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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 Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year!

Where does the time go? It will soon be Lent! As we prepare for Easter through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we also prayerfully look forward to the Pennsylvania 56th Biennial State Convention as "PILGRIMS OF HOPE SPREADING LOVE AND FAITH IN CDA."

One change:

Convention Registration Sign-in at the DoubleTree Hotel lobby on Friday, April 11, will be from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

By now:

2024 Bylaw Books are available on the National Website Store.

Hopefully soon:

Local Court Officer Medallions will be available in the CDA Website Store.

Remember: See the Official Call to Convention Packets sent to all local court Regents and National Website for more details, but here are some reminders...

Delegate and Alternate Forms were due to Margaret T. Giordano by February 15th.

Convention Registration forms and checks postmarked by March 1st to Karen Pipta will avoid the late fee.

Convention Meal Registration forms, checks and special dietary needs are due to Michelle Russo by March 1st.

All courts should write court checks with two signatures for Registration and Meals. Personal checks may be used for guests. Make all checks payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas."

Convention Booklet Ads and checks are due to Pam Callahan by March 1st.

Biennial Woman of the Year Nominations and Memorial Mass names of deceased PA CDA members, chaplains and spiritual advisors are due to Margaret T. Giordano by March 1st.

Local Circle of Love Chairman Reports sent to State Chairman must be post-marked by March 1st.

Local Court Contest entries—Education, Facebook, Newsletter and Website, are due to State Chairmen by March 1st.

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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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👑 Sight 'n Sound Reservations for *Noah* have been extended to and must be received by Lisa McCann by March 5th.

👑 Hotel Reservations at the DoubleTree Resort, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, must be made by the March 10th deadline to get the discounted rate of \$149 per night.

Special Court Anniversary Celebrations—Thank you to all courts which 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! If I cannot physically attend, I will be there with you in prayer and spirit! Remember that CDA is all about Spirituality and Service and Unity and Charity.

DAILY LENTEN PRAYER

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to you.

May this season of Lent help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of your active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see your face in others especially the poor and those who suffer.

And through your spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love so that we may be better disciples of your redeeming work throughout the world.

(Submitted by Nancy Bambanek, now Second Vice National Regent, of Minnesota)

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Newsletter Schedule

Spring: March-May
Summer: June-August
Fall: September-November
Winter: December-February
Special Edition (Email Only)

Submission Deadlines

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PA State Officers take time from March for Life for photo opportunity
Pam Callahan, State Secretary; Rev. John Erick Villa, National Chaplain;
Michelle Russo, State Treasurer and Susan Moné, National Regent

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

Members of Court Queen of Peace #1023 participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24.



Sue Sharer, Lee Ann Hrycaj and Margaret Giordano

Pennsylvania CDA members across the state participated in the Pro-Life Mass and March for Life.



Left to right, front to back: Peggy Guckin, Michelle Russo, Shirley Hall, Barbara Materna, Margaret Giordano, Pam Callahan, Sue Sharer, Lee Ann Hrycaj

A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive.

~ Samuel Taylor Coleridge ~

“Marching in DC”

Margaret T. Giordano, State Regent

My Dear Pennsylvania CDA Sisters,

I have had the privilege to attend The March for Life events with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Washington, DC, for the past 14 years! It's so wonderful and exhilarating to witness and participate with so many people and age groups—including families with babies and young children, youth, college students, and a variety of adult age groups—from all across the nation.

I so enjoyed spending Thursday at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I prayed in each little chapel as I walked through the entire Basilica. The magnificent Vigil Mass is preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Mass procession with a multitude of abbots, priests, bishops and cardinals, the beautiful music and singing is just divine. It was the first time I was able to stay afterwards for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Life and Divine Praises.

Friday morning was the Rally near the Washington Monument. I was inspired not only by the pro-life speakers, but also by some of those attending. Then we had the walk—the *March for Life*—it's like a parade!

Saturday morning, we were educated by a Legislative speaker, a pro-life lawyer, Walter Weber. Afterwards, five of us from PA went for a visit to the Saint John Paul II Shrine. I had been there the past two years; this year there was an activity to learn more about the World Youth Days with Pope John Paul II, and a new exhibition—Carlo Acutis!

