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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



National held the State and Territorial Officers Conference from July 20-23, 2023 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It was very spiritual and informative, and I thank all our National Officers, Directors and Chaplain for all their excellent preparation and presentation at this workshop. Our CDA theme, Unity and Charity, is always fulfilled when so many from all ends of the organization are together.

Please go to the National website for:

- ◆ PowerPoint Presentation Slides
- ◆ CDA Day Proclamation
- ◆ Two New Resolutions—re Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Helping Each Other

Note that as of August 30, 2023, Covenant House is no longer a National Charity. Please see our PA website for an updated Donation Form.

Fall is soon upon us. Financial Reviews are to be completed as soon as possible in October for the April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023 period.

Please give your District Deputy three options for the date of the review before scheduling it. Also, please be sure to use the most updated Financial Review form and fill it out carefully and completely.

National dues invoices should be sent to court regents in October. State dues invoices will now be sent out from our new State Secretary, Pam Callahan by November. Remember that no vote is necessary for sending either National or State dues. Please take care of making dues payments promptly. Thank you!

Congratulations to CDA Education Contest, National-level winners, sponsored by these Pennsylvania courts:

- ◆ Court St. Thomas #1483 - Art, Division I, Third Place
- ◆ Court Of Our Lady #647 - Music, Division II, Second Place
- ◆ Court Queen of Peace #1023 - Essay, Division III, First Place

Congratulations to our CDA Newsletter Contest, National-level winners:

- ◆ Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 - Local Courts - Category II, Division I - Third Place
- ◆ Pennsylvania - State Court - Category VI, Division I - Second Place

Special Court Anniversary Celebrations — Please advise me of these dates ASAP so I can mark my calendar. If I can possibly make it, I will!

Diocesan Meetings — Please advise me of these dates ASAP so I can mark my calendar. I hope to attend at least one!

Thank you to all who have served as Circle of Love Chairmen under the term(s) of Shirley Hall as PA State Regent. We greatly appreciate all you have done to further

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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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This 'n That

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these spokes of the CDA Circle of Love. Thank you also to all who have accepted these responsibilities for the 2023-2025 term. I am happy that we have all the dioceses of Pennsylvania represented as chairmen—Circle of Love or other. These are listed on our PA website.

Remember that CDA is all about Spirituality and Service. *Cast your nets out into the deep* and bring in some new CDA members! Start with this prayer:

A Prayer for Catholic Daughters

Dear Father in Heaven,

Help us to remember that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is composed of all types of women, all of whom are children of God.

Our courts will be filled if we fill them. They will do great works if we work. They will make generous gifts to many causes if we are generous. They will bring other women into our fellowship if we bring them.

Catholic Daughters will be an organization of loyalty, love, faith and noble spirit if its members, who make it what it is, are filled with those qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, we dedicate ourselves to the task of being all that we can be so that our Order continues to contribute to the benefit of Catholic womanhood, and that it may spread Unity and Charity among all members. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Email Margaret Giordano: margarettgiordano.cdapa@gmail.com

Reflections...

Shirley Hall, IPSR

When we are diagnosed with a serious health issue, our first thoughts should be turning our thoughts and prayers to God. There are times, however, we exist in a desert state and praying is impossible.

Sometimes HOPE and TRUST are all we can think about. HOPE is not something abstract and means living in expectation that we are part of God's plan regardless of the situation. TRUSTING, we believe, as Mary did, in His reliability and strength.

I have now found, in my own life, to try to let go of wishes and live in HOPE and TRUST.

Mary said, 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your will.' (Luke 1:38)

When we receive a time frame for recovery, we TRUST in a different attitude toward life. In choosing HOPE, something happens to us as God molds us.

We should not resist when Christ comes to change our lives and guide us.

May we all spiritually experience newness as we go through life's ups and downs.

—Email Shirley Hall: shirleyhall901@gmail.com



On behalf of the State officers and members, we would like to thank Shirley for a job well done during her term. We wish her good health for years to come. Congratulations also, PA State came in second in the organization for our National projects and charity donations for the past two years.

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE
THAN YOU CAN STAND,
KNEEL.



“A New Beginning”

Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent

My Dear Pennsylvania CDA Sisters,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, support and cooperation as I get underway in my new role as State Regent. I enjoy being in contact with so many of you—by phone, text, email—as I begin my new duties.

My granddaughter, Alessandra, gave me a mug, which I use at home to begin each new day. It says, “Live with Purpose,” so I always pray that I live His purpose meant solely for me and as a Catholic Daughter.

As autumn approaches, may we all begin anew. Let us contemplate and activate “A New Beginning” in the name of CDA through Spirituality, Service, Unity and Charity.

May Mary, our Mother and Patroness, intercede for us. Pray, listen and “Do whatever He tells you.” (Jn 2:5).

Each day I pray for you; please pray for me, too! God be with you.

Newly-elected state officers held their transitional meeting in June.

