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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 all of you had a Blessed Easter Season. Spring has finally sprung, and summer will soon be here!

By now:

- ❖ Spring Financial Reviews should have been sent to the National Office, State Regent, State Secretary, and District Deputy
- ❖ National dues should have been sent to the National Office. Thank you, local courts, for adhering to the May 1st deadlines.

Remember:

- ❖ Please send State dues to Secretary Pam Callahan by May 25th.
- ❖ National Convention registration is due June 1st. (Later registration can be sent, but at a higher price.)
- ❖ Use the new updated forms from the National website for the Local Court Officers List to be sent out just after the May election of officers.
- ❖ Newly-elected officers take on their duties 30 days after the election!
- ❖ Installation of officers can be celebrated in June (or even in September).

Reminder:

Special Court Anniversary Celebrations—Thank you to those courts who have advised me of the date, so I can mark my calendar. If I can possibly make it, I will! I look forward to hearing from more courts, too!

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

Although I cannot make it to every single event, I would love to. I am trying my best to visit courts in every diocese.

I am so grateful that our Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas combine their efforts spiritually and generously in Unity and Charity. Each and every little bit you and your court does makes a positive difference and contributes to the Good of the Order! THANK YOU!

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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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NATIONAL NEWS

Reminders National / State News

Priest Appreciation Sunday

June 2, 2024

Cards are available at NY CDA Store

60th Biennial National Convention

August 14-18

New Orleans will be here before you know it!

ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU PREPARED?

June 1st - Deadline for early registration

June 1st - Deadline for meal reservations

Riverside Hilton Hotel – Convention Hotel

No room yet? There is a listing of hotels with rates on national website.
COME EARLY OR STAY LATE to learn and enjoy the SIGHTS AND SOUNDS
NEW ORLEANS HAS TO OFFER. A description of all the tours being offered
is listed in March *National Quarterly* and can also be found on National web-
site: catholicdaughters.org

Reservations: <http://www.noladmctours.com>

password: NewOrleans2024 (case sensitive)

Tours with less than 25 participants will be canceled and the money will be
refunded.

Walk/Run is now a “Virtual” Walk/Run due to the expense of permit and
laws of New Orleans which would take away from any donations collected for
the National Charities. Photos will still be taken of the participants. Deadline
for registration, money and T-shirt order form is due by May 30. Form can be
found on the website. We encourage your participation to support National
Projects/Charities.

State Dinners: Thursday, August 15, 2024—Arrangements are being made
for PA State Dinner in New Orleans. Please email Margaret Giordano, State
Regent, with names and email addresses for those members in your court who
will be attending the convention.

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Making Memories

Three members of Court St. Rita #523, Susan Sharer (also a member of
#1023), Rose Long, Shirley Hall (IPSR) and Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent of
Court Queen of Peace #1023, were joined by Essie Walker, CDA National 1st
Vice Regent, as they stopped in Charlotte, North Carolina on their way home
from a bus trip to Florida for baseball spring training.





2024 PA State Education Contest Winners

Art Division I

1st Place	Blair Lewis	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
2nd Place	Sophia Luna	Queen of Peace #1023
3rd Place	Amelia Merkel	St. Thomas #1483

Art Division II

1st Place	Emma Gaba	Mystical Rose #2628
2nd Place	Sophia Sawyer	Washington #1651
3rd Place	Nancy Rojas	Queen of Peace #1023

Art Division III

1st Place	Jocelyn Bielak	Patricia #998
2nd Place	Nadia Morrison	St. Thomas #1483
3rd Place	Lucia Madore	Bellevue #655

Art Division IV

1st Place	Angel Harbst	St. Rita #523
2nd Place	Dolores Croyle	Patricia #998

Computer Art Division I

1st Place	Evan Huber	St. Thomas #1483
2nd Place	Noah McKenna	Mystical Rose #2628
3rd Place	Grace Bassett	Of Our Lady #647

Computer Art Division II

1st Place	Samarah Scott	St. Bernard #339
2nd Place	Mason Moret	St. Dominic #2222
3rd Place	Mason Young	Of Our Lady #647

Computer Art Division III

1st Place	Rachel Cribbs	St. Bernard #339
2nd Place	Abigail Hawk	Patricia #998

Essay Division I

1st Place	London Cimino	Blessed Madonna #2521
2nd Place	Madison Perez	St. Dominic #2222

Essay Division II

1st Place	Abigail Lander	St. Thomas #1483
2nd Place	Diana Hennigar	St. Dominic #2222
3rd Place	Mae Clement	Blessed Madonna #2521

Essay Division III

1st Place	Gus Clement	Blessed Madonna #2521
2nd Place	Abigail Hawk	Patricia #998
3rd Place	Nina Francia	Monessen #776

Music Division II

1st Place	Maggie Krotzer	Of Our Lady #647
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Photography Division II

1st Place	Michael Grab, Jr.	Mystical Rose #2628
2nd Place	Noah Hendricks	Blessed Madonna #2521
3rd Place	Sam Pittman	St. Bernard #339

Photography Division III

1st Place	Julianne Daniele	Bellevue #655
2nd Place	Madison Croyle	Patricia #998

Photography Division IV

1st Place	Carly M. Long	Queen of Peace #1023
2nd Place	Cheryl McLaughlin	Monessen #776

Poetry, Division I

1st Place	Joelle Manter	Blessed Madonna #2521
2nd Place	Camryn Brown	Our Lady of Victory #722
3rd Place	Olivia Drab	Mystical Rose #2628

Poetry, Division II

1st Place	Abigail R. Peters	Joan of Arc #716
2nd Place	Austin Adams	Washington #1651
3rd Place	Elijah Williams	St. Dominic #2222

Poetry, Division III

1st Place	Maximilian Clement	Blessed Madonna #2521
2nd Place	Troy Bielak	Patricia #998

Poetry, Division IV

1st Place	Sara Stein	Monessen #776
2nd Place	Patricia Dettore	St. Theresa #562
3rd Place	Michelle Russo	St. Mark #1097

Congratulations, Winners!