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

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**What came to be through Him was LIFE,
and this LIFE was the light of the human race. —John 1:3-4**
Lisa McCann, 1st Vice State Regent



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

~ To Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament ~

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all those lives that are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC

SAVE THE DATE! ~ PA March for Life ~

Monday, September 22, 2025, Capitol Complex, Harrisburg, PA
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Pre-Rally Concert; 11:00 a.m. March for Life Rally

2:00 p.m. Pennsylvania March for Life

Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters:

Meet us on the steps at the Capitol Complex in Harrisburg as we MARCH for LIFE and support our legislators who value the pre-born! Our work is not over! With the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, the power to protect the unborn was given back to us—the American people—through our elected representatives. Our state capitol is now a critical battleground for protecting LIFE. That is why we need YOU to MARCH at the PA Capitol to bring a voice for the voiceless. Together, we MARCH to empower women to choose LIFE, and to defend the dignity of the unborn. Join us as we MARCH for both mom and baby!

We, who live a little farther away, can even plan on arriving on Sunday, September 21, 2025 and stay at a local hotel. We can plan a fun night of games and fellowship. More details of this possibility to follow. There are two daily Masses, one before the Rally and one after at the beautiful Cathedral of St. Patrick, ½ block from the Capitol.

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CDA members attend Pro Life Mass

We Love Babies, Yes We Do!

Jeanette Kitch, 2nd Vice State Regent



I have been going to the March for Life for 24 years. I enjoy seeing all the people, young, old, families, teenagers, college students, priests, nuns, seminarians. They come from all over the world, not just the U.S. They all come for one purpose—to show they care about BABIES, the UNBORN. Some come for three days, some just for the March, but they all have one purpose—that is to help put an END to ABORTION. There is no screaming or hollering or being belligerent. We come to say the rosary and ask others, "WE LOVE BABIES, YES WE DO, HOW ABOUT YOU?"

The Knights of Columbus lead us in the March for Life. They have buckets to collect monetary donations. They use that money for vans and sonogram machines so young mothers can see their babies in utero for themselves and not just hear doctors telling them, "it's not a BABY, it's just a bunch of cells." When expectant women see their babies with their fingers and toes, it becomes life-changing.

Ladies, this is why we give to Advertising and the General Fund; we give to the eight bishops in our State so they can help us get the word out. They do it by counseling a young mother, helping someone ride a bus to the March, or helping them find the sonogram van. So please, ladies, give to Advertising and the General Fund to help make a difference in womens' and babies' lives. Thank you and God bless.

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Attend at Least Once—You Won't Regret It!

Pam Callahan, State Secretary

Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2025! It has been a very eventful time of year for the Callahan household. Family is very important to me, and this past year was extra special as we welcomed two new grandchildren. My grandchildren, who range from 3-months to 19-years-old, remind me every day, as do my own children, of how precious life is.

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I joined the Catholic Daughters in the March for Life in Washington, DC. It was the first time I have attended. I have always wanted to, but have never been able to make it work. This year, I found the way. The Basilica Mass and the March itself were incredible to witness. There were so many people, and I was encouraged to see several of our youth involved in the March. I was very touched by it all. I plan to go again in the future and hope to attend the State March for Life in September now that the "ownness" is on the State.

I encourage you all to attend at least once—you won't regret it. Several of the Pennsylvania ladies traveled together by train. Some traveled by bus with their own group. No matter how you get there, let us join as one and fight against the destruction of life! With much love and blessings.

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

Memorable Experience!

Michelle Russo, State Treasurer

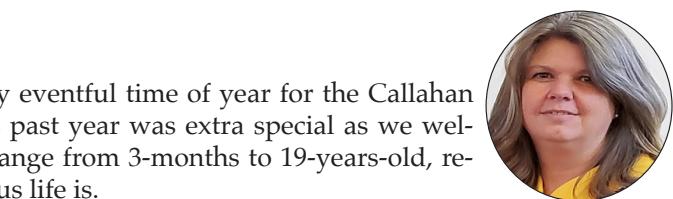


What a memorable experience! This was my first time at a March for Life event. Not knowing what to expect—the amount of people, from various groups praying and singing—it was overwhelming. There were so many young adults and teenagers, all walking for the same goal...LIFE!

It was nice to see young and old on the same page! The number of people that came together for a LIFE choice was amazing—from Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, all across Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia and all over the country.

The Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was heartwarming. It was during the Mass that I realized my niece and her husband were told to think about abortion. We are so blessed and thankful they chose LIFE! Their son, my great nephew, Brandon, is the sweetest, happiest little three-year-old you will ever meet. Take care and may God bless you and keep you safe.

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CDA Members visit St. Pope John Paul II Shrine
Pam Callahan, Sue Sharer, Margaret Giordano,
Shirley Hall and Michelle Russo



Court Chatter

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

Court Uniontown #505, Uniontown

Christmas Party

Court Uniontown #505 held its Christmas party on December 6, 2024 at the Hollywood Steakhouse in Uniontown.



