  
 Linda Sznajder  
 Linda Kubacka  
 Letty Calvetti  
 Chris Bodie  
 Patty Farrah  
 Tony Mongelluzzo  
 Loretta Parker  
 Janie Provan  
 Not Sold  
 Marsha Jones

\*\$100 winner

**February Selling Court**

Dolores #1675  
 Allegheny #664  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Lambing #314  
 St. Dominic #2222  
 Conception #35  
 Ave Maria #399  
 Blessed Madonna #2521  
 Easton #358  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 PSR Margaret Novak  
 Assigned to St. Rita #353  
 Roses of Mary #2766  
 Annunciata #260  
 Westinghouse #759  
 Patricia #998  
 Allegheny #664  
 Patricia #998  
 St. Mark #1097  
 Washington #1651  
 PSR, PND, PNO Letty Calvetti  
 Of Our Lady #647  
 Lambing #314  
 PSR Margaret Novak  
 St. Mark #1097  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 Assigned to St. Rita #353  
 Lambing #314

**March Lottery Winners**

Kim Taylor  
 Barbara Riffle  
 Fred & Pam Meusel  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Carol Liberi  
 Theresa Shields  
 Emilio Rivera  
 Michele Edinger  
 Father Stephen Bugay  
 Mary Anne Mariana  
 Frank J. Wydra  
 Bernice Cybach  
 Kim Taylor  
 Patty Marinich  
 Barb Schaeffer  
 Kathe' Sobczak  
 Alice Maryott  
 Judy Kavulic  
 Karen Morse\*  
 Deb Wensel  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Joanne Walker  
 Vickie Wolfe  
 Kim Bedow  
 Sharon Barclay  
 Lois Jean Rowe  
 Anna Marie Glowaski  
 Phil Pipta  
 Jay Shaffer  
 Melissa Galioto  
 Janice Wonderly

\*\$100 winner

**March Selling Court**

Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 Of Our Lady #647  
 St. James #1029  
 Sylvia Fox  
 St. Dominic #2222  
 New Kensington #860  
 Easton #358  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 St. Theresa #562  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 Our Lady of Victory #588  
 New Kensington #860  
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 Our Lady of Victory #722  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 Holy Trinity #1336  
 Conception #35  
 St. James The Greater #2180  
 St. Rita #523  
 Callistus #66  
 Sylvia Fox  
 St. Dominic #2222  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 Conception #35  
 Lambing #314  
 Vandergrift #1008  
 Dolores #1675  
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448  
 Lambing #314  
 Prince Gallitzin #2625  
 St. Leo #356

**April Lottery Winners**

Michael Ternoway  
 Bill Hall  
 Monica Marko  
 Laura Rumbol  
 Emilee Elder  
 Madelyn Callen  
 Joanne Krynicki  
 Mary Leonard  
 Sarah Steyer Mawry\*  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Ct. St. Bernard #339  
 Kati Morrison  
 Monroe Keplar  
 Merlann Malloy  
 Judith Poltanis  
 Nancy Gibbons  
 Laura Rumbol  
 Tracy Mongelluzzo  
 Michael Ternoway  
 David Borelli  
 Arline Rich  
 Linda Facchine  
 Richard Christensen  
 Judy Christensen  
 Janet Hill  
 Betty Dombrosky  
 Dennis Patti  
 Pgh. Diocesan Committee  
 Diana Leonard  
 Mary Louise Evans

\*\$100 Winner

**April Selling Court**

SO Lisa McCann  
 St. Rita #523  
 St. Gianna Molla #2764  
 Sylvia Fox  
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755  
 Immaculate Conception #2454  
 St. Florian #2240  
 St. Catherine of Siena #1992  
 PSR Margaret Novak  
 Sylvia Fox  
 St. Bernard #339  
 Allegheny #664  
 Brownsville #1141  
 Our Lady of Victory #722  
 St. Martin #418  
 St. Rita #523  
 Sylvia Fox  
 PSR Margaret Novak  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 State Officers  
 St. Leo #356  
 Conception #35  
 Conception #35  
 Sylvia Fox  
 SO Lisa McCann  
 Easton #358  
 Westinghouse #759  
 St. Catherine of Siena #1992  
 Easton #358

**Blessed Carlo Acutis****Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer**

I'd like to start out by saying "Thank you!" to all our state officers and those members behind the scenes, working with them, on the various convention committees! Y'all did a fantastic job—together we learned, laughed, prayed, made new memories while we exchanged memories of days-gone-by—and then we did it all again and again, throughout the extended weekend. Kudos to one and to all!

I really enjoyed listening to Carol Galioto, as she spoke of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young boy who, with his family, sought out "Eucharistic Miracles." Here are a few websites you can visit to learn more about his, albeit short, life.