Left to right: Pamela Callahan, State Secretary; Margaret Giordano, State Regent; Jeanette Kitch, Second Vice State Regent and Michelle Russo, State Treasurer. (Absent: Lisa McCann, First State Vice Regent; she fell and broke her collarbone.)



State officers attended leadership workshop in Scottsdale, AZ
Margaret Giordano, Lisa McCann and Michelle Russo



Consider Something New to Do

Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent



This is an appropriate theme to write to you, members of Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Many courts take it easy for some of the summer months and September is the month to get back to our charity work with gusto. Will your court consider something new to do—A New Beginning?

Your State Officers had already begun our New Beginning with great enthusiasm back in May when our new offices took effect. During the past four years, our Immediate Past State Regent Shirley Hall has guided us and prepared us well. The State of Pennsylvania is in good hands with Margaret T. Giordano as our new State Regent.

I will continue to oversee handling the State Court fundraisers. You should have already received the Fall 2023 10-Week Tickets for your court to sell or purchase. If you have not, please contact me or your State Supervisor. The stubs and payment are due back to me by October 31, 2023.

It is very early to be thinking about the June 2024 – May 2025 full-year lottery calendars that will be distributed in December, but there are courts that do not meet in the winter months. Please contact me if your court would want them in time for your November meeting to begin selling them. I deeply appreciate all the regents who sell their assigned tickets and adhere to the return dates.

May God continue to bless the members of PA Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

—Email Lisa McCann: cdapalisa@gmail.com

God Makes Such Beautiful Things

Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent



I hope everyone is enjoying summer. I have been busy getting my paperwork in order in my new job as 2nd Vice State Regent. I don't have to deal with money or reports now, but need to be a good resource for others. I did a little traveling this summer to Colorado Springs for my niece's graduation. God makes such beautiful things (the Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak—AWESOME—but I am partial to rocks.) I Love them—all colors shapes and sizes. We have been zooming to get stuff done. Thank you for everyone's help at Convention. I hope everyone is able to get out to Mass, picnics, family reunions or other special events. If not, maybe you or your court ladies could bring lunch, mail cards, and /or pray the rosary with the ladies. A phone call is nice or a card party shower does wonders to pick-up, lift-up their spirits. Thank you, ladies for all you do—keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing you at anniversaries, meetings and workshops. God bless.

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Back to Work—Duty Calls

Pam Callahan, State Secretary

It is the start of a “New Beginning,” now that the State Board has officially transitioned to our new offices, there are a lot of new things to learn and do.

This summer, we went on a pilgrimage trip to Italy, with our pastor Father Brian Saylor and people from our parish in Bellefonte as well as St. Rose in Altoona. It was a 13-day guided tour. We were not able to see the Pope as he was recovering from surgery, but just being in St. Peters Square was fantastic. We saw the Vatican, Pompeii, the Colosseum, Assisi, Rome, Como, Milan, Florence, Venice, Isle of Capri and so much more along the way. I am back and starting the new year and our new beginning with the roles and responsibilities that come with being State Secretary. I appreciate all the mail I am getting and will see you all soon as we work through this next year to come. Much love and blessings.

—Email Pam Callahan: pamc.pacda2021@gmail.com



New Beginnings

Michelle Russo, State Treasurer



Throughout our lives, we have many “firsts.” Our first baby step, first day of kindergarten, first new job, first car, and for me, the first time I joined Catholic Daughters Court St. Mark #1097, not knowing anyone, but wanting to volunteer, first time elected as an officer, regent, nonetheless. What was I thinking!! Somehow, I managed my way through my term of office without any formal training.

Many years later, as a member and court officer on the local level, a calling, if you will, “the State needs you Michelle,” my first sign—a State Convention, a new “first,” a position on the State level!

My “first” has just blossomed into a new beginning. New faces and new courts to work with, so much to learn. My new beginning began with a warm welcome from fellow state officers who were so happy to embrace my fears with encouragement, guidance and much needed support—“we are here to help you and show you the way.”

My second sign was a bed and breakfast, in Lancaster, appropriately named, “A New Beginning.” The B&B provided the perfect setting for the transition of state officers positions. To say it’s overwhelming is an understatement! I have a wonderfully supportive team with which to work, learn and grow.

My last sign that I am where I need to be comes from an inspirational message on a Dove chocolate candy wrapper, EMBRACE NEW BEGINNINGS! This is where I need to be, this is where I belong right now.

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These Bloopers Actually Appeared in Church Bulletins or Were Announced in Church Services!



- ◆ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ◆ The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water.” The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”
- ◆ Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ◆ Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ◆ For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. —Matthew 10:42

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain



Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,

We can easily take water for granted. Yet, it is indispensable to human living. Most of us have ready access to water. However, we know that there are parts of the world where it is much more of a struggle to find water.