*Seated, left to right: JoAnn Coppolino, Vice Regent; Donna Mehalek, Recording Secretary; Paulminia Rawlings, Regent; Martha Zapach, Rose Centofanti and Carletta Fronczek, Treasurer;
Standing, left to right: Father Robert Smith, Saundra Winter, Deborah Miller, Nikki Meglis, District Deputy; Clara Clark, Mary Porter, Evelyn Zentkovich and Darlene Centofanti, Financial Secretary*

National Officers Meeting in Arizona

What happens in AZ stays in AZ!

On February 7, the National Board met at the Franciscan Renewal Center, to discuss business, conventions and the Leadership Workshop and took time out to relax at a bon fire, eating smores and exchanging stories!



Pictured: Peggy Guckin, Karin Dudash, Mary Ann Kizer, Barbara Weichmann, Rita Carlson, Brenda Andersin, Connie Dronett, Susan Killian, Susan Moné, Essie Walker, Martga Hamboussi



HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster

Court Holds Baby Shower for "A Women's Concern"

A Woman's Concern (AWC), Lancaster, is a resource center for pregnancy and parenting. In addition to free and confidential pregnancy services, including ultrasounds—the Knights of Columbus provided the ultrasound machine—AWC offers education classes on parenting for the family. They have a "Courageous Dads" program, to help build stronger families. Moms and dads completing the various classes earn rewards points that they can exchange for baby items in the boutique.



Guest speaker: Jill Hartman, Executive Director of "A Woman's Concern" and Nicole Kreider, Regent Tina Morgan, April Aybar, Grace Cox, Danielle Christian, Adele Ruszak, Peggy McGinley, Mary Selway, Brenda Goodling, Margaret T. Giordano, Pat Jacobs, Kathy Stewart, CarolAnne Ferreira, Vice Regent and Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster New Member Takes CDA Pledge



Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; Nicole Kreider, Regent; CarolAnne Ferreira, Vice Regent and new member, April Aybar

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE
Court St. Francis De Sales # 2716, Philadelphia
New Name for Food Pantry



Members of Court St. Francis De Sales #2716, Cristina Mancini and Mike who works for the church and helps when we distribute food

On Saturday, after our monthly meeting, we gathered at our Food Pantry to rename it from Matthew 25 to "Miss Tina's Matthew 25" in memory of Tina Dambach. Nancy Jones, a member of Court St. Francis De Sales, made a plaque to hang on the wall outside the room.

Fr. Kevin, our Chaplin, blessed the room and plaque with readings and holy water. Cristina Mancini, the lady in charge of St. Mark Episcopal Church, where Matthew 25 resides, also gave a blessing.

Tina's sister, Cathy Martin, a member of our Court, her husband Bob, Tina's daughters, Jennifer and Beanie, their husbands and sons, as well as the members of Court St. Francis De Sales, were in attendance. To quote Cathy, "it was a beautiful dedication in which the whole family was deeply touched. It is comforting to know that Tina's good work will continue to be appreciated."



Cristina Mancini, Alice Murray, Fr. Kevin



Tina's Family

Court St. Ephrem #2230
Bensalem

Caring for Friends

Members filled mugs with goodies for Caring For Friends clients.

Carol Parsons, Rose Marie Medash, Dolly Maronski, Leanne Marir Morrisey-Schneider
 Nora Shapiro, Louise Pepe, Vickie Williams-Dougherty, Sue Pfeil, Joan Morrisey, Anne Albertson and Kathy MacElroy



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Dolores #1675, Bentleyville

Christmas Tea

Court Dolores #1675 held a Christmas Tea at The Gathering Place and Tea House in Washington on December 7, 2024. The Court made their annual Christmas donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor.



Top step to bottom step, left to right: Randi Ross Marodi, Recording Secretary and Loretta Antanovich, Nikki Meglis, Regent and Constance Tuomi, Laraine McGinnis, District Deputy and Tara Rebar, Bonnie Conley, Financial Secretary; Diana Furman, Pat McKean, Andrea Remish, Treasurer and Peggy Furman

SCRANTON DIOCESE

Court St. Martin #418, Honesdale

Boxes of Joy

Court St. Martin #418 members assisted with filling "Boxes of Joy" for children of Central America. The shoe boxes are filled with approximately 20 items, age appropriate, selected for the child including items for hygiene, education, playtime and clothing.



