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### This 'n That...

**Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent**

*You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world...  
—Matthew 5:13-16*

I pray that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Even when things are sometimes difficult, we have much to be grateful for, and we need to focus on the positive. I hope, too, that all of you have an Advent filled with prayer to await the coming of a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!



By now:

\_COMPLETED Fall Financial Reviews should have been sent to the National Office with copies sent to State Regent, State Secretary and District Deputy. Also, keep a copy for your court records. Thank you, local courts, district deputies and area supervisors for adhering to these deadlines.

\_COMPLETED National dues should have been mailed to the National Office, and State dues should have been sent to State Secretary, Pam Callahan. Thank you for promptly taking care of these. Remember that no motion is necessary for paying these dues. Court checks with two signatures should be mailed out right after the bills are received.

Remember:

COMING January 2025, ceremonial robes will be replaced with white shirts, black pants and black shoes. When medallions are available for purchase, they should be available in the store on the National website so that local courts can order them for their officers.

COMING 2025 National Contest Guidelines and Scholarship Applications have been emailed to local court regents in the National Quarterly, and they are posted on the National website so you can obtain all the guidelines, forms and deadlines. Deadlines are also in the First Call to Convention.

Contests include:

CDA Membership  
Education  
Facebook Page  
Newsletter  
Website

COMING Circle of Love Forms with State Chairman information on them will be sent to all PA local court regents in January. For more ideas on Circle of Love projects, see Circle of Love Supplements in the Tools of the Trade at [www.catholicdaughters.org/tools-of-the-trade](http://www.catholicdaughters.org/tools-of-the-trade).

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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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Special Court Anniversary Celebrations—Thank you to all courts who have informed me of your court celebration date, so I can mark my calendar. I attend whenever possible. In the event I cannot make it, I will send another officer in my place. I look forward to hearing from more courts, too!

Diocesan Meetings and Events—Please notify me of these dates ASAP so I can mark my calendar. I try to be present at least once in two years! Remember that CDA is all about Spirituality and Service and Unity and Charity.

## "Giving Thanks and Prayerfully Looking Forward"

*Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent*

My Dear Pennsylvania CDA Sisters,

Every day of life is a gift! Many wonders, as well as many challenges, can beset us each day. Let us trust in the Lord and make the best out of each situation. Thanksgiving Day will be over when you get this message, but I hope that we all focus on the positive and give thanks for all our blessings, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day. I am grateful for all that you do—for your families, your communities, the Church and CDA!



May you have a prayerful Advent to prepare for Christmas! May Christ be born again in your hearts and in your lives to fill you with His Presence and assist you along the journey of our CDA mission, starting the New Year with a newly revived spirit.

We have so many things to pray for...Each day I pray for you; please pray for me, too! In Unity and Charity and God be with you.

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

## 2025 National CDA Education Contest

*Jo Ann Lynn, State Education Chairman*

It's time to prepare for the annual Education Contest. (All the information is also in the Fall Quarterly.)

The entries last year were wonderful, as I'm sure they will be again this year.

THEMES for the 2025 Contest are:

*He who forgives an offense seeks love.*

—Proverbs 17:9 OR

*How do I feel when I forgive?*

I have a request: PLEASE, make sure the contestants follow the rules. Pay particular attention to the following:

- ◆ No lettering in either Art or Computer Art.
- ◆ Paper size must be correct.
- ◆ Contestant names may not be on the front of the

entries. Unfortunately, I had to disqualify some Art entries last year because the paper was not the correct size. Some Poetry and Essay entries were disqualified because the contestants' names were at the top of the page.

I have a new email address: joannlynn1097@gmail.com. My phone number is 215-378-0418. You may call or text if you have any questions. My mailing address is: JoAnn Lynn, 1244 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007. Please do not send your entries requiring a signature. I work full-time and am never home when my mail arrives. Make sure your entries are postmarked no later than March 1, 2025. Good luck to all the contestants!

—Email JoAnn Lynn: joannlynn1097@gmail.com

## Newsletter Schedule

Spring: March-May

Summer: June-August

Fall: September-November

Winter: December-February

Special Edition (Email Only)

## Submission Deadlines

Spring: February 1

Summer: May 1

Special Edition: July 1

Fall: September 1

Winter: November 1

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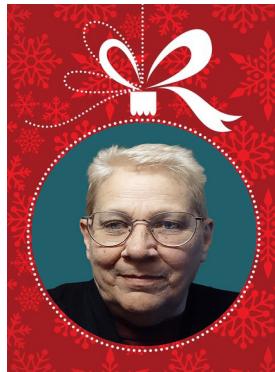
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## "Be a Beacon of Hope, a Light in the Darkness"



*Susan Moné, National Regent, PA National Supervisor*

My Dear CDA Sisters,

## We wait!

This is the title of a song that our choir sings during Advent. We sing of the special blessing of Advent for us to prepare for the birth of the Infant Jesus and Our Savior. We wait!