Many of the charitable agencies, invest heavily in digging wells so that people can have access to clean water, even if they must walk some distance to get it. Cold, clean water can be a life-saver in certain parts of the world. Those parts of the world would be closer to the world of Jesus than to our own world.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the value of giving a cup of cold water to one of his disciples. A cup of cold water could be like gold dust to a thirsty person in a very hot climate.

There is a story in the Gospel of John which depicts Jesus in need of such a cup of cold water at the hottest time of the day, at noon. He entered Samaria and came to a well, and a woman approached to draw water with her bucket, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." He was thirsty and she had the wherewithal to draw water from the well.

There is one other time in the Gospel of John, where Jesus is depicted as being thirsty. As he hung from the cross, he cried out, "I thirst." Even a sip of cold water can bring great relief to someone who is dying.

Jesus declares in the Gospel that whoever gives a cup of cold water to someone thirsty will most certainly not lose his or her reward. At one level, the giving of a cup of cold water to someone can seem like a very small act of kindness. Yet, Jesus declares that such an act has eternal significance.

Such small acts of hospitality have a depth of meaning that is not always obvious to others, or even to the person doing the action. When we give to another in need, no matter in how small a way, we are engaging with the Lord himself and with God, his Father and our Father. ♦

My name is Norbert Suresh. I am originally from Tamil Nadu, India. My father's name is Mr. S. Anthony Vargheese,

and my mother's name is Mrs. A. Anthony Sirumalar. My father is an electrician who works at the electricity board of Tamil Nadu. My mother is a housewife. My parents have four children; I am the third child. I have a brother and two sisters.

My vocation story begins at the age of twelve, while I was an altar server. Being able to be so close to the altar of God and seeing how the priest was able to be so close to the altar made me wonder if I could meet the challenge of becoming a priest.

I received my vocation from the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in 2008 through the late Fr. Wingling Ravi, who was a charming pastor throughout his ministry in our parish.

I have stayed with the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary since 2008 to 2021. After much prayer, discernment and guidance, I am completely convinced that God's plan is for me to be a diocesan priest.

For this reason, I have joined the diocese of Harrisburg. I was ordained on August 2, 2022. Currently, I serve as a parochial vicar in St. John Neumann Parish in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Something I love to do in my spare time is play pickle ball.

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*Jesus Speaks With the Samaritan Woman; Carl Heinrich Bloch 1834-1890
RestoredTraditions.com*



Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Education Contest Award Ceremonies



1st photo: CDA members with winners from St. Rose of Lima Parish: Front row: Pattie Fromknecht, Marylynn Houston, Raelyn Himes, Lucy Sprouse, Reagan Elizabeth Noel, Fernanda Gonzalez; middle row: Rev. Brian Norris, Melissa DeRensis, Aaliyah Noel, Valerie Grimminger, Abigail Grimminger, Judy Wood, Mary Lou Moffitt, Regent Carol Galioto and Jennifer Crum-Waite (Youth & Education Chairman); back row: Annette Ajay, Sally Lockard, Mary Grace Horton, Karen Castagnola, Darlene Crum; winners not available for photos: Evelyn Bunk, Ruth Stephens, Isaiah Stotler, Khole Maddox, Thomas Charlesworth, Carl Fischer, Dontavia Summerville and Kenadie Ulrich

2nd photo: winners from Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: Rev. Msgr. Stanley Carson, Administrator; front row: Mikayla Geishauser, Abigail Chverchko; back row: Grace Camberg, Skylar Irwin, Felicity Rogers

3rd photo: Carol Galioto, Regent; Jennifer Crum-Waite (Youth & Education Chairman), Reagan Elizabeth Noel, 1st place winner in local and state competition and Fr. Brian Norris

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Education Contest Award Ceremonies

Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 held the 2023 Education Contest award ceremonies at two separate parish Masses on June 18, 2023. Recipients were given awards at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and St. Rose of Lima. Additionally, our court was excited to award the CDA PA State 1st place winner, Reagan Elizabeth Noel. Reagan's entry was forwarded to National representing our state. Congratulations to all our winners.

1st photo: CDA members with winners from St. Rose of Lima Parish: Front row: Pattie Fromknecht, Marylynn Houston, Raelyn Himes, Lucy Sprouse, Reagan Elizabeth Noel, Fernanda Gonzalez; middle row: Rev. Brian Norris, Melissa DeRensis, Aaliyah Noel, Valerie Grimminger, Abigail Grimminger, Judy Wood, Mary Lou Moffitt, Regent Carol Galioto and Jennifer Crum-Waite (Youth & Education Chairman); back row: Annette Ajay, Sally Lockard, Mary Grace Horton, Karen Castagnola, Darlene Crum; winners not available for photos: Evelyn Bunk, Ruth Stephens, Isaiah Stotler, Khole Maddox, Thomas Charlesworth, Carl Fischer, Dontavia Summerville and Kenadie Ulrich

Annual Art in Education at St. John Catholic School and Grade 4 CCD program—First-place winners were forwarded to PA CDA for state judging.