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Looking Forward to Our National Convention

Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent

My Dear Pennsylvania CDA Sisters,

Ever since the first National Convention I attended in Buffalo, New York, I was so exhilarated by being with such a spiritual and, yes, even fun, group of ladies. As a teacher of adult education students, I loved meeting people from all over the world. In Catholic Daughters, I love meeting people from all across the Americas!



I look forward to being in beautiful New Orleans! (I have been there several times before to attend and present at work conferences with the Coalition of Adult Basic Education and Adult Numeracy Network).

It's important to attend the meetings, participate, and get the latest news on CDA. Masses are beautiful with everyone participating! I love it! It fills my heart with enthusiasm! We learn more about the charities CDA supports from guest speakers. Awards are presented. (Go, PA!) We will learn about the next convention. We will have a PA State Night Dinner, too.

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

Heart and Soul of CDA!

Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent

On August 14, 2024, our organization will convene in New Orleans, Louisiana for the 60th Biennial National Convention.

What do I look forward to while attending the convention? Each National Convention I have attended is unique and at the same time the same. The sameness I experience is in no way negative. It is the heart and soul of this great organization. Business must be conducted and although it may at times become tedious, there is satisfaction knowing that we belong to such an organization that is governed by procedure for the benefit of all. There is satisfaction in selecting and promoting godly women to lead and supervise us. I look forward to the spirituality that is a hallmark of our National Conventions and I intend to take advantage of time to slow down from my busy daily responsibilities and fully immerse myself in all the graces and blessings the convention offers.

I am not necessarily looking forward to the heat and humidity, but I am looking forward to enjoying as many beignets as I can!

I hope many of you, our Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters, can join us at the 60th Biennial National Convention.

—Email Lisa McCann: cdapalisa@gmail.com

What I Expect to Take Away from the National Convention

Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent

I enjoy the ladies you meet from all the courts. Some ladies will end up being Christmas card pals, maybe birthday, writing, calling or email pals. You meet so many ladies from all walks of life, ages 20 to 90+. I enjoy them all. Some ladies are "dressed to the nines," others, just in regular, everyday clothes. I enjoy the dinners, the decorations and just taking in the scenery. I enjoy the extra training classes—they are always interesting. I enjoy going places and seeing the country. I expect the dress-up costumes and masks for Mardi Grai night will be fun, with lots of memories and pictures. I hope to make a new friend or two.

Also, I look forward to seeing you there as well as the other friends I have already made.

—Email Jeanette Kitch: jkitch18@outlook.com

What's Not to Love About National Conventions?!

Pam Callahan, State Secretary

Before I begin, I want to say, "thank you!" I was so overwhelmed to receive so many cards and prayers from you all. My health issues were a scare, but I am on the mend, getting better and more active, and we plan to be at the National Convention in New Orleans.



I can't wait. I will forever look forward to the conventions, and I can't believe it took me so long to get to one. This will be my second National Convention. As soon as they announced New Orleans, I told my husband I was going, and he was welcome to join me. I look forward to connecting with old friends and making new ones. I love the spirituality we incorporate into our busy days conducting much needed business. I enjoy the workshops, the ability to see new towns and places. What is there not to love about National Conventions? I just wish I had gotten to one sooner—I must make up for lost time now! If you have never been to a National Convention, you are missing out and need to get there, soon!

I hope to see you this summer, if I have not met you yet, please introduce yourself. With much love and blessings.

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

2024 National Convention Expectations and Takeaways

Michelle Russo, State Treasurer



The excitement of the upcoming 2024 National Convention in New Orleans has begun! Slowly, I am checking items off my to-do list, such as hotel reservations, registration, meal forms, etc. My plan is to have all items checked off by June, well, except for the packing of the suitcase. Moreover, after my suitcase is all packed and ready to go, then and only then, can I relax and take a breather.

Once I am in New Orleans, I look forward to seeing the ladies I met at my first National Convention in Puerto Rico. Yes, you can connect through social media, emails or a phone calls, but there is nothing like conversing with a dear friend in person! It will be so nice to give hugs and meet up for coffee, tea or lunch! Even though it has been two years since the last National Convention, the friendships will pick up where we left off...it will feel as if we were not apart. The support is amazing, the conversations are uplifting and the friendship is life-long! I cannot wait to "catch up" and make plans for the next National Convention in Iowa.

In addition to lifelong friendships, it will be interesting to see what directions the various courts have taken regarding fundraising, increasing membership, and retaining members. There is so much to take in, reflect upon and report back to members who were unable to attend. On the contrary, it will be quite busy, time will fly by and before you know it, it will be time to say, "so long." I learned from my Aunt Dorothy, or as I call her Aunt Mommy, aged 102, "do NOT say 'goodbye' as that is final. Say 'so long' because we will see each other again!" The conventions are an undertaking, but the camaraderie is like no other. I do not want to miss out on being a part of it!

Even though this will be my second National Convention, it will be my first time attending as a State Officer! Since next year, 2025, will be a State Convention year, I really need to pay attention to the workings of a convention. As a State Officer, I will be required to assist in the planning and execution processes of setting up a convention—in other words, what went well with regards to checking in, registration, setting up classroom style, banquet meals, etc. Likewise, what supplies were provided to attendees and were there extra on hand? Equally important are the protocol and procedures taking place while in attendance. To prepare myself for this, reviewing the by-laws, tools of the trade, and *Robert's Rules* will be on my night-time reading list. To put it differently, graduation from high school and college is not the end of schooling. Learning is a life-long achievement. When it comes to CDA, it is with love that I learn the ins and outs of being a Catholic Daughter of the Americas member.

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I Am the Vine, You are the Branches

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sharing with others the Divine intervention of Jesus in the life of Paul. Barnabas aspired to show love and kindness towards Paul. He aspired to see the growth of the Church and its children. Consequently, Paul preached the Word of God in Jerusalem with the disciples, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

Yes, dear friends in Jesus Christ, this is what God calls us to do. Jesus wants us to be his true disciples by abiding in him. When we are connected with Jesus, we can shine with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Imagine what your day would be like if your body was wholly filled with Jesus. You would be a container, carrying God everywhere you went. It would affect your thoughts, emotions and actions. Being filled with the divine presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, would change what you say, the entertainment you choose, and the people with whom you choose to spend time.