Left to right: Judith Poltanis, Lucille Kaukakus, Donna O'Neill, Rev. Joji Reddy Allam, Gladys Welsh, Sheila Davis and Theresa Rondo

Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue

Proud to Partner with Christ Our Savior Parish Outreach Ministry

The ministry was created at Thanksgiving 2020. They deliver meals six times each year to parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish and Most Holy Name seniors who are 70 and older. The group cooks the meals, packages and delivers them personally. Since its beginning the ministry has delivered over 2,000 meals.

Court Bellevue has provided treat cups and bags for several of these dinners including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This is truly a wonderful ministry, and we at Court Bellevue are so happy to be able to help in a small way. We filled 100 Santa cups to go with the Christmas meal. Our Court's coordinator for this project is our Recording Secretary, Karen Smay-Brown.



Front, left to right: Marlene Unverdorben, Financial Secretary, Marilou Belch, member; Margie Gowaty, District Deputy and Mary Jo Pallott, Regent
Back, left to right: Dorothy Pavlasky, member; Karen Smay-Brown, Recording Secretary and Karen's husband, Ken



In Memory of Arline Rich of West Harford, CT

Arline P. Rich, 87, of Simsbury, died Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Anthology of Simsbury. She had a Doctorate Degree in Elementary Education. She taught for 35 years.

She was a long time active member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She served six years as National Director and was Supervisor for Pennsylvania. She was also on the committee working with the JCDA Program.

She attended many National Conventions and was present at the 59th Biennial National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2022.

The Leader Among Us

Judith Poltanis



In my previous column, I challenged each of you to observe and encourage your court members to volunteer in ways that will enrich their experience within the court and potentially have members say YES to a leadership position at any level. I trust that you did and if you were the person asked to take on that leadership position, I trust that you accepted it.

Some ladies are natural leaders. Leadership can be learned especially by utilizing the CDA Tools of the Trade. Other ways are learning from a mentor or being a mentor to encourage another member in the development of skills to apply to the position.

Members can gain leadership experience by volunteering to be chair of a court project where organizational, financial, communication and implementation skills are needed to achieve a successful event. New officers can be sought by ladies who chaired committees and members who have demonstrated the skills needed to fulfill the position.

Members taking on leadership positions should be confident in themselves and take action to achieve the objections of the court. Leaders make the time to listen to others and plan projects accordingly. The leader depicts by example the qualities of intelligence, positive demeanor and the ability to achieve set goals. The leader must be trustworthy and display integrity in all matters.

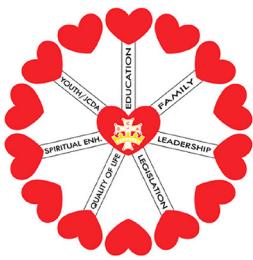
Assignment: I call upon all Catholic Daughters to take on the role of mentor to one or more members and to continue to encourage them to participate and learn and take on a leadership position for the experience and betterment of the court.

—Email Judy Poltanis: judypoltanis@outlook.com



God has given different gifts for different people. There is no basis for feeling inferior to another who has a different gift. Once it is realized that we shall be judged by the gift we have received, rather than the gift we have not, one is completely delivered from a false sense of inferiority.
~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen ~

Franciscan Renewal Center
Attended Mass at
Our Lady of the Angels
Fr. Vincent Nguyen
Celebrant Vice-Rector



After Mass,
Friday morning,
at Our Lady of the Angels
Church, Franciscan Re-
newal Center, Arizona,
Susan Moné, National
Regent, presented the
National Officers and
National Directors with
their medallions



Nourishing the Next Generation

Annette Fisanick, State Youth Chairman



In today's fast-paced world, it is essential to provide young people with a solid foundation of values, community and faith.

We, as Catholic Daughters, are in a unique position to provide spiritual growth, enhance personal development and help with community involvement among young people.

The Circle of Love states: "Tomorrow's promise lives in today's youth. In responding to their needs today, we shape a better future for all. Every Catholic Daughters of the Americas court can fulfill the goals of the Youth Program by committing itself to sponsor, participate in and/or support at least one youth activity."

We need to focus on the most vulnerable, especially 12 to 18-year-olds, with 6th, 7th and 8th graders being the most crucial according to Brian Mercier of Catholic Youth. Brian says that four to five youths will leave the Catholic Church before college. We are up against a strong social culture that is bombarding them daily.

Unfortunately, this group has become increasingly absent from our parishes. For some youth, their family's declining religious participation and the struggles of adolescence can distance them from parish life according to an article in USCCB by Julianne Stanz and Tom East.

Our youth need to have their faith questions answered. If we don't give them good answers, they will think their religion doesn't matter or make sense, that it is just a story in a book. So many times, they are told, "You just need to have Faith." What does that mean? There is a deep hunger in youth and young adults—a hunger for love, for truth, for meaning, for belonging and for purpose that the culture cannot satisfy. My priest says this is the God-shaped hole that only God can fill.