Left to right: Art Instructor at St. Johns, Rachelle Weiser; Pastor Father Brian Saylor; first place winner, Adelina Zanzalari; second place, Ayla Zanzalari; third place, Laurel Confer; Deacon Tom Boldin; and Chair of Committee, Christine Surovec

**Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson
Education Contest Award Ceremonies**



**Winners of the Court Joan of Arc
CDA Local State Education Contest
for All Saints Catholic School**

*Not in order) 1st place Art, Leah Kirsch
2nd Place Art, Mary Mullen
1st Place Poetry Abbie Peters
2nd Place Poetry Ryleigh Kunrod
1st Place Essay, Emma Clapper
2nd Place Essay, Ruthie Golden
1st Place Art, Avery Myers
1st Place Music, Rosalie Golden
Two winners went on to get 2nd Place in the
State: Avery Myers, Art and Rosalie Golden,
Music. Also in photo: Fr. Leo Arnone
and member Monna George (Treasurer)
The following won 2nd Place in the State for
their entries: Avery Myers, Madelyn Weir,
Rosalie Golden, Raigan Myers*



Court Joan of Arc #716 sponsors Monsignor Little CDA Service Award

*St. Francis, St. Aloysius CCD: Kory Eger and Madilyn Olienyk. In photo: Deb Baker DRE, members Catherine Iapaulucci and Dorothy DeAngelo, Kory Eger and father (behind), Chad Evans (teacher), Fr. Leo Arnone
St. Demetrius Parish CCD: Megan Stipanovich. In photo: Mr. Peters DRE, member Connie Stransky and Megan Stipanovich
St. Thomas Parish: (Not pictured) Jake Sherwood*



Holy Name School CDA Local State Education Winners (no particular order):

*Art—2nd place: Sam Holsberger; Poetry—1st place: Brody Public; 2nd place: Anna Frye; Essay—1st place: Madelyn Weir;
Photography—1st place: Raigan Myers; 2nd Place: Connor Isascson. Two students went on to 2nd Place in the State: Madelyn Weir
and Raigan Myers. Also in photo: Fr. Brian Warcola and Renee Pettenati (Secretary)*



*June 11, Eucharistic Revival
St. Michael's Basilica, Loretto PA
CDA represented by numerous courts*

ERIE DIOCESE

Court Columbia #2, Erie, Baby Shower for Pregnancy Center in Meadville



Front row, left to right:
Peggy Acker, MaryAnn Cochran, Pat Say, Tonya Stadtmiller
Back row, left to right:
Patty Longo, Christy Partin, Burke Babyak, Kathleen Levis, Sue Kelly, Angie Lewis, Paulette Windmann, Janice Chatley, Judy Christensen, Pat Ferrey, Carol Bellini
Photo taken by Jeannette Kitch

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Ephrem #2230, Bensalem, Breakfast Bags

The members of the court packed 200 bags of breakfast items and snacks for those in need, distributed by Caring for Friends. Donations were also received by the members of St. Ephrem Parish.



Sitting: Joanne Hayes, Laura Tertel, Rose Marie Medash, Carol Parsons, Barbara Jackson; Standing: Loise Pepe, Alicia Bair, Kathy MacElroy, Dolly Maronski, Madeline Walsh, Peggy Guckin, Jennifer Wrazen

Once again, a successful Bake Sale to help with court projects and donations. Court Ephrem also sells discount cards for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day, October 18. Donation is \$5 and benefits the court.



Anne Albertson, Carol Parsons, Rose Medash, Dolly Maronski, Dinae Beal, Linda Gilmer making a sale. Photo: Peggy Guckin

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek Day of Reflection at St. Emma Monastery

July 1, 2023 saw members from hostess Court Westinghouse #759, Court Annunciata #260, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 and Court Of Our Lady #647 being blessed by a day of Reflection at St. Emma Monastery in Greensburg. Some ladies made it an overnighter and enjoyed extra time on the beautiful grounds.

Retreat facilitator, Father Cassian Edwards, OSB, made it a memorable day for everyone. Westinghouse has every intention of making this an annual event open to any CDA member.



Court Dolores #1675, Bentleyville Baby Shower for Genesis

Court Dolores #1675 held a baby shower for local pregnancy center Genesis on Mother's Day weekend. Along with baby items, \$440 in gift cards were donated.



Left to right, kneeling: Carol Doman, Treasurer; standing: Ann Perchinsky, Charter Member; Andrea Remish, Vice Regent; Betty Jo Bular; Bonnie Conley; Financial Secretary; Pat McKean, Recording Secretary; Pat DeFilippo; Loretta Antanovich; Pat Coyle; Judy Lowman; Nikki Meglis, Regent; Beth Stiffy; Anna Marie Glowaski, IPR; Sandy Damich and Stephanie Young

Welcome, New State Regent Margaret Giordano

On Sunday, August 13, the officers and members of Court Queen of Peace #1023, in the Diocese of Harrisburg, hosted a reception for incoming State Regent, Margaret Giordano. Margaret's sisters, Sr. Mary Paul and Mary Clare Selway, read a tribute on Margaret's life which was written by Sr. Mary Paul and peppered with a couple of jokes. She was presented with roses, scapular necklace and a new rosary from National.