We all remember how we waited in exciting anticipation as children and prepared for the arrival of Santa. Festive Christmas music played in the background as gifts were wrapped, cookies baked and decorated. We searched for the perfect tree and shared the fun of decorating it with beautiful handmade ornaments we made and maybe strings of popcorn and silver tinsel. We waited anxiously in lines to tell Santa what was on our Christmas wish list. Our list was carefully made as we pored over and over the Sears catalog. We Wait!

Along with all the fun, we prepared in prayer as each evening at our dinner table we lit a candle and recited special Advent prayers. Our parents taught us the meaning of the Advent candle and purpose of the three purple candles and one pink candle. We were versed in the story of the Nativity and what the real meaning of Christmas was as we celebrated Baby Jesus's Birthday. We wait!

Just imagine Mary and Joseph preparing for the birth of their child! Just think of the excitement and anxious days as the time came closer. Like any other couple, there were preparations to be made to be ready. Mary would have been busy sewing infant clothes, preparing a place for Jesus to sleep. Think of Joseph busy in his shop carving a cradle for Jesus. Imagine when she found out they had to pack for a trip to Bethlehem with just weeks before their baby would arrive. It's difficult to think of Mary and Joseph as we would just any couple having a baby. We wait!

What will you do while you wait? I encourage all of you to take this time of waiting and use it to for your own special preparation for the birth of Jesus as you focus on the Infant instead of so much material preparations. Find charitable acts to make the season better for others in need. Attend Advent retreats or prayer services at your parish. Join your National Board on our CDA Facebook page for Advent prayer time every day at noon CST. The book we will use can be bought for \$5 from the CDA store, "Becoming Pilgrims of Hope."

I will have all my CDA sisters in my prayers during Advent and throughout the Christmas season. I pray that all of you will have a blessed Advent, Christmas and many blessings of health and happiness in the New Year 2025.

—Email Susan Moné: nationalregent28@gmail.com



## Faith is Caught, Not Taught!

*Robin Korfcheck, State Chairman, Family*



My husband and I help with our parish pre-Cana program. When discussing faith and family, we remind everyone that "faith is caught, not taught."

As CDA members, we can help everyone in our "family" catch the faith. Our local courts submitted so many amazing programs. I want to share a few ideas: A family campfire, snacks for day camps/Vacation Bible

School, Easter Egg Hunt, cards or holiday gifts for shut-ins, visiting nursing homes, hosting a family/parish picnic, holding a baby shower for those in need, supporting faith formation classes, offering a "date night" program for children, supporting community services for expectant mothers and families with young children.

How can your court help all members of God's family catch the faith?

—Email Robin Korfcheck: resk6387@gmail.com

## Much Thanks!

*Peggy Guckin*

*National Director & PSR*

Dear Members,

I can't thank you enough for all your prayers and cards during my recent hospitalizations.



I am doing much better. Please continue to pray for me.

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*To desire grace without recourse to the Virgin Mother  
is to desire to fly without wings.*

*—Pope Pius XII*

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## To Everything There is a Season

Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent



There is a family treasure that I have in my entryway. It is a beautiful needle-point, handcrafted by my mother-in-law. It is divided into four sections, and it says, "To Everything There is a Season." Jane passed away July 2010.

I have said goodbye to many loved ones since then, but this year has been particularly sad. It started in January with my dear Aunt Jane. March brought the passing of my mother, Betty, and at the end of October, my father, Joseph.

For the past five years, my siblings and I were blessed to be able to keep our parents comfortable in their own home as their health deteriorated and they approached the ends of their lives. Fifteen days after, my own father-in-law passed away. Jack was fifteen days shy of reaching his 102nd birthday!

I will be forever grateful to you, my CDA sisters, for your outpouring of comfort, support, prayers and Mass intentions over this year. I seriously could not fathom emotionally surviving this year without your support and my true conviction of the love of our Lord and Savior.