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

* "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in me, and I in him, will produce abundantly, for apart from me you can do nothing. A man who does not live in me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt. If you live in me, and my words stay part of you you may ask what you will—it will be done for you. My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming my disciples." ♦



Court Chatter

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

WELCOME NEW PENNSYLVANIA COURT! Court Good Shepherd #2800, Port Matilda

On March 2, 2024, at Good Shepherd Church, Port Matilda, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, a Mass was celebrated by Past State Chaplain Rev. Jozef Kovacik, Pastor and Charter Court Chaplain who presided over a regularly-scheduled Mass for the Reception of New Members and Institution and Installation of the Charter Members of Court Good Shepherd #2800. Thirty-two members said YES and joined CDA to start the new court.



Shirley Hall, IPSR; Susan Sharer, Court Development and District Deputy; Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair; Mother Court Officers from Court St. Rita #523; State Officers; Pastor and Charter Court Chaplain Rev. Jozef Kovacik, IPSC; and Charter Officers of Court Good Shepherd #2800



Court Officers: Christina Combs, Regent; Rose Mary Zbiek, Vice-Regent; Jackie Esposito, Recording Secretary; Marcella Fickes, Financial Secretary and Patricia Yost, Treasurer

Charter Members: Jill Babinski, Kate Bischoff, Patricia Gatto, Bernadene Harlow, Tracy Hoover, Wanda Hoy, Lisa Karl, Sheila Moscone, Marilyn Muscarell, Colette Orlandi, Charlotte Orient, Andrea Palznjian, Elfredia Persie, Natalie Proch, Jan Reisinger, Maureen Salvato, Elizabeth Saupp, Victoria Schirm, Julianne Sills, Crystal Switalski, Christine Walk, Doris Wurster, Melissa Yahner, Lesa Yeager and Piae Zimmerman, Rev. Jozef Kovacik, Chaplain

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

NEW Court Good Shepherd #2800, Port Matilda



Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent, (at lectern) and Janet Oesterling, State Membership Chair, giving membership pledge



Margaret Giordano presents gavel to newly-installed Charter Regent Christina Combs

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Reception for Bishop Bartchak and Confirmation Candidates

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 hosted a light reception for Bishop Mark Bartchak and our Confirmation candidates. The candidates met with Bishop Mark for Eucharistic Adoration and prayers at St. John the Evangelist Church, and CDA hosted the reception following.



Left to right: Father Brian Saylor, Pastor; Charlotte Burcin, Helen Lowry, Lorraine Fello, Pat Stoker, Bishop Mark, Rose Truglio, Christine Surovec and Vickie Wolfe

Court St. Joan of Arc #716, Cresson Derby-Style Fundraiser, April 28



Constant Stransky, Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Regent and Patty Nagy, Financial Secretary

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte 103rd Court Anniversary



Marilyn Houtz, a 70-year member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle, #448, was honored at our 103rd Court Anniversary. We are blessed to have her as a member and were pleased to honor her on this special CDA milestone. God bless Marilyn.



Great turn-out of support for Court Joan of Arc #716



Millie Bodenschatz, Mary Lou Zimmerman, Mary Mastrine, Lillian Repko and Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Regent

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755

Hollidaysburg, May Crowning



At our meeting on May 8th, Stephanie Henry and her 18-month-old daughter, Jane, crowned Mary in front of 45 members and three guests. Stephanie joined our Court in October 2022 while pregnant with Jane and is the youngest member. It was a beautiful ceremony to honor Mary.

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court St. Bernard #339, Indiana

CDA Education Contest

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Bernard #339 presented Mrs. Tina Bucci, Principal of St. Bernard Learning Center, a puzzle of The Indiana Catholic Community at the awards ceremony for the CDA Education Contest. The puzzle was designed by our court and sold as a fundraiser. Arlene Yackuboskey and Lori Campbell were the photographers and Kathy Nealer designed it. Pictures are of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Thomas More University Parish.



Holding a finished puzzle is Lori Campbell and presenting the puzzle to Mrs. Bucci is Barbara Minor, Regent

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Carly M. Long, member of Court Queen of Peace #1023, won first place at the state level for her Photography IV entry in the 2023-2024 CDA National Education Contest! Shown in photo: Carly and Fr. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain.



Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster Bingo at Lancaster Nursing & Rehabilitation

Court Queen of Peace #1023 volunteers provide Bingo about every other month for residents at Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. We call the bingo numbers, provide prizes, help residents play and bring the prizes to winners at their tables. 60 residents attended the March Bingo.



Front row, left to right: Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary, Margaret T. Giordano, Pat Jacobs, Danielle Christian, Brenda Goodling, Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; back row: "Men's Auxiliary Member" Bob Sultzbach; not shown: Janet Kreiner

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Combined Courts of Philadelphia

CDA members are always ready to serve as honor guard on the passing of a member.



Sitting: Peggy Guckin, Carol Parsons, Rose Medash;
standing: Michelle Russo, Dolly Maranski and Anne Albertson

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Ave Maria #650, Germantown

Celebrating 100th Birthday of Bertha Allen

On March 10, 2024, Bertha Allen celebrated her 100th birthday with court members and family.



Front row: Eloise Brown, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen,
Frances Williams, Helen Green

Middle row: Lydia Phillip, Marie Phanord, Suzanne Garnett,
Heather Goldsmith

Back row: Dorina Opferman, Marlene Duley, Gloria Leggett-Benton

Court St. Dominic #2222, Philadelphia

Bi-Annual Flea Market, held on March 9, 2024

Everyone always enjoys this day. This year's event was very successful, financially and spiritually. Many members make the baked sweets and donate the food we sell. We all come together as a group to add our time and talents, preparing, cooking, promoting our organization, and supporting the community and church. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of Catholic women who love God, church and each other.