Pam Callahan, State Secretary; Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain; Margaret Giordano, State Regent; Peggy Guckin, PND, PSR and Michelle Russo, State Treasurer



On behalf of the court, Sue Sharer presented roses to Margaret



Margaret Giordano and CarolAnne Ferreira



Mary Clare Selway, Margaret Giordano and Sr. Mary Paul



Entertainment by Lee Ann Hrycaj, Susan Sharer and Paulette Manzella, singing Dancing in the Streets



Nicole Kreider giving a toast to Margaret

Unity and Charity

National Fund "D" Calendar Winners

3/28/2023	\$30	Cassandra K.	PA
3/30/2023	\$30	Dale M.	Levittown
5/15/2023	\$30	Milissa A.	Pittsburgh
5/26/2023	\$30	Laura R.	Somerset
5/31/2023	\$30	Susan R.	PA
6/19/2023	\$30	Miller and Luca P.	PA
7/11/2023	\$30	Barbara Vandegraft	PA
8/2/2023	\$30	Annette Bellefonte	PA

SOAR!

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director



Support Our Aging Religious is one of five National Projects that we support and PA State has always come in the top three from all the states in donations.

SOAR! was founded in 1986 with \$25,000 seed money received from Catholic Daughters. Augmenting the efforts of the institutional church, SOAR! is a non-profit organization of persons who are committed to assuring financially stable and personally secure futures for elderly and frail members of Catholic religious congregations.

The SOAR! board of directors approved more than \$3.1 million in grants this fiscal year.

The SOAR! 37th Annual New York Awards Dinner will be held at the New York Athletic Club on September 13, 2023.

SOAR! 2023 Event Honorees in PENNSYLVANIA

Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, Bakerstown—purchased therapeutic and medical equipment

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville—renovated bathrooms

Carmelite Community of the Word, Gallitzin—made safety renovations to walkways and drive, installed intercom system

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province, Jenkintown—upgraded elevator

Sisters of St. Joseph of NWPA, Erie—purchased tables and chairs, funded quality of life programs and equipment

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Malvern—purchased mobile refrigeration carts

Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Reading—upgraded HVAC system

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Erie—installed new boilers, renovated infirmary room

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston—repaired windows

Daylesford Abbey, Paoli—renovated bedroom and bathrooms for accessibility

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton—renovated bathrooms

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Reading—upgraded HVAC system

Don't forget to send all National and State Charities to our State Secretary, Pam Callahan, so your court's donation will be counted for the National Convention in August 2024. Pam's information is on page 1. As in the past, our PA courts are always so giving. (Please use the current donation form which will soon be available on our website.)

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Leadership Can Be Powerful

Sue Kelly, Circle of Love, IP State Leadership Chairman



Although leadership can be powerful, that doesn't mean we dominate or micromanage.

It means having the inner strength to be successful.

It means having the power to lead when others are afraid.

It means having the power to take criticism and learn from it.

It means having the power to enforce the by-laws and the responsibility to do it even when it is not popular.

It means having the power to ask for help and to know you cannot do and know everything.

It means having the power to share honest thoughts and views, to control the meetings and keep things on track, and the power to encourage the court when needed.

It means having the power to forgive the whispers and excuses that are inevitable.

Most importantly, it means having the power of prayer and the support of the Holy Spirit to lead the court through challenging and rough times.

Power—how will you use it? Be sure to use positive power and strength to encourage, inspire and motivate everyone. May the Holy Spirit inspire you! I was inspired too by Brenda Anderson, National Leadership Chair.

—Email Sue Kelly: vozarkelly@zoominternet.net



Pro-Life Bench

This past August our billboard bench was redone. It is situated on a heavily-trafficked street for cars and buses in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. We thank you for your continued support of our State's pro-life advertising; this is one of many of our PA State Projects.

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday.

Life Chains are also held in various locations on the first Sunday in October, this year, on October 1. To find a Life Chain near you, go to: <https://www.lifechain.org/> participate.

On October 16, 2023, there will be a March for Life in Harrisburg.

In Loving Memory

Rosemarie K. Faller

Oct 8, 1935 ~ June 26, 2023 (age 87)



Rosemarie Faller was a life member of Court Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh, and held many offices, several times as Court Regent.

She served as District Deputy and was also our State Organist until retiring in 2015. She was active in many other charitable organizations.

Rosemarie was also a recipient of the Manifesting the Kingdon Award, presented by Bishop David Zubik to recognize her exceptional service to the church.