So, what traditions will I hold close to my heart this holy season? From Jane, I will make Heavenly Potatoes. Aunt Jane, I will make one of your delicious jello desserts. My Mom? Well, there is just so much, but I'll try to be more of a Mary and not a Martha and enjoy things without worrying that everything is perfect. From my father, I will welcome all into my home with joy and make sure there's beer in the fridge. From Jack, my father-in-law, I will try to keep my sense of humor through it all. No doubt these holidays will be difficult for me. I have spent every Thanksgiving and Christmas with my parents, siblings and Aunt Jane.

I thank you for your continued prayers and be confident that I pray daily for you. May our good and gracious God bless each of you during this holy season.

—Email Lisa McCann: cdapalisa@gmail.com



### The Best Gift

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We do this not through grand gestures, but through small, meaningful acts: A kind word to someone who feels invisible; a patient ear for someone carrying heavy burdens; a warm embrace for someone who feels unloved. These simple acts become sacred when done in love, for they echo the very mission of Christ, who came "to bind up the brokenhearted" and "to proclaim liberty to the captives" (Isaiah 61:1).



This Christmas, let us pray for the grace to see Christ in the faces of those who are hurting. And let us also pray for the courage to be Christ for others. In doing so, we will come to know the joy that no gift under the tree can offer: the joy of love given and received, the joy of God with us. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts this Christmas, and may His light guide you always. Amen.

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

## Celebrating Christmas and New Year's Day Over the Years

Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent



Christmas is approaching quickly. I come from a mixed family—his, hers and theirs. We have two or three Christmas celebrations, sometimes all on the same day. It is hard to please everyone, and there is way too much food to eat. I'm older now, of course, and grandparents and some parents are gone. We do one Christmas celebration at my sister's house on the Saturday before or after Christmas—that way we can all get together. We have seven kids, 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. We enjoy food, talking, watching the little ones open presents and playing; the adults swap games and especially take time to remember the old days. New Year's Eve is spent with friends or at home with little ones, but texts go back and forth at midnight with lots of well wishes. I am thankful to God, Jesus and Mother Mary who are watching over us, keeping us safe.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, enjoying family, friends and fun and GOOD HEALTH and GREAT MEMORIES to share in the year ahead.

—Email Jeanette Kitch: jeanettek.pacda.2@gmail.com

## Heart-Warming Time of the Year!

Pam Callahan, State Secretary



This is the time of year that I usually enjoy the most, but it has been a long year, and I have been so out of sync with things and so busy that I am struggling to find my normal holiday cheer.

We have had a lot of ups and downs in the family, but with every event, good or bad, I have kept the good Lord, front and center. He has helped me through everything and continues to do so every step of the way. It is a blessing to finally be getting back to better health, all in due time, not our time, but His.

I do truly love the Advent Season, I love singing. I am in three choirs, two at my church, as well as the Bellefonte Community Victorian Christmas Choir. I sing in this group with my youngest son. I was so excited when he joined me a few years ago and he loves Christmas as much as I do—it warms my heart. So being involved with all this and with all the traveling I do for work, it has made it hard for me to get into the spirit, even though I am doing what I love.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, be safe wherever you are and enjoy this Advent Season as we await the coming of the Lord. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God bless you all!

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

## Holiday Memories

Michelle Russo, State Treasurer



With the Christmas season approaching, a wonderful memory comes to mind. For about the first 35 years of my life, Christmas day was a whirlwind in my house. First, waking up to presents from Santa, breakfast and off to church. Then home again, to wrap up some homemade Christmas cookies and change into warmer clothes to attend the Re-enactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware. This event is held Christmas Day from 1:00-3:00 p.m. My father began the tradition as he portrayed General Adam Stephen. Then, when my five brothers were old enough, they too participated as soldiers and drummer boys. After I married, my husband then partook in the event as a soldier.

Eventually, my father's health and age sidelined him from the Crossing. My husband and brothers returned for one more Crossing of the Delaware before stepping down.

Afterwards, we arrive home just in time to eat a delicious dinner cooked by Mom. Dessert was homemade Christmas cookies made lovingly by mom. She would make over 50 different kinds of cookies and cakes in the shape of Christmas trees! Some cutout cookies were festively decorated and hung on the Christmas tree. Being one of seven children, we delivered cookies to our neighbors, teachers and the convent and rectory. In addition, my father, a letter carrier, would also deliver some cookies to customers on his route. Finally, we got to open our Christmas presents from Mom and Dad!—Blessed with memories to last a lifetime. Enjoy making memories with your family this holiday season! Merry Christmas!