Cheryl Vicsomi, Marianne Mildora and Colette McCaffrey



Left to right:
Jeanette Cardinal,
Colette McCaffrey,
Carol Liberi,
Cheryl Vicsomi,
Ann Dougherty-Gordon,
Alberta Brown, Gerry Lohn,
Eileen Myer
Sitting: Marianne Midora,
Betty Weber and our helper,
Rocco Barr (son of our
member, Denise Barr)

Combined Courts of Philadelphia, Deal or No Deal



One-hundred-plus members and friends enjoyed a day out and celebrated the theme, "April showers bring

May flowers." Members got dressed for the theme and decorated their tables. The best-dressed members and the best-decorated tables, determined by applause, received a gift. Peggy called the names, and winners would pick the numbered suitcase for the gift.



Marge Mullin, Michelle Russo, Peggy Lamberti, Alice Woodford and Cheryl Visconti

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Deal or No Deal contd.



Court St. Ephrem # 2230 winners enjoying Deal or No Deal



Michelle Russo, Peggy Lamberti, Alice Woodford

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Patroness of Haiti

Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mary, Model of Christian love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem. But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can. May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help.

We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over the people of Haiti and in a special way place your mantle over the Little Sisters and Brothers of the Incarnation. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take them in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help them. For God who is mighty has done great things for you. Intercede for them, dear Mother. We ask you for aid, protection and restoration of human dignity in Haiti. We pray for relief from the suffering that continues to plague this country dedicated to your patronage.

Prayer Intention for June 25

Pray for the relief of the suffering due to disease, lack of food, lack of clean water, unsafe and dangerous housing, inability to access education for children and lack of meaningful employment.

Prayer Intention for June 26

Pray for those who endure physical violence, kidnapping and torture; for those whose homes have been taken through gang warfare, for those who grieve the loss of loved ones and daily fear for their own lives, for the children who are exposed to violence as a daily fact of life.

Prayer Intention for June 27

Pray for the establishment of a government in Haiti that values and respects the lives of its citizens; that governments of the world devote the necessary resources to provide meaningful aid to the people of Haiti while honoring their rights; that peace be restored to the country and that the lives of the people of Haiti be restored to a just dignity as God's children. ♦

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue

Bingo and Easter Eggs

Court Bellevue #655 helped a few of the residents at Mt. Assisi Place to play bingo and dye Easter eggs. It was a small group, but they all really had a good time. Aren't our eggs so pretty?



Standing: Resident Sr. Rosemary,
Mary Jo Pallott, Financial Secretary; Maria Faller, Regent
Sitting: Resident Betty and Lorraine



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue

ing students at Bishop Canevin High School. The students submitted poetry, essay, art, and photography entries. All students who placed receive a certificate and monetary award. All First-Place winners have moved on to the State level with their submissions under consideration for the National Contest! (One of the students from Northside Catholic unfortunately was absent from school when we presented the awards.)



Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue Easter Treat Bags for Shut-Ins

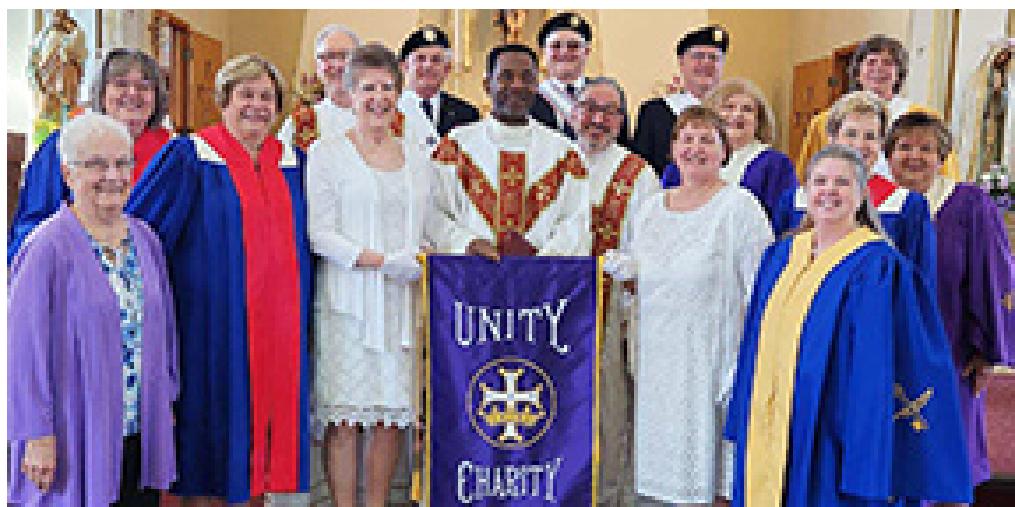
Court Bellevue #655 filled 100 Easter treat bags for the shut-ins from Christ Our Savior Parish. Vice Regent, Karen Smay-Brown, who coordinates this very worthy project, said, "They LOVED the treat bags at Christ our Savior Parish when I dropped them off recently."



Marlene Unverdorden, Recording Secretary, along with court members Marilou Belch (seated) and Kathy LaMarca, filling the treat bags. Karen, amazingly, was able to get bags that are printed with the text, "Jesus Lives, Alleluia!" If you look closely at photo of the bags, you will see this message.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Dolores #1675, Pittsburgh
70th Anniversary



Front row, left to right: Shirley Hall, Immediate Past State Regent; Randi Ross Marodi, Recording Secretary; Bonnie Conley, Financial Secretary; Anna Marie Glowaski, Immediate Past Regent; Rev. Dillio Onyejiuwa, Celebrant; Deacon Mike Gatto, Spiritual Advisor; Patricia McKean, Banner Bearer; Nikki Meglis, Regent; Pam Callahan, State Secretary; Carol Doman, Treasurer; Andrea Remish, Vice Regent
Back row, left to right: Deacon Tom Raymond; Stanley Glowaski, K of C Honor Guard; Adrian Gordon, K of C Honor Guard; Gary Damich, K of C Honor Guard; Lisa McCann, State 1st Vice Regent