So, what do we do as Catholic Daughters? We need to do what our Circle of Love tells us—that is to sponsor, participate in and support youth activities. This can be done through encouraging service projects. Need a little extra help with your courts yard sale? Book sale? Dinner? Bring the youth into service. Have a rosary for the youth in your area. Have discussions about the faith and the challenges that they are going through. Sponsor a new JCDA court. Bring them with you when you go to the nursing home to sing carols or to do activities with the elderly. We are setting an example of Catholic women in the community.

Catholic youth programs are instrumental in nourishing the next generation by providing spiritual formation, fostering community, developing leadership skills and encouraging service to others. When we invest in our youth, we empower them to embrace their faith. In a world that often challenges their values, our involvement can offer clarity, purpose and hope for a brighter future for the Catholic faith.

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Make This Lent Count!

Susan Moné, National Regent

PA National Supervisor



Greeting to my CDA Sisters,

It seems that Christmas just ended and yet here we are in February and only a few weeks away from Ash Wednesday on March 5th. I know your courts are busy with many events and projects. Your State Board is very busy

as they work on all the plans for your upcoming State Convention. I hope that many of you are making plans to attend the Convention, and I look forward to seeing you there.

As you look at your individual courts and the work you do for the Lord in your parish and community, as well

as contributing to National projects and charities, you can see that you are making a difference locally. Attending your State Convention gives you the opportunity to join with members from throughout Pennsylvania, and you realize that your 56 courts collectively are making an even bigger difference in the parishes of all your courts and in the communities throughout the state.

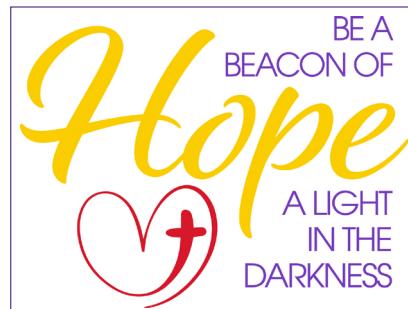
Coming to Convention is an opportunity to renew friendships you've made at previous Conventions and to make new friends. It is a time to pray together, play together and to have a voice for all members to make important decisions for the good of CDA in Pennsylvania to be the best you can be. And I thank all of you for what you do for CDA—you are the backbone of our CDA, and you should be proud to be a member.

As Lent begins, I hope that you are planning, both in your courts and in your personal lives, to spend more time in prayer to grow in your faith. Lent is a time to prepare for the Risen Christ. Lent gives us six weeks to work on our spirituality and come to Jesus on Easter morning with a clean heart. Instead of giving up something, how about giving of yourself for others? What about that person whom you haven't been very nice to? Maybe it's time to forgive and/or ask for forgiveness. Reach out to those in need of clothes, food or maybe just a hug. Make this Lent count.

You can join your National Board every day of Lent as we pray special Lenten prayers together. We will be on our National Catholic Daughters Facebook page at 12 noon, central time. If you cannot join at that time, you can catch it on rerun. Spend special time with Jesus.

You will be in my prayers daily, and I ask you to keep your National Board in your daily prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide us to do our very best for our Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Peace and Joy.

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Parliamentary Procedure Pointers

Patricia M. Gildea, State Parliamentarian



Rights of the Chair/ Presiding Officer

- For ORDER and DECORUM in the meeting at all times (no side conversations)
- To CLARIFY (explain, but not give an opinion)
- To HEAR/UNDERSTAND each speaker. Before speaking, member must stand, and be 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

Please, when opening emails, check the sender's email address and message on the subject line.

*No national, state or local officer,
or member, will ask for money or gift cards!*

Please, send that message to spam.

The Need is Endless...

Robin Kroccheck, State Chairman, Family



"If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

1 Corinthians 12:26

Saint Paul is very direct—we are in this together. As Catholic Daughters, we are called to care for each other. Not just our immediate family, or our parish family—but God's family. Family dynamics can be complicated at best; and yet we are told that we must care for each other in order to share in the joy of God's love.

How can your court meet the challenge? Which "members" of the family of God are in need of your help and support? Are you willing to move out of your comfort zone and try something new?

- ◆ Volunteer at a homeless shelter or food bank
- ◆ Help run a grief support group
- ◆ Tutor area students after school
- ◆ Assist your parish's religious education program
- ◆ Offer to host a retreat for women in the community
- ◆ Host a picnic for families in your parish

The list is endless because the need is endless. The last thing the Blessed Mother tells us: "Do whatever He tells you." —John 2:5

Our mission is clear—we are to care for all members of the family of God. We must be willing to listen to the Father's voice.