—Email Michelle Russo: Micheller.Pacda1097@gmail.com

*The day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God, the entire human race was renewed, and the sorrow of the first mother, Eve, was transformed into joy.*

—St. John Damascene, Father and Doctor of the Church



# Court Chatter

## ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

### Allentown Diocesan Meeting

Host Courts: Court Ryan #911 and Court Easton #358, Allentown Diocese

Guest Courts: Court St. Martin #418, Scranton Diocese and Court Queen of Peace #1023, Harrisburg Diocese



*Court St. Ryan #911, Jim Thorpe  
Celebrating 100 Years!*

Catholic Daughters of Court Ryan #911 celebrated their 100th Anniversary with a Day of Reflection on Saturday, November 9 at Saint Joseph Parish. Officers and members ended the day with a 4:00 p.m. Mass, celebrated by Rev. Ronald J. Minner, Pastor and Chaplain.



*Diana Bochantin, Recording Secretary;  
Kathleen Becker, Financial Secretary;  
Mary Marzen, Vice-Regent;  
Sherry Freund, Regent; Sue Urban, Treasurer*

Our speaker was Sister Mary Joan, SCC who directed us in Centering Prayer.

This past year has been a year of charitable works in which we collected from our members and our parish and gave to various organizations within our Heart Speaks to Heart program.

During our Day of Reflection, we made turkey favors out of a pair of gloves and cobs of toiletries in a pair of socks for an upcoming meal for those without homes.



*State Officers with members of Court Ryan #911, celebrating 100 Years.  
All were wearing new dress code as we will no longer be wearing robes.*

## ERIE DIOCESE

Court St. Rita #353, Punxsutawney

### Lenten Fish Dinner and Easter Cookie Ministries

Court St. Rita #353 has been busy working throughout the year. The court sponsored the Annual Lenten Fish Dinners to benefit Saints Cosmas and Damian Roman Catholic School.



**Prep Work for Lenten Fish Dinners**



With cooperation of the Knights of Columbus, we were able to bring the traveling Eucharistic Exhibit to our community the first week of May.

Spring cleaning led to a successful Indoor Yard Sale.

The court took a short break to celebrate CDA Sunday, October 20, during the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Saints Cosmas

and Damian Church, followed by a breakfast buffet in Wienker Hall. During the breakfast, donations for Catholic Charities USA Hurricane Milton Relief Fund were received from the court and court members.



### Unity and Charity

Court St. Rita #353, Punxsutawney  
Celebrates Catholic Daughters Day

### Easter Cookie Ministries

Court St. Rita #353, Punxsutawney



Front row, left to right: Linda Bonifilo, Dolores Hardt, Kimberly Curtis, Treasurer; Rita Yenzi, Recording Secretary;  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph J. Riccardo, Chaplain; Debora Rougeux, Regent;

Brenda Benyon, Vice Regent and Carol Lownmaster, Financial Secretary

Middle row, left to right: Amy Gigliotti, Gina Mitchell, Terri Puleio, Michele Aikens, Elaine Scuello, LuAnn Rotolo,  
Patricia Rougeux, Dorothy Vilkinofsky and Barb Gresock

Back row, left to right: Maria Kuchta, Teresa Allemang, Angela Cesario, Coleen Casaday, Carol Bernat and Sue Walker

## HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster  
Mass for Sr. Mary Paul Giordano



Karen Hurley and Margaret T. Giordano attended Mass for Sister Mary Paul Giordano, Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

## Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster Harvest Tea Party



Sue Sharer sharing in the fun with her family

Mary Segway and  
sister, Nicole Kreider,  
modeling their hats



## Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster Making Wreaths for Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser



Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Linda Youngs, Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent; Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary

## Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy"

Court Our Lady of Victory #588 participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy" program. Court members enlisted the support of people in surrounding communities and were able to fill fifty boxes. Boxes are filled with essential hygiene items, apparel, school supplies, toys and more. The "Boxes of Joy" are shipped to Cross Catholic in Florida, and are distributed to the poorest of the poor children in Guam, Haiti, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic who would not otherwise receive a Christmas present.



Left to right, standing: Jamie A. Bordell, Father Frank Karwacki,  
Shelly Koutch, Donna Shuder  
Seated: Patti Razzis, Mary Catherine Wydra, Mary J. Snyder



## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

### Catholic Daughter Day

Philadelphia officers and new members received into Court St. Ephrem #2230: Joan Morrissey, Leanne Marie Morrissey-Schneider, Sue Pfeil and Nora Shapiro.