<http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostra-miracoli-eucaristici>

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/>

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*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: \_\_\_\_\_

The process of getting our monthly Mass straightened out since the loss of our dear Father Grimme, Past State Chaplain, who had been saying our PA Mass Intentions is underway. In June, I will send out an email to update you on this situation. Thank you for your patience and your prayers. God be with you, Margaret Giordano

**Blessed and Joyous Easter**

**Bishop Gainer and the Diocese of Harrisburg**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**All Members of Our Courts, Our Families,  
and Our Parishes**

**All Priests, Religious, and Lay Associates**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Successful State Convention**

**PA Catholic Daughters**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Court Queen of Peace #1023

**CDA State Officers, Delegation, and Members**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

**Thank You!**

**All Those Who Participated in Any Way at Our 55th**

**Biennial State Convention**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

**State Spiritual Intention Report**

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in March, April and May 2023. 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!**

**Congratulations!**

**Lee Ann Hrycaj**

**Nicole Kreider**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Happy Anniversary**

**Valerie and Jeremy Hatfield**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Happy Birthday**

**Danielle Christian, Niece**

**Adam Christian, Nephew**

**Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, Sister**

**Nicole Kreider, Daughter**

**Sandy Sultzbach, Mother-in-Law**

**Jada Kerr, Granddaughter**

**Valerie Hatfield, Daughter**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Danielle Christian**

**Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent**

**Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, Spiritual Advisor**

**Nicole Kreider, Treasurer**

**Roberta Stefanow**

**Valerie Hatfield**

**Robin Burgoon**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Carol Bogacz, Past National Director**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

**Get Well Wishes/Good Health/Improved Health  
Speedy & Complete Recovery/Prayers**

**Pat Jacobs**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**Father Grimme, Past State Chaplain**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

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**Mom Sultzbach**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Reverend Donald Chortos**

Requested by: Patricia McKean, Court Dolores #1675

**Anne Nelson, Past National Regent**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

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**Shirley Hall, Outgoing PA State Regent**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

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**O Lord, Hear Our Prayers**

**All Those on Our Prayer List**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

**In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy**

**Elizabeth (Betty) Eversburg**

Requested by: Janet Mandarino, Court Monessen #776

**William (Bill) Tuomi**

**Mildred (Midge) Satina**

**Ann Pavlic**

Requested by: Patricia Ann McKean, Court Dolores #1675

**Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck**

**Alice, Lay Associate of Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023



*The Soul's Flight*

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**In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy**

**Sr. Claudia and Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy**

**Charlotte Meck DiCola**

**Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck, Sister**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**Marie Colihan**

**Dawn Marie Rogers**

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

**Father Grimme, Past State Chaplain**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

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**Joanne Tomassi, Past National Regent**

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

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**Isabelle Beck**

Requested by: Gigi and Brian Petticrew

**Mel Markulick, Husband of Barb Markulick**

**Regent of Court Greene County #1923**

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

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



Return Service Requested

## Gardens

*Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement State Chairman*



**A**s Spring has arrived in our part of the world and the Earth is re-awakening, it is time to plant our gardens. There are all kinds of gardens—flowers and vegetables, wildlife, rock gardens and container gardens. Flowers and vegetables are the good things in our lives that make us happy—and can lead us to

say a prayer of thanks or to share our fortune with others. Wildlife are the temptations we face daily—how do we deal with each of them? Rocks are our difficult times—sickness, poverty, family problems—that lead us to ask God for help. Containers keep us in our own little world, especially when things are good. Each type of garden is important and we need to learn to deal with them all.

What do you need for a garden? Your tools are spades for digging holes and scooping the soil, hoes to chop and cut out weeds, rakes to smooth the earth, a hand trowel to make holes ready for seeds, and hoses or sprinkling cans for watering. The spades of our lives are prayers to help us scoop evil thoughts from our minds and hearts. The hoes are our ability to avoid places where we know we are tempted to do what is wrong. Our tongues can help sooth (or rake) hard feelings away and apologize when necessary. Books, retreats, priests and Catholic Daughter friends plant seeds of love in each of us. Repetition of prayers, actions and spiritual reading are the waters that help us to continue to grow in love.

In addition to plants, gardens are full of animal life—some helpful and some pests. Lady bugs eat aphids that hurt plants, worms loosen the soil and add nutrients as they wiggle through it, and bees pollinate flowers to make new seeds. Confession removes sins that can hurt us and the Eucharist strengthens us each time we receive it. Friends inspire us to grow in our faith. The Church, Catholic Schools, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and other religious organizations help us learn to plant the seeds of love of God and others so our faith can grow and we can inspire others to join us. Rabbits and raccoons will eat vegetables from the garden, deer steal corn and apples and birds eat berries before you can pick them. Friends, television and radio programs, and money can all keep us from harvesting the rewards of our faith. Try to avoid the temptations we find everywhere in order to keep your faith garden healthy.

Look at two gardens in the Bible. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had every tree that was good for food. They had all they would need, except for eating the fruit of the tree in the center of the garden, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In the Garden of Gethsemane, or Mount of Olives, Jesus went to pray before his Passion and Death. In Eden, when tempted, Adam and Eve succumbed and their eyes were opened. Previously, they only knew good; afterward, their eyes were open and evil entered the world. In Gethsemane, Jesus was tempted ("Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me"). However, he did not give in to temptation ("not my will but yours be done"). From one garden to another we are led from sin to redemption.

How will you plant and care for your garden?



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