—Email Robin Kroccheck: resk6387@gmail.com

FUNNIES!



My mind is like an internet browser—at least 19 open tabs, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

To my children: Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff. I taught you how to use a spoon.

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten."

PILGRIMS OF HOPE SPREADING LOVE AND FAITH IN CDA

Pennsylvania 56th Biennial State Convention

DoubleTree Hotel, Lancaster, April 11-14

If you are planning on attending, consider being a part of the Color and Honor Guard. You need to be available during the entire Convention, wear a white dress or white skirt and top and white shoes.

If you are interested, please contact:

Peggy Guckin
email: mmg721@aol.com
phone: 215-570-3574

10-Week Thursday Club
November 7, 2024 - January 9, 2025

<u>Winners/Selling Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Won</u>
Gwen Schrum	11/7/24	100
CDA Ct. Of Our Lady #647	11/7/24	25
Mary Smerecznick	11/14/24	100
CDA Ct. Monessen #776	11/14/24	25
Rebecca Bonelli	11/21/24	100
CDA Ct. St. James the Greater #2180	11/21/24	25
William Bordell	11/28/24	100
CDA Ct. Our Lady of Victory #588	11/28/24	25
Diane Mitchell	12/5/24	100
CDA Ct. Of Our Lady #647	12/5/24	25
Beth Lear	12/12/24	500
CDA Ct. St. Catherine #1992	12/12/24	25
Mary Moretz	12/19/24	100
CDA Ct. St. Francis de Sales #2617	12/19/24	25
Dolores Madden	12/26/24	100
CDA Ct. St. Francis de Sales #2617	12/26/24	25
Brianne Rusilko	1/2/25	100
CDA Ct. Dolores #1675	1/2/25	25
Michelle Koutch	1/9/25	100
CDA Ct. Our Lady of Victory #588	1/9/25	25

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these.

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{H A R D W O R K i s} \\ & 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\% \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{K N O W L E D G E i s} \\ & 11+14+15+23+5+4+7+5 = 96\% \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{A T T I T U D E i s} \\ & 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\% \end{aligned}$$

And, look how far the love of God will take you:

L O V E O F G O D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

Dec. Lottery Winners

Dee Pontzer	St. Mary #95
Frank Oliveros	Of Our Lady #647
Dale Mastrull	St. Mark #1097
Donald J. Sanker	SO Lisa McCann
Bud Hesler	Ave Maria #399
CDA Ct. St. Dominic #2222	St. Dominic #2222
CDA Ct. Lambing #314	Lambing #314
Jackie Daniele	Bellevue #655
Caron S. Leath	Queen of Peace #1023
David Borelle	SO Lisa McCann
Joe Dagon	Easton #358
Susan Sharer	St. Rita #523
Michelle Scherrah	Lambing #314
Rosemary Biskup	Greene County #1923
Fredrick Rhoa	Our Lady of Victory #722
Caron S. Leath	Queen of Peace #1023
Bob & Theresa Fromknecht	RIP State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
Fr. Kevin Thompson	St. Francis de Sales #2617
James A. Giordano	SR Margaret T. Giordano
Mary Ellen Samek	St. Rene #1868
Patricia Brylski	Of Our Lady #647
Jean Rankin	St. Thomas #1483
Vincent DiBianca	Sylvia Fox
Marty Slifko	St. Marys #890
Adele Ruszak	Queen of Peace #1023
Paulette Manzella	Queen of Peace #1023
Lorraine Hepp	St. Ephrem #2230
Bonnie Conley	Dolores #1675
Bill Bordell*	Our Lady of Victory #588
Pat McKillop	New Kensington #860
Stephanie Fonagy	Westinghouse #759
*\$100 Winner	

Jan. Lottery Winners

Janet Oesterling	St. Gerard Majella #2751
Laura Robson	Roses of Mary #2766
Jan Bowen	St. Thomas #1483
Lucille Senko	Monessen #776
Martha Sykes	St. Veronica #111
CDA Ct. St. Rita #353	St. Rita #353
Lucille Senko	Monessen #776
Christine A. Surovec	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Elizabeth G. Lohn	St. Dominic #2222
Mary Story	Bellevue #655
Helen Fox	Sylvia Fox
Michael Ternoway*	Westinghouse #759
Jude Pipta	Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
Krys Straub	St. Mary #95
Diane Buzzard	Westinghouse #759
Bob & Theresa Fromknecht	RIP State Chair Pattie Fromknecht
Cynthia Greco	Washington #1651
David & Denise Borelle	SO Lisa McCann
CDA Ct. St. Veronica #111	St. Veronica #111
Teresa Murray	St. Martin #418
Taylor Rimmer	Sylvia Fox
Pat Furry	SO Lisa McCann
Linda Wesner	Easton #358
John Paul Daniele	Bellevue #655
Judy M. Kurutz	St. Veronica #111
Ginny McDonough	Westinghouse #759
Sylvia Fox	Sylvia Fox
Christine Cheripka	SO Lisa McCann
Robert Trombetta	Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
Bertha Allen	Ave Maria #650
Donna Mehalek	Uniontown #505
*\$100 Winner	