**S**tate Regent Margaret T. Giordano, State Secretary Pam Callahan and State Treasurer Michelle Russo display symbols on their robes as they are being described by District Deputy Colette McCafferty.



### Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia



**M**ary Ann Morley of Court St. Francis de Sales #2617 crochets hats, scarves and lap blankets for those in need.



### Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia

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Doris Kitt, Deanna Teixeira, Mary Moretz



Ann Young and Barbara Dages



Mary Ann Morley, Chris Butler and Rita Negron-Ramirez

## PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia; Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem;  
Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia and Court Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia  
Ditty Bags at Seamen's Center (Apostleship of the Sea)



Officers and members from Court St. Dominic #2222, Court St. Ephrem #2230, Court St. Francis de Sales #2617 and Court Mystical Rose #2628 made over 600 ditty bags in a few hours and filled them with toiletries and other items to keep seafarers warm.

Left to right: Colette McCaffrey; Patti Aversa; Mary Ann Morley; Helene Pierson, Director, Seaman Center; Dolly Maronski; Tim Marley; Peggy Guckin; Rebecca Pierson, Office Manager; Alice Murray; Michelle Russo; Violet Cali

### Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Baby Shower

Court St. Ephrem #2230 members were at all the Masses the weekend of November 9-10, collecting for our Baby Shower. We received monetary donations as well as diapers, wipes and cute clothes.



Carol Parsons, Dolly Moronski and Pat Lafferty after 7:30 a.m. Mass. Two car loads of baby items were delivered to St. Margaret of Costello Home.

### Court Mystical Rose #2628, Philadelphia St. Katherine of Siena School Hall of Fame

St. Katherine of Siena School held a Hall of Fame 2024 Induction. One of the honorees, Maryann Voystock, was awarded posthumously, and the court celebrated 15 years of service under our banner of Unity and Charity.



Sitting: Henrietta Hassinger,  
Mary Becker,  
Standing: Donna Bradley,  
Peggy Guckin, Sara Janulewicz,  
Lisa Lagan, Michelle Russo  
Back row: Mary Mullen



## PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

### Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue Thanksgiving Meals, Jubilee Kitchen & Humane Animal Rescue

At the November meeting of Court Bellevue #655, 100 treat bags were filled with candy to go along with the Thanksgiving meals provided by Christ Our Savior Parish in Pittsburgh. Our Recording Secretary, Karen, so graciously chairs this vital project; she also volunteers at the parish for their Meal 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.



show some of our court members filling the treat bags, and also the delivery that Karen and her husband made to the Jubilee Kitchen.

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.

We also collected donations for both the Jubilee Kitchen and the Humane Animal Rescue. Our Recording Secretary, Karen, graciously chairs both of these vital programs. Photos

### TIME TABLE FOR STATE CONVENTION

- Prior to December 25, 2024—Register for pre-convention fun trip (Noah at Sight & Sound)
- Prior to January 15, 2025 —Bylaw amendments to State Chairman
- Postmarked prior to February 1, 2025—Submission of packets by candidates for state office
- Prior to February 15, 2025 of Convention year—Elect delegates and alternates
- Postmarked by February 15, 2025—Deadline for mailing delegate and alternate forms
- Postmarked by February 15, 2025—Resolutions to State Chairman
- Postmarked by February 15, 2025—1st Place Education Contest winners to State Chairman
- Postmarked by February 15, 2025—Circle of Love Forms to State Chairmen
- Deadline March 15, 2025—Reports to State Regent for printing
- Deadline March 15, 2025—National and State donations for PA donation sheet
- Two months prior to State Convention—Official Call to Convention with agenda



## Parliamentary Procedure Pointers

Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian



recognized by the CHAIR before stating a motion or discussing

- To SUGGEST a certain motion to resolve a situation
- To APPOINT a parliamentarian, but also to ignore opinion of parliamentarian
- To receive UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS—automatically from the Secretary
- To DENY ACCEPTANCE of "I SO MOVE." Maker must state motion, "I MOVE TO..."
- To say YOUR MOTION is out of order (not that YOU are out of order)
- To VOTE on a written ballot
- To MAKE or BREAK a tie vote (tie vote is always lost)
- To disregard someone saying "call of the question"
- To insist you STAND and state your motion or debate/discuss a motion
- To ASK for a motion in writing if lengthy