Rosemarie was a mother to six children and grandmother of 12. She traveled from coast to coast to spend quality time with her grandkids. She loved to cook, bake and entertain. For many years, every holiday was celebrated at her house. Rosemarie's daughter-in-law is the present regent of the court. Rest in peace, Rosemarie. ♦



Christina Dambach, (AKA Tina)

October 14, 1951 ~ August 16, 2023



Tina Dambach was a long-time Girl Scout leader, mentoring girls and encouraging them to get involved in their community.

She taught CCD and was a lector. Tina was a Charter member of Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, instituted on March 15, 2009, and was currently Vice Regent.

Tina served four years as State Education Chairman and was presently Quality of Life State Chair and served as District Deputy. She served in all positions on diocesan level.

Tina supported Rosary Rally for Peace.

Matthew 25 had to be moved from St. Joachim's Rectory to St. Marks E.C. in Frankford where Tina took care of it with the help of court members and friends, helping hundreds of needy families and individuals.

Tina also initiated the yearly picnic at the Veterans Home in Northeast Philly. This is just a few of the activities Tina was involved in.

She was a loving mother to three children and six grandchildren. We will miss you, Tina. Rest in peace.

Anne Nelson

March 5, 1946 ~ May 14, 2023 (age 77)

National Regent 2012-2014



Anne Bernadette Nelson (nee McGinley) died peacefully in her sleep on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023. Anne was originally from Bristol, Pennsylvania.

She was very involved in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, having joined the Junior Catholic Daughters as a teenager, then a member of Senior Court Bristol #1097, after name change to Court St. Mark #1097.

After marrying Carl, they moved to Maryland where she continued with CDA. In 2005, Anne was PA National Representative. Anne was very involved in working with Campus Courts and her CDA involvement included charitable work with Habitat for Humanity, SOAR, Apostleship of the Sea, and many others. After serving as CDA National Regent, Anne was invited to serve as a Director of The Family Rosary, Inc. for Holy Cross Family Ministries, which she supported through fall 2022.

Anne and Carl loved to travel. It was a pleasure seeing her in Puerto Rico at the National Convention, July 2022. She will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Anne. ♦

National News

National is asking for help to support those affected by Maui fires. Please donate whatever possible to help those affected by this disaster. Court checks made payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas" and marked "Disaster Relief—Maui Fires" on the memo line should be sent with the completed donation form, from our PA website, at <https://cdapa.com/forms/donation-form.pdf> and mailed to: Pamela Callahan, PA State Secretary.

National would like to update their brochure, *Tools of the Trade* and maybe even make additions/changes to the bylaws regarding the role of the chaplain. Members and chaplains, please review power point presentation on National website and send your suggestions/concerns by September 30 to National Regent Emily Guilherme at emthanga1@aol.com and copy State Regent Margaret Giordano.

National Robes Chairman and Past National Regent Helene Shepard and her diligent committee have prepared a Robe Survey to help with decision-making. Ask all members to complete the survey, which will be in the next *Share* magazine, *Quarterly Newsletter*, and on the National website. It is due by January 31, 2024. For more information on the survey, go to the website: catholicdaughters.org.

Workshop Wrap-Up

On Saturday, August 19, the Philadelphia Archdiocese held a workshop at St. Ephrem's. Presenters were Peggy Guckin, Dolly Maronski, Colette McCaffrey, Michelle Russo and Mary Ann Voystock. There were 22 members present representing all our courts. Two members were unable to attend due to COVID.

Michelle Russo got very emotional while reading *He Pointed His Finger at Me*. This poem, written by Duchess Collins, PND, was in the *Share* quarterly issue, December 2015. Michelle answered the call to do the Lord's work when God pointed His finger at her last winter and she accepted the call and ran for PA State Treasurer.

Will you answer the call in March 2024 when God points His finger at you to be an officer in your court?

Colette McCaffrey gave a tribute to Tina Dambach who was a charter member of Court St. Francis de Sales #2617.



Michelle Russo, State Treasurer, Colette McCaffrey, Past State Secretary, Peggy Guckin, PND and Dolly Maronski, DD and Regent, Court St. Ephrem #2230



Michelle Russo and Peggy Guckin



Workshop Participants

Parliamentary Procedures' Pointers

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian

WHAT IF????



...a member does not like the idea in a proposed motion made at the business meeting (she feels it is not appropriate for CDA). (Pending means motion has been seconded and stated by the Regent.)

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

YES, she can. WHAT??

1. Use the INCIDENTAL Motion—"I OBJECT TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION (Motion)."

No second required. Is not debatable.

REGENT SAYS, "All those in favor of considering this motion, say, "Aye;" those opposed, say, "No."

Regent states the result of the vote—Motion carries (or is defeated).

(Needs a 2/3 vote in the negative—for motion to be killed /blocked from action).

2. Use SUBSIDIARY Motion—I move it be "POSTPONED INDEFINITELY." Must be seconded. Can be discussed. Majority vote needed. Regent puts the question (this Motion) to a vote and announces the result.

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

Needs a majority vote. Regent puts the question (this Motion) to a vote, announces the result.