Unity and Charity

Seated, left to right: Laura Hrutkay, Charter Member; Nikki Meglis, Regent; Ann Perchinsky, Charter Member; Dorothy Durko, Andrea Remish, Vice Regent
2nd row, left to right: Patty Prekrel, Cheryl Gatto, Betty Hrutkay, Diana Furnan, Lorraine Johnson, Judy Lowman, Bonnie Conley, Financial Secretary; Randi Ross Marodi, Recording Secretary
3rd row, left to right: Patricia DiFilippo, Stephanie Young, Constance Tuomi
4th row, left to right: Linda McGinty, Anna Marie Glowaski, Immediate Past Regent; Patricia McKean, Banner Bearer; Jessica Besedick
Top row, left to right: Sandy Damich, Loretta Antanovitch, Carol Doman, Treasurer
Missing from photo is Mary Pattison



Left to right: Carol Doman, Treasurer; Randi Ross Marodi, Recording Secretary; Nikki Meglis, Regent; Andrea Remish, Vice Regent; Bonnie Conley, Financial Secretary



Left to right: Peg Rafferty, PSR, Shirley Hall, PSR, Lisa McCann, First Vice State Regent, Pam Callahan, State Secretary and Nikki Meglis, Regent

The Hand of God is Ever Present

Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan

Dear Catholic Daughter Friends,



As some of you may know, I had been on dialysis for five years, beginning in January 2019, when a series of major surgeries caused my kidneys to fail. Subsequently, three times each week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, I would spend almost five hours thrice weekly in a dialysis clinic receiving treatment. As you well imagine, the constant weekly schedule was taxing and oftentimes inconvenient.

In October 2023, I placed a letter in Saint Ephrem Parish bulletin (where I am assigned) asking parishioners to "Help get the word out" regarding organ donation, in general, as well as my own specific need for a kidney donation. Nothing really came of the letter, until January 2, 2024, when a parishioner (whose wife read and remembered my letter) called the rectory to ask if I would be interested in his brother-in-law's kidney. (His brother-in-law was declared brain dead, but was being kept on life support until his organs could be harvested.) Needless to say, I said I was, but my doctors would need to test them to see if I was compatible.

Twenty-four long hours later, I received a call from "Gift of Life," telling me that I was a match and had to be at the hospital within four hours. I arrived at the hospital at 10:00 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, January 3rd, and was brought into surgery at 9:00 a.m. the next morning! My recovery was longer and more complex than I imagined, but with each passing day, my doctors noticed slight improvement. I was discharged from the hospital eleven days after my transplant and spent the following three months recovering at my sister's house in New York.

Throughout those months, I received over three hundred and fifty cards from friends and parishioners, as well as phone calls, texts and emails, wishing me well in my recovery. I also know I was accompanied by countless other prayers from many people in my life and those I have encountered during my priestly ministry. I know some of those prayers were offered by many Catholic Daughters, for which I am truly grateful!

I returned to full-time ministry at Saint Ephrem Parish in Bensalem on Friday, May 3rd. After five years of dialysis treatment, I am thrilled and blessed that I am no longer burdened by the treatments. As I look back to January 2nd and the following months, I am humbled to see how quietly, but noticeably, the hand of God was present in my life and recovery. I am comforted to know that my months of recovery were quietly accompanied by so many prayers on my behalf. If you were among the many who offered prayers on my behalf, please know how grateful I am; at the same time, I would ask that you might also offer a prayer of thanksgiving with-and for-me, thanking Almighty God for all the good He has bestowed on me, especially during the first months of this year!

May God continue to bless the work of the Catholic Daughters, and may He continually make His presence known, especially to the sick and suffering!

Fr. O'Sullivan was State Chaplain for four years during the time Peggy Guckin was State Regent.

—Email Fr. O'Sullivan: tfjos64@gmail.com



**Calling all District Deputies,
State Chairmen,
Court Officers
(especially ones new to office)
and all Members**
Save these dates!

☛ **PA State Workshop**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Harrisburg Diocesan Center

4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111

☛ **PA March for Life**

Monday, September 23, 2024, Harrisburg, PA

☛ **PA State Convention**

April 11 – 14, 2025 at the Doubletree Resort
2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

MORE INFORMATION WILL COME LATER!

National News

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National JCDA Sweet Retreat, June 9-12, 2024

Albuquerque, NM

Tomorrow's promise lives in today's youth

The main goal of the retreat is to gather JCDA members from throughout the nation to gather, grow spiritually, and to develop new and lasting friendships. They have an Amazon Wish List or you can make monetary contribution to Catholic Daughters of the Americas and send to National JCDA Chairman Yvette Griego. More information can be found in the *Quarterly*.

There is also a wealth of information in March *Quarterly* regarding disbandment of a local court. Remember also—NO local court officer has the AUTHORITY to disband a court.

Newsletter Contest Winners

Category 1 - Division 2

First Place	Court St. Dominic #2222	Philadelphia
Second Place	Court Bellevue #655	Bellevue

Rest in Peace



**Patricia Joanne (Bucarelli)
Fromknecht (AKA Pattie)**

February 19, 1957 - April 26, 2024

Pattie Fromknecht 67, passed away peacefully on the evening of April 26, 2024, surrounded by her family. Pattie was born in Erie, PA and relocated to Altoona, PA in 1995.

Pattie was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Dorothy (Korn) Bucarelli, and her brother, Anthony Bucarelli. She is survived by her husband, Joseph R. Fromknecht, three children and three grandchildren. Pattie; married the love of her life in 1979 and had been happily married for 45 years.

Pattie wore many hats as a volunteer on many committees in parishes and in the community. Pattie was a charter member of Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 and a dual member in Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755. Pattie was proof reader, editor, publisher and one of the co-authors of *PA History of CDA June 2005 through July 2021*, served on the 2016 Biennial National Convention in Pennsylvania as committee chair, PA State website designer 2011 to present and which she redesigned in July 2017, was State newsletter editor/publisher for four editions under Past State Regent, Margaret P. Novak in 2011-2012. Pattie also served as a District Deputy.

She also volunteered at the Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, where she was just named Outstanding Volunteer for 2023. Donations may be made in Pattie's name to the Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home Resident Welfare Fund, P.O. Box 319, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Condolences may be sent to Mr. Joseph R. Fromknecht, 203 31st St., Altoona, PA 16602.