### Rights of a Member

- To INTRODUCE/PROPOSE any item of business with—"I MOVE TO/THAT..."
- To SEE/HEAR—if not, do advise the Chair
- To rise to a POINT OF INQUIRY—if you don't understand; do ask
- To NEVER vote on a motion if you don't understand
- To your MINORITY opinion (you are not in accord with the motion)
- To AMEND / PERFECT a motion (called SUBSIDIARY or RIGHTING motion)
- To introduce a motion even if not in favor to get it on the floor for discussion
- To APPEAL decision of Chair (Motion: "I appeal from the decision of Chair")
- To move to RECONSIDER motion (at same meeting after another item of business is transacted)
- To RESCIND (at another meeting, if no action has yet been taken)
- To ask for a COUNTED vote (DIVISION) if you disagree with the Chair's decision, with "I call for a Division" (if you doubt the result)

—Email Patricia Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

### Rights of the Chair/ Presiding Officer

- For ORDER and DECO-RUM in the meeting at all times (no side conversations)
  - To CLARIFY (explain, but not give an opinion)
  - To HEAR/UNDER-STAND each speaker.
- Before speaking, member must stand, and be recognized by the CHAIR before stating a motion or discussing



### Instructions to Run as Candidate for State Office

A member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the local court of the candidate, which must be voted on at a local court meeting and signed by a majority of the local court officers, and consent to serve signed by the candidate.

Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked prior to February 1st of the State Convention year and mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman.

The submission of electronically-signed documents and a photograph is acceptable and must be electronically dated prior to February 1st of the State Convention year and emailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman.

The chairman shall acknowledge receipt of packet to candidate.



Candidates for State Office, please mail your packets, postmarked prior to February 1, 2025 to:

Nicole R. Kreider  
CDA PA Nominating Committee Chairman  
332 Prospect Street  
Lancaster, PA 17601

—Email Nicole Kreider: nicole.kreider.1023@gmail.com



### It's a Small World

State Treasurer Michelle Russo meets Susan Urban. Both Sue and Michelle were raised in Levittown. Their paths crossed in school, and 50 years later, their paths crossed again in Jim Thorpe, celebrating the 100-Year Anniversary of Court St. Ryan #911!

## National News Reminders

*Peggy Guckin, National Director, Past State Regent*

All information can be found in the *Quarterly* on the National website.

**A**ll's come together this Advent to help prepare for the Birth of Christ and the Jubilee Year. Join the National Board on the CDA Facebook site, at 12 noon CST, from December 1 to December 24. Don't forget.

Congratulations to Kathleen Grange of Court St. Monica #1181 of Graniteville, Vermont as National Legislative Chairman. We wish you all the best as you inform us as to what is going on.

National's Fun D Calendar started in October. There were no winners so far in Pennsylvania.

Coming soon—get ready to buy your raffle tickets for a chance for you and four of your friends to spend a weekend at the "Grand Old Lady" and see New York.

Are you interested in going to Greece and Turkey? Join Susan Moné and National Chaplain, Fr. Erick Villa, on a 12-day Footsteps of St. Paul trip, October 17-28, 2025. For more information, go to website: [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org), click on activities, scroll down to Pilgrimage, or you can call 833-944-8242, or email: [booking@Lpj.org](mailto:booking@Lpj.org).

## State News

**W**atch your mail. Second Vice State Regent, Jeanette Kitch, mailed out the Lucky Lottery Calendars for 2025-2026. Returns are to be made to Jeanette on or before May 11, 2025. If you need more calendars, call Jeanette.

Newsletter Contest—send your beautiful, noteworthy newsletter to Gloria Kissel, 236 Connecticut Dr., Lower Burrell, PA 15068. Gloria's email is: [gabe236@comcast.net](mailto:gabe236@comcast.net). You can find guidelines for all National Contests on the website: [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org), click members on the tool bar, scroll down to 2025 Contest.

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. God bless.

—Email Peggy Guckin: [mmg721@aol.com](mailto:mmg721@aol.com)



### Oct. Lottery Winners

Nancy Kilpatrick  
Allison Mariana  
Dolores Croyle  
Charlotte Resek  
Gina Roman  
Dolores Colella  
Becky Bonelli\*  
Mary Anne Mariana  
Cassandra Samole  
Janet Mandarino  
Nancy Gallagher  
Rita Morton  
Diane Eaise  
Fr. Angelo Patti  
Mary Consiglio  
Caroline Weimer  
Deacon Michael Dittman  
Ruthie Farrah  
Jon Sherman  
Debbie Fudrow  
James A. Giordano  
Bill Hall  
Lila Melan  
Judy Hair  
Sarah Uncapher  
Mary Ann & John Tarantella  
Nancy Kilpatrick  
Marlene Unverdorben  
Hessie Greene  
Margaret T. Giordano  
Kathy Los  
\*\$100 Winner