If motion carries, at the next meeting, this can be brought from the table by one who voted on the prevailing side, by a majority vote. Second needed. Is debatable.

(If not brought FROM THE TABLE by a member, the original motion is killed at this time; regent does not put it on her agenda.)

—Email Patricia Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com



May Lottery Winners

Edna Neely
 Marianne Midora
 Molly Fernan
 Justin Walker
 Jon Sherman
 Sylvia Fox
 Patricia Coonan
 Thomas Barbush
 Ann Marie Pfoutz
 Jason Walker
 David Borelle
 Susan Sharer
 Tracy Roman
 Madelon Callen*
 Mary Anne Mariana
 Lili Faber
 Janet Bradley
 Deacon Tom Boldin
 Dorothy Fritsch
 Cheryl Scott
 Shirley Wybranski
 Janet Dent
 Sylvia Fox
 Kathy Dice
 Georgine Bogovich
 Stephanie White Bivens
 Anne Miller
 Patricia Kendall
 Mary Leonard
 Suzanne Garnett
 Helena Wallace
 *\$100 winner

May Selling Court

Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Leo #256
 St. Dominic #2222
 SO Lisa McCann
 Sylvia Fox
 Mystical Rose #2628
 Allegheny #664
 St. Mary #95
 St. Dominic #2222
 SO Lisa McCann
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Westinghouse #759
 Immaculate Conception #2454
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. James the Greater #2180
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Westinghouse #759
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Ave Maria #399
 Sylvia Fox
 Washington #1651
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Bernard #339
 Queen of Peace #1023
 St. Marys #890
 St. Catherine of Siena #1992
 Ave Maria #650
 St. Marys #890

June Lottery Winners

Father Michael Crookston
 Zachary Lobb
 Vickie Wolfe
 Eric Jasper
 Payton Fox
 Rita Fisanick
 Ryan McCartney
 Nancy Stella
 Karen Walker
 Mary Louise Evans
 Mary Catherine Wydra*
 Anthony Glowacki
 David Fox
 Mary Jane Hodak
 Tracy Roman
 Tina Forsyth
 Linda Facchine
 Father Bill O'Brien
 Grace Schall
 Anna Kopp
 Eleanor Chodelka
 John Pallott
 Karen Morse
 Cynthia Keefe
 Nicole Kreider
 Shirley Kuszajewski
 Sylvia Fox
 Pam Callahan
 Brittney Zenzi
 Lorraine Benner
 *\$100 winner

June Selling Court

Monessen #776
 Easton #358
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 St. Theresa #562
 Sylvia Fox
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Theresa #562
 Ave Maria #399
 Easton #358
 Our Lady of Victory #558
 Lambing #314
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Bernard #339
 Westinghouse #759
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Leo #356
 Callistus #66
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 St. Mary #95
 New Kensington #860
 Bellevue #655
 St. Rita #523
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Conception #35
 Sylvia Fox
 State Officer
 St. Rita #353
 Bellevue #655

July Lottery Winners

Susan Hutchins
 Virginia A. Rhoa
 Judy Wood
 Carol Bellini
 Dawn Rogers
 Mary Lou Adamcik
 Mary Lou J. Snyder
 Donna Miknis
 Amy V. Bluedorn
 Mary Jane Reiman
 Tom Boldin
 Betty Dombrosky
 Walter Mehalko
 Colette McCaffrey
 Peggy Guckin
 Thomas Rimmer
 David Borelle
 Colette McCaffrey
 Mike Rulewski
 John J. Rhoa
 Sue Tracanna
 David Borelle
 The Very Rev. B. Sayers*
 Robert F. Walter
 Mike Lamberti
 Laurie Staub
 Dolores Glowacki
 Jean Reagan
 Coty Betts
 Linda Facchine
 Sandy Winter
 *\$100 Winner

July Selling Court

Callistus #66
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Columbia #2
 St. Ephrem #2230
 Washington #1651
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 St. Marys #890
 Bellevue #655
 Roses of Mary #2766
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Westinghouse #759
 Callistus #66
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Ephrem #2230
 Sylvia Fox
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Dominic #2222
 Westinghouse #759
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Greene County #1923
 Westinghouse #759
 Immaculate Conception #2454
 SR Margaret T. Giordano
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Lambing #314
 Lambing #314
 Bellevue #655
 St. Leo #356
 Uniontown #505

**10-Week Sunday Raffle Ticket Winners
May 7, 2023 - July 9, 2023**

<u>Winners/Selling Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Won</u>
Dan Martin	5/7/23	100
Margaret T. Giordano	5/7/23	25
Sandy Wilhelm	5/14/23	100
Ct. St. Marys #95	5/14/23	25
Teeny Richards	5/21/23	110
Ct. Roses of Mary #2766	5/21/23	25
Shirley Taft	5/28/23	100
Ct. Lambing #314	5/28/23	25
Barbara Krug	6/4/23	100
Ct. St. Marys #95	6/4/23	25
Gloria Kissel	6/11/23	500
Ct. New Kensington #860	6/11/23	25
Joanne Connelly	6/18/23	100
Lisa McCann	6/18/23	25
Madonna Roney	6/25/23	100
Ct. St. Rene #1868	6/25/23	25
Joe Smyder	7/2/23	100
Ct. St. Rita #523	7/2/23	25
Dorothy Pavlasky	7/9/23	100
Ct. Bellevue #655	7/9/23	25

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: _____

Congratulations!