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

Thank You For Your Years of Service in CDA

Past National Regent Emily Guilherme

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

**Congratulations on 105 Years
of Unity and Charity in CDA!**

Court Ave Maria #399

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

**St. John Teacher Milestones - Five Years
St. John Catholic School, Bellefonte**

Mindy Packer

Requested by: Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

**St. John Teacher Milestones - 10 Years
St. John Catholic School, Bellefonte**

Michelle Russell

Natalie Stanton

Requested by: Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

**Blessings as the Religious Educators
Teach the Catholic Faith to Our Children**
**Local Catholic Parishes Religious Education
Directors & Teachers**

Requested by: Regent Mary Jo Fitzsimmons
Officers and Members of Court Joan of Arc #716

**Blessings on Principals, Teachers and
Staff in Devotion to Catholic Education**

All Saints Catholic School Principal, Teachers & Staff
Holy Name Catholic School Principal, Teachers & Staff
Requested by: Regent Mary Jo Fitzsimmons
Officers and Members of Court Joan of Arc #716

Good Health/Healing Prayers/Complete Recovery

Vice Regent CarolAnne Ferreira

Member Carly Long

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 December 2024 and January and February 2025. 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!

Good Health/Healing Prayers/Complete Recovery

Peggy Guckin, National Director

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Nancy Bambanek, 2nd Vice National Regent

Mary Impellizeri, P.N.D.

*Donald Bitter, Brother of Barbara Weichmann,
National Director*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

**All Our CDA Members Needing Physical,
Emotional and/or Mental Healing**

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Margaret T. Giordano

Health

Baby who has spinal muscular atrophy

Lila Jo Laughlin

Requested by: Court St. Rita #523

Health and Safety

All Our Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Anniversary!

Dearest Friends Caron and Jeff

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy 85th Birthday!

Member Janet Kreiner

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy 75th Birthday!

Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, Brother

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy 1st Birthday!

Julian Daniel Kerr, Great-Grandson

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

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Happy Birthday!

State Chaplain Father Norbert

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023
CDA PA State Officers

2nd Vice State Regent Jeanette Kitch

State Treasurer Michelle Russo

Requested by: Your CDA PA Sister State Officers

Friend Cathy Roth

Julius Kreider, Grandson

Arabella Noel, Great-Granddaughter

Mikey Hoskins, Grandson and Godson

Matthew Christian, Nephew and Godson

Adrien Katie Hatfield,

Granddaughter & Goddaughter

Kim Burgess, Grandson

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Tammy Rivera

Janet Bennett

Karen Mastriania

Grace Cox

Kathy Stewart

Pat Jacobs

Karen Hurley

Paulette Manzella

Brenda Goodling

District Deputy Michelle Russo

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Thanksgiving!

All Catholic Daughters and Their Families

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Officers

Blessed Merry Christmas

and Joyous Happy New Year!

My Family, Friends, CDA Family,

Father Norbert, Father Rodriguez

and all CDA Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors

Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy

and Father Matthew Larlick

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

All Our Members

Court Chaplain Father Luis Rodriguez

and all our Parish Priests

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

A Safe Winter

All Catholic Daughters and Their Families

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

In Appreciation and In Unity and Charity

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

A New CDA Year in Unity and Charity

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Prayerful Lent and Blessed Easter!