### Oct. Selling Court

Easton #358  
SO Lisa McCann  
Patricia #998  
Washington #1651  
Sylvia Fox  
SO Lisa McCann  
St. James the Greater #2180  
SO Lisa McCann  
Roses of Mary #2766  
Monessen #776  
Patricia #998  
Washington #1651  
Sylvia Fox  
Roses of Mary #2766  
Columbia #2  
Pattie Fromknecht RIP  
Immaculate Conception #2454  
Lambing #314  
SO Lisa McCann  
Blessed Madonna #2521  
SR Margaret T. Giordano  
IPSR Shirley Hall  
Easton #358  
Victoria #646  
St. Theresa #562  
St. Veronica #111  
Easton #358  
Bellevue #655  
Ave Maria #650  
SR Margaret T. Giordano  
St. Gianna Molla

### Nov. Lottery Winners

Lauren Devlin  
Michelle Scherrah  
Alicia Bair  
Alicia Velazquez  
Margaret T. Giordano  
Barbara Archer  
Mary & Mike Marzen  
Wanda Melocchi  
Jude Pipta  
Dorothy Pavlasky  
Tina Strible  
Peg Witas  
Kathleen Becker  
Heather Goldsmith  
Karen Smay-Brown  
Dominic Campagna  
Sylvia Fox  
Splash Meyer  
Marge Campagna  
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Barbara Auman  
Mary Grunthaner  
Gina Roman  
Debbie Hoyman\*  
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*Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much.  
You can never love her more than Jesus did.*

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

**PA Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
State Board Sends Christmas Greetings!**  
Wishing you and all your family a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy, Healthy New Year.  
Rev. Norbert Suresh, Margaret, Lisa, Jeanette, Pam and Michelle

**The Feast of the Holy Family**  
Sunday, December 29



*The Holy Family with a Little Bird*  
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo 1617-1682

**Beloved Joseph, Head of the Holy Family**

The greatness of St. Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of St. John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation." In a similar way, every father plays an essential role in bringing their families to Christ, because fatherhood is at the service of God's plan for salvation. The veneration and naming of the Feast of St. Joseph was established by Pope Sixtus in 1479 for the growing commemoration of his marriage to Mary and his conscientious fatherhood and his defense of life. So, let us pray that all fathers fulfill that role well, as they love and serve their families. St. Joseph, beloved father, head of the Holy Family, pray for us.

**Good of the Order**

*In Memory of Sr. Mary Paul, DM, Spiritual Advisor  
Lancaster, PA Court Queen of Peace #1023*

**Waiting for Jesus to Come**

Saint John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Mother of the Redeemer*, says that when we receive Jesus in Communion, for a few minutes, we have the same experience Mary had when she was pregnant with Jesus. We experience ourselves as a tabernacle.



**The Advent Wreath**

The first purple candle is from the dinosaurs to Adam and Eve. The second purple candle is from Adam and Eve to Abraham. The pink candle is from Abraham to King David. The last purple candle is from King David to the Holy Family. In the middle is the Christ candle. —December 10, 2023

**Believer's Alphabet**

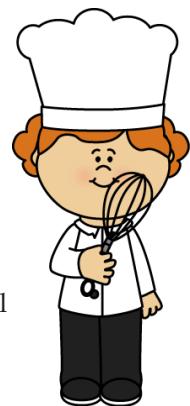
- A**lthough things are not perfect
- B**ecause of trial or pain
- C**ontinue in thanksgiving
- D**o not begin to blame
- E**n even when the times are hard
- F**ierce winds are bound to blow
- G**od is forever able
- H**old on to what you know
- I**magine life without His love
- J**oy would cease to be
- K**eep thanking Him for all the things
- L**ove imparts to thee
- M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"
- N**o weapon that is known
- O**n earth can yield the power
- P**raise can do alone
- Q**uit looking at the future
- R**edeem the time at hand
- S**tart every day with worship
- T**o "thank" is a command
- U**ntil we see Him coming
- V**ictorious in the sky
- W**e'll run the race with gratitude
- X**alting God most high
- Y**es, there'll be good times  
and yes, some will be bad, but...
- Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

**MY FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPE**

2 Hearts Full of Love  
1 Heaping Cup of Blessedness  
2 Pints of Sweetness  
1 Gallon of Friendship  
2 Quarts of Joy  
2 Gallons of Forgiveness  
A Dash of Togetherness  
A Pinch of Hope