Maryann A. Voystock—June 2, 1939 - May 2, 2024



Maryann was a retired registered nurse. She was an active member of the Frankford Hospital Alumni Association and was a volunteer with the Jefferson Health Northeast Auxiliary and Abington Jefferson Health. She was a devoted member of St. Katherine of Siena Church where she served faithfully as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Maryann was a charter member of Court Mystical Rose #2628. She participated in many CDA activities, state and national conventions and workshops. She served many offices on the court level and was presently serving as regent. She also served as district deputy for many years. Maryann was recipient of the Four Chaplains recognition. She also enjoyed cruising with her friends. Maryann was the last member of her immediate family, and dear godmother to Karen Bergman. She is also survived by her dear friend Mary Jane Becker and many nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to the family of Maryann Voystock, 9418 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19114.

Possibilities are Endless

Robin Kroccheck, State Family Chairman



Sunshine and warmer temperatures—summer is quickly approaching. This time of year can be challenging for families—babysitting and food insecurity are two examples. How can your court help?

Members could volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, collect kid-friendly, non-perishable food items to distribute at local food banks, host a free family social for parish families. Donate personal care items to shelters for women and children and/or homeless vets.

The possibilities are endless and many require the sharing of your time and talents rather than money. Take time at your next meeting to discuss how your court can continue to support families in your parish and community.

—Email Robin Kroccheck: resk6387@gmail.com

We are Called to be Helping Hands

Mary J. Snyder, State Quality of Life Chairman

I am honored to be your State Chairman for Quality of Life (Social Awareness). Issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all peoples. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness.



There are many projects that you can do to support this "spoke" in our Circle of Love program. One suggestion is to work at a food shelter or kitchen. Members could donate food, stock shelves, help with the packing of bags for the needy and serve food. This is just one easy thing to do to support this "spoke." Check out the full list in the *Tools of the Trade*.

—Email Mary Snyder: mary219snyder@gmail.com

"Legislatively Speaking"

Angela Deemer, State Legislation Chairman

I have received about 15 Circle of Love reports from courts all over Pennsylvania. Our members are very active. Several of the courts participated in projects that deal with pro-life activities. Some participated in pro-life marches in Harrisburg and in Washington. They donated baby items including diapers, clothing, car seats and cribs for newborns and donated money for sonogram equipment. One court educated their members on using the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website to inform them of legislation. These are just a few of the projects our members are doing. From all the reports, I can say that our members are very active and are doing some amazing work.



—Email Angela Deemer: amdeemer4634@icloud.com

Parliamentary Procedures' Pointers

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian



Responsibilities of the Presiding Officer/Chair/Regent

...inspires confidence

...knows the Bylaws, *Roberts Rule of Order*, Standing Rules, Tools of the Trade

...comes to meeting with her bag of tools

...prepares customized agenda; copy to Secretary, Advisor, Vice Regent, Parliamentarian

...gets items of unfinished business from Secretary

...highlights parts of CDA mailings and correspondence to be read

...follows up with all chairmen before meeting; calls on those only who have a report

...appoints a parliamentarian

...presides at all meetings

...maintains control; keeps "center stage" at all times

...uses lectern and microphone (if possible)

...calls meeting to order with one rap of the gavel

...stands when conducting the meeting; sits for reports

...projects voice, so all can hear

...three raps of the gavel for members to rise for prayer, flag salute, "Opening Ode," one rap to sit

...informs the assembly, clarifies, but does not express an opinion (unless vacates the chair)

...can suggest a certain motion to resolve a situation

...requests member to stand to present a motion, or discuss a motion

...follows the agenda for reports—Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman (only those who have a report)

...does not have the right to cut off discussion

...denies acceptance of "I so Move"

...handles all motions, amendments, and subsidiary motions

...confers routinely with the Court Advisor



...when the agenda is completed, says, "Is there any further business to come before the court," (pauses for any response), then says, "the meeting is adjourned," and make one rap of the gavel.

The next meeting is _____. Closing Prayer and "Closing Ode" (three raps to stand)

...Calls on the Program Chairman, if there is a speaker
—Email Patricia Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com

Happy Birthday, Margaret Novak!

Pennsylvania state members wish

Margaret P. Novak, Past State Regent, a happy, healthy birthday and many more good healthy years, enjoying your many activities with family and CDA!



Good of the Order

Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

Spiritual Advisor, Court Queen of Peace #1023



Tiffany is one of my nurses. She is a happy person even though she has round white scars all over her body. Her father "outened" his cigarettes by pressing them against her body from head to foot when she was a child.

Tiffany told me she'd rather laugh than cry. Laughter is a therapy for her. It enables her to remain balanced. She can slide from one side to the other. Her movements are almost imperceptible, so I would say she has the gift of slide-a-bility.

Jokes can help us remain in this balance.

♦ Where do bad rainbows go? To prism. It's a light sentence and they have plenty of time to reflect.

♦ Why did the coffee go to the police station? Because it was mugged.

♦ How does Moses make coffee? He brews it.

So now you've learned a new word: slide-a-bility. Laughter can help us slide from negativity to positivity. Laughter is a sign that positivity is at work! ♦



Helping a CDA Sister from Texas

Betty Barker, Texas, Court Our Mother of Peace and Unity #2487, flew to PA to visit her sick brother in Barto. She contacted the National Office who gave Margaret T. Giordano the information. On February 4, Margaret drove just a little more than an hour to meet Betty, her brother Howard, and her service dog. They visited the nearby Padre Pio Shrine, went to lunch, and enjoyed getting to know one another.



The Annunciation
Carl Heinrich Bloch 1834-1890

THE ANGELUS, a prayer with roots back to the 13th century, is a Marian devotion that is traditionally recited three times a day, usually at 9:00 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. The Angelus reminds us of the annunciation of Christ's birth by the angel Gabriel to Mary. It transforms our hearts to be like the servant heart of Mary, and it reminds us that the Word was made flesh and God dwelt among us.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. (Lk 1: 28)

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. (Lk 1: 42)

Note: Since COVID, my brother, Edward, and I (as long as he is not away dancing or traveling) say the Angelus by phone every day at 12 noon and 6:00 p.m., followed by Glory be to the Father and prayer to St. Michael. —Peggy Guckin



Queen of Peace and Mother of Mercy, plead for your children during these most frightful days of tribulation. Protect Christ's Holy Church and all people of goodwill.