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Education Contest Winners

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Congratulations 50th Jubilee

Msgr. Kenneth McAteer

Requested by: Gigi and Brian Petticrew

Happy Anniversary

Mom and Dad Sultzbach

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Bob Sultzbach, Husband

Nolan Gillespie

Great Grandson Jaymir

Best Friend Since Childhood Caron Leath

Nephew & Godson Nicholas Christian

Grand Nephew Dylan

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Margaret T. Giordano

Susan Sharer

Peggy McGinley

Patti Boley

Andrea Accardi

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in June, July and August. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

In Appreciation/Happy Priest Appreciation Day

Bishop Gainer

and Priests of the Diocese of Harrisburg

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

All Bishops and Priests of Pennsylvania

Father Norbert, State Chaplain

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

**Our Priests and Deacons Who Faithfully Serve
the Parishioners of St. James Parish
in Washington, PA**

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

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

Father of Susan Sharer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Diane Grabowski

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Shirley Hall, Immediate Past State Regent

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent

Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

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

Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Tina Dambach

2019-2023 PA Quality of Life Chairman

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

National Regent Emily Guilherme

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Doug Moné, Husband of National Regent Elect

& PA National Supervisor Susan Moné

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

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

Anne Nelson, Past National Regent

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Margaret H. Giordano, Mother

James A. Giordano, Father

Henry and Margaret Horn, Grandparents

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck, Sister

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Karen Anstett

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Colleen Leer, CDA SD State Military Chairman

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy

Rosemarie Faller, Past State Organist

Requested by: Lisa McCann

Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

James Hopkins

Requested by: Gigi and Brian Petticrew

Thank You!

Denise and Al Ricci

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

***St. Philip the Apostle Church
and Organist Steve Sauer***

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

***CDA National Officers, Directors, Chaplains
& Office Personnel***

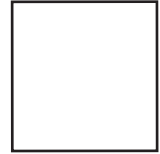
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Welcome!

***Bishop Timothy C. Senior
12th Bishop of Harrisburg***

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent

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



Return Service Requested

Put Out Into the Deep and Let Down Your Nets for a Catch!

Susan Moné, National Regent-Elect



Happy summer to all my Catholic Daughters sisters in Pennsylvania. I hope you have been enjoying fun times and building memories with family over these summer months and staying healthy and blessed.

The weather has been crazy this summer all over the country. My family in Pennsylvania tells me of all the rain you have had—while here in Arizona, we haven't had rain since March. I wish there was a way that we could share the rain! As you know, it is hot here during the summer, but this year we are breaking records with extreme, excessive heat. On a given year we average about 20 days over the four months that exceeds 110 degrees. As I sit writing this, it is our 29th day in a row over 110. Monsoon season started June 15th,

but we've had no monsoon activity until last night.

I just returned from the State and Territorial Officers training in Scottsdale, and I felt badly for the 130+ CDA State Officers who attended. I tried to console them with the fact that the humidity was only 18-20% and "it's a dry heat!" They were not buying it! I enjoyed seeing and speaking with your new State Board. They probably came home with a little training overload as the National Board covered many aspects of their leadership for the next two years. They will be taking what they learned to guide them as they, in turn, guide your courts to make Catholic Daughters in Pennsylvania the best that you can be.

You need to "Ring Our Bell!" Let others know what we share as members so that they want to join in the blessings of belonging to a Catholic group of women dedicated to our purpose of Spirituality and Service. A group that shares in the same morals and beliefs as we follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother Mary. As sisters in Christ, we pray, work, laugh and sometimes cry together as we serve the Lord in Unity and Charity.

Our National Regent's theme for this training session was "Put Out Into the Deep and Let Down Your Nets for a Catch" (Luke 5:4). As CDA members, that is what we all need to be doing as we promote our organization to inspire other women to want to join us.

In our world today, many women are searching to grow closer to Our Lord and are hungry to increase their spiritual lives. We have what they want, but we need to ring that bell loud and clear. We need to remember why we joined and why we remain members and share that joy with other women.

Soon, if not already, we are planning for the year ahead in our local courts. We encouraged your state board to share with your courts what they brought back from Scottsdale. Learn from them and share it with all your members so that we are one big team throwing out those nets for a catch.

I look forward to continue working with your state officers and to help all of you wherever I am able. You are in my daily prayers for the success and growth of CDA in my home state of Pennsylvania. Peace and love of Christ.

—Email Susan Moné: smone2164@gmail.com