**Directions:**

Place all ingredients in a very large bowl  
Sprinkle with Humor  
Toss in some Patience  
Drizzle with Happiness  
Serve with Compassion



**Why was the advent wreath excited?  
Because it lighted up the season.**

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas®*  
*Pennsylvania State Court*  
*Spiritual Intention Mass Card*

The Mass is offered at Misericordia Chapel, York, Pennsylvania 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: 12/17/23

*Congratulations 100 Years of Service  
Under our Banner of Unity and Charity*  
*Court Ryan #911*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

*Blessed Christmas & Happy, Healthy New Year*

*Officers and Members, Texas*

*Officers and Members, New Jersey*

*Officers and Members, Court Our Lady  
of the Americas #2344, D.C.*

*Officers and Members, State of Pennsylvania  
National Board and National Office Staff*

*National Directors Club, Officers and Members*

*Officers and Members, Court St. Ephrem #2230*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

*Speedy Recovery*

*Alicia Baier*

Requested by: Court St. Ephrem #2230

*Rest in Peace*

*Joseph Dombrosky, Father of Lisa McCann*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

*Jack McCann, Father-in-Law of Lisa McCann*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

*Ann McColgan*

*Michael Roman, Husband of Susan Roman, DD*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

*Chris Yates, Mother of Robin Burgoon*

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 November 2024. 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!

*Deepest Sympathy*

*Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent*

Requested by: CDA PA Sister State Officers

*Mary Impellizeri, National Director*

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers



*The Soul's Flight*

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

*Merry Christmas From Heaven*

I still hear the songs; I still see the lights;  
I still feel your love on cold wintery nights.

I still share your hopes and all of your cares;  
I'll even remind you to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you, you still make me proud.  
You stand head and shoulders above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment to stay in His grace;  
I came here before you to help set your place.

You don't have to be perfect all of the time;  
He forgives you the slip if you continue to climb.

To my family and friends, please be thankful today;  
I'm still close beside you in a new special way.

I love you all dearly; now don't shed a tear,  
'cause I'm spending my Christmas  
with Jesus this year!

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

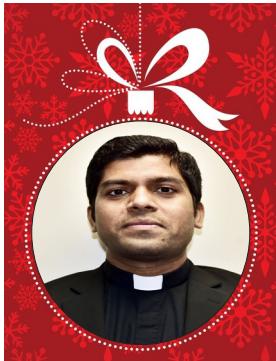


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## The Best Gift—Received and Given

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,  
**A**s the season of Advent draws us ever closer to the joy of Christmas, we find ourselves asking a profound question: What is the best gift we can receive this Christmas? The world may tempt us to think it lies in something wrapped in glittering paper or found on a store shelf. But as we reflect on the mystery of Christmas, our hearts remind us that the greatest gift is something far deeper, more lasting and more transformative.

Each of us carries our own burdens, our own wounds, some visible, others hidden in the quiet chambers of our hearts. We know the pain of loss, the weight of anxiety, the sting of rejection. Some of us have walked through the valley of grief; others carry the ache of broken relationships or the uncertainty of what lies ahead.

Yet, my dear friends, it is precisely in our brokenness that the gift of Christmas shines most brightly. For at the heart of Christmas is not a story of perfection, but a story of God entering into our imperfection. In Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh, God comes into our world not as a conquering king but as a vulnerable child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. He does not avoid our pain. He embraces it. He does not shy away from our wounds. He comes to heal them.

The best gift we can receive this Christmas is the presence of Emmanuel, God with us. This is the gift of a Savior who walks with us in our suffering, who redeems our pain and makes all things new. When we feel too broken to be loved, too weary to hope, or too lost to find our way, His love reminds us: we are not alone. We are not forgotten. You are infinitely cherished.

And yet, this gift is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Jesus, who came into the world as light shining in the darkness, calls us to do the same. Our own brokenness can become a bridge of empathy, a source of understanding and compassion. Have you ever noticed that the people who truly comfort us in our trials are often those who have suffered themselves? Their wounds become a testimony of God's grace, a reminder that healing is possible, and that we are not alone in our struggles.

This Christmas, let us not only receive the gift of Christ's presence, but also give it away. Perhaps the greatest gift we can offer to others, especially those who feel forgotten, broken or lost, is the assurance of our love and the reflection of God's love.



*The Adoration of the Magi - Eugenio Cajés*  
1574-1634

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