Deliver us from...

The ravages of disease
The chaos and casualties of war
The designs of evil rulers
The illusion of political saviors
The manipulation of information
All forms of coercion and abuses of power
Tyrannical governments
Forfeiting our God-given liberties
Financial collapse and ruin
Socialism, Marxism and Communism
Fascism, Atheism and Totalitarianism
Terrorism and acts of destruction
Lawlessness, violence and crime
Infighting among brethren and countrymen
The promotion of evil and punishment of virtue
The threat of pestilence, drought and famine
Severe storms, natural disasters and consuming fires
The poisoning of God's Creation
The blasphemy of scoffers
The heresy and hypocrisy of religious leaders
Any distortion of the Gospel and spreading of error
Every form of idolatry
The rejection of Christian morality
Brokenness in families
All offenses against purity

The loss of innocence
The promotion of sinful lifestyles
Gender confusion and the promotion of vice
The holocaust of abortion
The culture of death
The contagion of worldliness
Indifference to the poor, the afflicted and to strangers
All racism and promotion of racial division
The snares of human trafficking
The threat of enslavement
The plague of pornography
The abuse of our children
Addiction, mental illness and suicide
The claws of sinful attachments
Fear of the future
Despair over our past faults
Apathy and ingratitude
Losing the ability to think critically and rationally
Ignorance of right and wrong
Ignoring the call to conversion
All self justification and pridefulness
Exaggerated fear and paralyzing alarm
Being silent when we should show courage
Failing to act against injustice when it is in our power to do so
The devil, all demonic powers and occult practices

Most Holy Mother of God, deliver us from all these present dangers and lead us to the Divine Heart of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Pedro de la Cruz

Feb. Lottery Winners

Pat Bleam
 Ct. St. Bernard #339*
 Anne D. Miller
 Elizabeth Bucarelli
 Laurie Staub
 Nancy Anna
 Karen Lamberti
 Shirley Kuszajewski
 Rose Ann Husak
 Ct. St. Veronica #111
 Alicia Velazquez
 Andrew Hrycaj
 Cynthia Carlson
 Ct. Annunciata #260
 Mary Lyons
 William Serafini
 Ct. St. Veronica #111
 Marcie Cochran
 MaryAnne Mariana
 John Basalla, Jr.
 Barbara Krug
 Laura Daniels
 Rosemary Berenty
 Pittsburgh Diocesan Comm.
 Mary J. Snyder
 Allison Mariana
 Linda Soltis
 Ct. St. James Greater #2180
 Suzanne Garnett
 *\$100 winner

Feb. Selling Court

Easton #358
 St. Bernard #339
 Queen of Peace #1023
 State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Conception #35
 Lambing #314
 St. Veronica #111
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Queen of Peace #1023
 St. Gerard Majella #2451
 Annunciata #260
 St. Catherine of Siena #1999
 St. Veronica #111
 St. Veronica #111
 Bellevue #655
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Rita #523
 St. Marys #95
 Mystical Rose Q#2628
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Westinghouse #759
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 SO Lisa McCann
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 St. James the Greater #2180
 Ave Maria #650

Mar. Lottery Winners

Rose Marie Medash
 Patsy McAllister
 Patrice A. McCall
 Barbara Markulik
 Christine A. Surovec
 Dori Waters
 Linda Berger
 Cheryl Gatto
 Suzanne Garnett
 Kristen Lang
 Ciara Cruz
 Mindy B. Terpak
 Cecilia Palmonka
 Joe & Pattie Fromknecht
 Linda Malinoski
 Scott Orolin
 Pat Gawryla
 Mike & Martha Opalinski
 Sister Mary Fromknecht
 Bernadette Dillon
 Marie Kerwin
 Janet Hill
 Norita Chyle
 Ct. Blessed Madonna #2521
 Donna Stafford
 Andy & Kate Fromknecht
 Hewssie Greene
 Kathy Reuscher
 Amy Brisbin
 Theresa Shields
 Eric Jasper*
 *\$100 winner

Mar. Selling Court

St. Ephrem #2230
 St. Marys #95
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Greene County #1923
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Lambing #314
 Westinghouse #759
 Dolores #1675
 Ave Maria #650
 Westinghouse #759
 Ave Maria #650
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 St. Rita #523
 State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
 St. Martin #418
 St. Marys #890
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Lambing #314
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Lambing #314
 Sylvia Fox
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
 Ave Maria #650
 St. Mary #95
 St. Rita #523
 New Kensington #860
 St. Theresa #562

Apr. Lottery Winners

Rose Hollenbeck
 Rita Fisanick
 JoAnn Marcinkevage
 Nancy Schauble
 Robin Morrissey
 Judy Wood
 Larry & Pat Bleam
 Denise Barr*
 Theresa Jaraback
 Joe & Pattie Fromknecht
 Carol Durkin
 Mae H. Spain
 Betty Manno
 Joe & Lisa McCann
 Ct. St. Leo #356
 Alison Schmer
 Ruth Semonich
 Karen R. Smay Brown
 Bernadette Dillon
 Dori Walters
 Landon Waul
 Donna Bradley
 Dolly Maronski, Regent
 Karen Morse
 Elizabeth Fox
 Susan Mone
 Sarah Mastrull
 Monna George
 Lori Serafin
 Mary Anne Mariana
 *\$100 Winner

Apr. Selling Court

Columbia #2
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Ave Maria #399
 Easton #358
 St. Rita #523
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Easton #358
 St. Dominic #2222
 Of Our Lady #647
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Westinghouse #759
 Mystical Rose #2628
 St. Leo #356
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Leo #356
 Ave Maria #399
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Bellevue #655
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Lambing #314
 Roses of Mary #2766
 Mystical Rose #2628
 St. Ephrem #2230
 St. Rita #523
 Sylvia Fox
 SR Margaret T. Giordano
 St. Mark #1097
 Joan of Arc #716
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 SO Lisa McCann

Congratulations, Fr. Katziner!