All Catholic Daughters and Their Families

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

All Our Intentions

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

St. Anthony's Prayer Warrior Intentions

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Prayers

All Those Affected by the Tragedy of the LA Fires

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

For all Our Deceased Catholic Daughters

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

In Thanksgiving for All Your Service

All Our Veterans

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

CDA PA State Officers

In Memory

*My Parents, James A. & Margaret H. Giordano
My Grandmother, E. Margaret Beilmann Horn
Mom Sultzbach*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Past Regent Rita Smith-Wade-El
Agatha Gerz*

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Deepest Sympathy

Member Robin Burgoon

Family of Past PANational Supervisor Arline Rich
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Lisa McCann

Requested by: Your CDA PA Sister State Officers

Rest in Peace

Joseph Stumpf,

Father of Pastor Rev. Michael Stumpf

Requested by: Court Westinghouse #759

Johann Shade

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Joseph Dombrosky, Father of Lisa McCann

Mr. Anatomy Safari Revelian,

Brother of Father Deogratius Rwegasira

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

*Past National Director and
PA National Supervisor Arline Rich*

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Officers

*Michael Ronan, Husband of Susan Ronan
Donald Bitter, Brother of Barbara Weichmann,
National Director*

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, National Director, PSR

Repose of the Soul

*Graeme Kearney, Grandson of
Blessed Madonna #2521 Regent Karen Kearney*

Requested by: Norita Chyle

Cody Myers

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Unity and Charity

All Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Welcome New Members!

Grace Cox

Tina Morgan

Kathy Stewart

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

National News

Peggy Guckin, National Director

PA Public Relations

*I*t seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the beautiful season of Christmas; I know by now we are ready for Spring...Spring brings us new life.



♦ As we get ready to prepare for Lent, I invite you to join National Chaplain, Father Erick, and the members of the National Board on Facebook each day for Daily Reflections, Prayers and Action—Ash Wednesday, March 5, and continuing to Holy Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m., Eastern time. We will be using *The Peaceful Path of Hope, Lent 2025 Daily Reflections Prayers and Action*, by Alice Camille. Books are available in the CDA Store for \$5.00.

♦ Also available is a new venture with Susan Killian, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, CDA Zoom Book Study, 8:00 p.m.—*A New Spiritual Adventure with Susan Killian*. For Zoom entry or more information: RSVP Susan Killian at email: susankillian@gmail.com. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com, Amazon or Walmart.

♦ Available in CDA Store: 2024 Bylaws and Medallions.

♦ PA winners: National Fun "D"—December 5, Nancy G. (PA); December 31, Julianne G.S. (PA); January 16, E. Savannah (Tarentum).

♦ Congratulations and best wishes, Gloria Linley, on your retirement! Many of us reached out to Gloria regarding rosters and membership. She worked in the office for 16 years. —Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com



**PA State Board
and
State Chairmen
wish you
and your family
a Blessed Easter!**

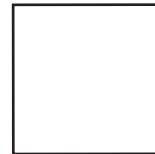
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Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested



He is the one your heart was made for all along

Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain



My dear friends in Jesus Christ, as we embark on this sacred 40-day journey of Lent, I invite you to reflect on the true meaning and purpose of this holy season. Yes, we may choose to give up certain foods or habits during Lent as a form of sacrifice and self-discipline. But let us not forget the deeper spiritual significance of these 40 days.

Lent is a time to create space in our lives for God to work within us. It is an invitation to clear out the clutter, to let go of distractions and attachments that keep us from fully embracing His love. Just as the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before entering the Promised Land, and Jesus fasted in solitude for 40 days in the wilderness, we too are called to enter into a desert of the soul.

In this Lenten desert, we offer our lives to God. We consciously create space, space to listen more deeply, to pray more fervently, to love more generously. We invite God to fill the emptiness with His presence, His wisdom, His transformative power. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we open ourselves to become vessels of His grace in the world.

But this requires intentionality. We must choose to set aside the non-essential—the noise, the busyness, the self-focus. In the stillness and silence, we can hear God's whisper: "Return to me with your whole heart." We can drink from the wellspring of His mercy, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

May this Lent be a time of true conversion. A chance to re-evaluate our priorities and desires in the light of eternity. To ask: what do I truly hunger for? What is the one thing I need to surrender to God? Where do I need to die to self so that Christ can reign? How can I better love and serve others?

In creating space for God this Lent, you may want to try one of these practical applications:

Set aside an extra 30 minutes each day for prayer and reflection. Use this time to read scripture, journal, pray the rosary, or simply listen to the Lord.

Find one way to fast each day. It may be from food, but also from screens, gossip, negative self-talk. Offer that sacrifice in reparation and for the sake of others.

Give away something each day: a kind word, a helping hand, a portion of your income or possessions. Discover the joy of almsgiving and generosity.

In this way, you create an open and receptive space: a fertile soil that God can transform. As you embrace the mystery of Lent, may you experience a profound renewal: a deeper peace, a steadfast hope, a burning love. For in opening yourself to God, you will discover that He is the one your heart was made for all along. May this be a holy and transformative Lent: a time of returning to the One who is returning to you, now and forever. Amen.



Christ in the Desert
Ivan Kramskoi 1837 - 1887
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