Congratulations, Fr. Stephen F. Katziner, Parochial Vicar, St. Ephrem Church, Bensalem, on celebrating 50 years as a priest on May 18. On June 1st, he will be retiring. Court St. Ephrem #2230, Philadelphia, wishes you all the best!

WINNER! - NEW 2024**Facebook Page - Division II**

1st Place - Court Bellevue #655 - Maria Faller, Regent

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

Joyful and Blessed Easter!

All Our Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

All My Family, Friends, and CDA

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Congratulations!

Court Good Shepherd #2800

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

All Our CDA PA State Contest Winners

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Congratulations on 70 Years of Unity and Charity

Court Dolores #1675

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent
CDA PA State Officers

Happy Birthday

Danielle Christian, Niece

Adam Christian, Nephew

My Sister, Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM

Nicole Kreider, Daughter

Jada Kerr, Granddaughter

Valerie Hatfield, Daughter

Young Jeremy Hatfield

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Member Danielle Christian

Regent Lee Ann Hrycay

Treasurer, Nicole Kreider

New Member Jennifer Weaver

Member Valerie Hatfield

Member 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 March, April and May 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!

Happy Birthday

Pam Callahan

Requested by: Your Sister CDA PA State Officers

In Appreciation

Our 12 Priests and Deacons
who faithfully serve the parishioners
of St. James Parish in Washington

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

In Memory This Easter, Your Birthday

My Little Sister, Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

For Healing and Less Pain

Bernadette Dillon

Requested by: Our Lady of Victory #722

Gloria Kissel, Newsletter Chairman

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Successful Surgery and Complete Recovery

Member Peggy McGinley

Member Carly Long

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Pam Callahan

Requested by: Your Sister CDA PA State Officers

Continued Good Health

Shirley Hall

Requested by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

Get Well Wishes/Good Health/Improved Health/

Speedy & Complete Recovery/Complete Healing/

Prayers

Maryann Voystock

Pam Callahan, State Secretary

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Father Joseph Fleming

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

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

Father Joseph Fleming

Sarah (Sally) Ambrose, Regent Court Callistus #66, DD
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers and Members

Member Carly Long

Member Janet Kreiner

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Pattie Fromknecht

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Robert S. Surovec, Sr.

Robert S. Surovec, Jr.

Requested by: Christine A. Surovec

Peace and Comfort

Pattie Fromknecht

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Sarah Ambrose, Regent of Court Callistus #66

Pattie Fromknecht, PA Website Chairman

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Pam Callahan

Requested by: Your Sister CDA PA State Officers

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers/O Lord, Hear Us!

All Those on Our Prayer List

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

The Intentions of Our Court

Requested by: Our Lady of Victory #722

In Memory

Jeanine Yahner

Martha Weaver

Lucille Whiteford

Requested by: Our Lady of Victory #722

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Mom Sultzbach

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

For the Repose of Soul

Elizabeth (Betty) Dombrosky

Requested by: Court St. Ephrem #2230

Rest in Peace

Betty Dombrosky

Ellen Yates



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

Rest in Peace

Mary Keller

David Phillips

Pattie Fromknecht

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Father D. Timothy Grimme

Requested by: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625

Ellen Yates, Former Member and Officer

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Joanne Marie Hayes, Court St. Ephrem #2230

Mary Jo Carelli, Court St. Ephrem #2230

Joanne Walker, Court St. Dominic #2222

Pattie Fromknecht

Maryann Voystock, Regent Court Mystical Rose #2628, DD

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Deacon Joseph Cerenzia

Myrtle Barnett (Member)

Betty Dombrosky (Mother of Lisa McCann)

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Pattie Fromknecht, CDA PA Website Chairman, DD

Maryann Voystock, Regent, Court Mystical Rose #2628, DD

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Sincerest Condolences on the Loss of Your Mother

Lisa McCann

Requested by: Your Sister CDA PA State Officers

With Sympathy

Joe Fromknecht and Family

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

WELCOME!

Good Shepherd Court #2800

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

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



Return Service Requested



I Am the Vine, You are the Branches...

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,
John 15:1-8* brings us closer to the resurrected Jesus and makes us realize that we are always united to him, and he is united to us. Jesus gives the invitation to all of us to enter into true discipleship.

Discipleship is not an individual enterprise carried out in isolation. The key for understanding discipleship is to remember Jesus is the vine and the disciples are the branches. In the Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples that if they want to be his disciples, they should be connected with him, they should abide in him, they should remain in him.

The relationship that we should have with Jesus is compared to the branch of a vine. While the vine takes its nourishment from the ground, the branches receive their food and water from the vine. The vine is the source from which the branches receive their living water that gives them life and makes them bloom. If the living water was to be cut off from the branches, they would dry up, die and decay.

In the same way, when the disciples are connected with Jesus, they will receive life from Him. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that by "Incorporation into Christ, we can say not only that each of us receives Christ, but also that Christ receives each of us." He enters into friendship with us (John 15:14). When Jesus comes to live in us, we will receive new life. Our life will be nurtured towards right direction, and our life will be cleansed from sins.

The goal of discipleship is not just simple relationship in itself. The real goal is the fruit that such a relationship produces. For discipleship to bear fruit, there must be mutual abiding between Jesus and his disciples. In the Gospel reading, the word "fruit" was applied in its singular form. What does it mean? If it were in the plural form, it would be a reference to our spiritual works. But this is not the case. Here, the word "fruit" was a reference to our personal sanctification by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is a reference to the "fruit" of the Holy Spirit.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." These are the virtues that must shine through us so that we may remain attached to the vine as our source of life. In Acts 9: 26-31, we could see how St. Paul and the disciples of Jesus were striving to bear much fruit. When Paul arrived in Jerusalem to join the disciples, they were already shining in the fruit of the Spirit.

When Paul tried to join them, the disciples avoided him with great fear. They knew that he had a reputation of persecuting the Christians. Shining in the fruit of the Spirit, Barnabas came forward and took Paul to the apostles. On behalf of Paul, he explained to the apostles how Jesus had spoken to Paul, and consequently how Paul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. Now Barnabas did not have to do that. He could have minded his own business. But, shining in the fruit of the Spirit, Barnabas testified regarding his spiritual joy by



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