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This 'n That...

Shirley Hall, State Regent

"Here am I, Lord, I come to do Your will." — Psalm 40

I can't think of any other way to begin this article than to say "God speed, dear sweet Johanna Leonard." Even though I come from another part of the state, Johanna always shared a special sweetness with me when we met at conventions and any other state activities. We spent the weekend together at the retreat/anniversary of Court Westinghouse at the end of June. On July 17, Johanna walked into the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel with the biggest smile on her face...

Karen Anstett, from Court Blessed Madonna #2625 is back home in central PA, continuing her recovery and we are ever so grateful. Get well cards may be sent to Karen at PO Box 235, Boalsburg, PA 16827.

The 59th CDA National Convention in Puerto Rico is now history with many wonderful memories. Gracias, to all who made it so special. Please, go to the National website for pictures, daily recaps, etc.

• **National dues will be increased with the November mailing. It will be increased \$3 per year or \$1.50 semi-annually.**

• Congratulations to National Education winners **Court of Our Lady #647**, on their Computer Art, Division I, Third-Place win and to **Court Queen of Peace #1023**, Computer Art, Division III, Second-Place win.

• **"A to Z of CDA in a DAY,"** the theme of our Fall DD and Officer Workshop, is scheduled for October 14-15, 2022 at Harkins Hall, St. Matthew Church, Tyrone, PA. Please see Workshop article on the back page of this newsletter.

• **District Deputies** are needed in all dioceses. Please read the details in the **Tools of the Trade** on the National website and consider attending the preparation time at the DD Workshop.

• As you begin your summer planning for the new court year, don't forget to prepare a **budget** for your court so that members may know your income and expenditures.

• **Include in your budget** support for your Delegates who will be attending the State Convention in the spring.

• **PA History Books** are available by filling out the form on our PA website. A few will be available at the Workshop.

I would like to wish all of you, new and returning officers, God's blessings as you begin your new court year. If you need anything, your DD and State Officers are only a phone call away. **REMEMBER, that as Catholic Daughters, "they will know us by our deeds."** ♦

"Do not pursue spectacular deeds. What matters is the gift of yourself, the degree of love that you put into each one of your actions." — Wisdom from Women Saints, The Word Among Us.

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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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59th National Biennial Convention News San Juan, Puerto Rico - July 20-24, 2022

"In the Eyes of Peggy"

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director, Public Relations



Many came to Puerto Rico prior to the start of the Convention, to enjoy the tours and sites of this beautiful island.

On Tuesday, the National board presented several workshops and, in the evening, there was a show, *Dreaming of Puerto Rico* (singing and dancing with beautiful costumes). Of course, our hearts were not in it as we prayed and waited for good news regarding Johanna Leonard.

On Wednesday, the day started with the opening Mass, followed by seating of delegates and the parade of state flags. Prior to Mass, I was informed that another member, Karen Anstett, went to the hospital in early morning.

There were 399 voting delegates, plus many more (alternates), non-voting delegates and members who attended the Convention. There were many first-timers.

Sherry Nilles, National Regent, announced that \$38,000 was donated to Ukraine. Sherry also presented a check to EWTN—\$2,000, SOAR—\$5,000 and National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) was presented with \$10,000.

The PA State Dinner was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center. PA had 31 members and friends attending with a total number of 43. Also, joining us were officers and members from the State of New Jersey, Arline Rich, Past National Director and Gail Krasinski, Past State Regent of Connecticut and officers and members from Arkansas.

Many of the conventions are at the same time as my birthday. Pam's husband, George, came in with a special birthday iced tea for me and Sarah Mastrull had "70" prompts. All the ladies had birthday cards and I thank you all for your thoughtfulness...of course, all I wanted was a cake. Shirley claims she couldn't get one. I enjoyed celebrating with my CDA sisters and brothers (first time several husbands came to Convention and were at NPA Dinner). As it happened, I also spent a big birthday in Puerto Rico for the JCDA Convention. Philadelphia had a nice delegation of JCDA members from several courts attending, including Jo Ann Lynn from Court Bristol, now known as Court St. Mark #1097. Jo Ann was also an alternate at this Convention.

Changes to National Charities

Smile Train has been taken off National Charities and replaced with Human Life International. Human Life International exists to make known the truth about the value of human life. It does this through partnership with global Christian leaders: men and women who are equipped to proclaim God's love for all human beings, from conception to natural death. Local followers of Christ are then empowered.



Shirley Hall carrying Pennsylvania State flag during opening ceremonies



PA State Dinner
Happy Birthday, Peggy!

Then came the by-laws; there were some changes, so watch the National website to see when the 2022 copy will be available. And as Shirley Hall noted, National dues have been increased; for a national organization, our dues are reasonable compared to other organizations. ♦

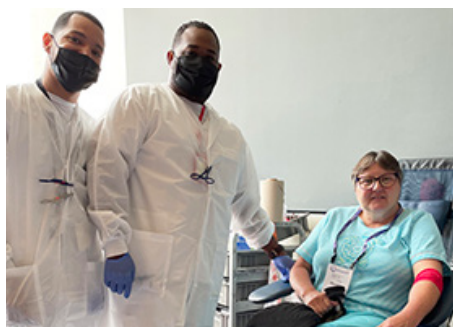
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Congratulations—National Officers 2022-2024

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PA State Dinner—Fr. Jozef Kovacik, State Chaplain, saying grace



Jeanette Kitch donated blood opening morning of Convention

National Directors 2022-2024

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CDA husbands, wishing Peggy "Happy Birthday"

Seven Past National Regents Attended

Olga Samaniego - 2018-2020
 Helene Shepard - 2016-2018
 Shirley Seyfried - 2014-2016
 Anne Nelson - 2012-2014
 Joanne Tomassi - 2010-2012
 Libby Ramirez - 2008-2010
 Claudia R. Bosch - 2006-2008



Past National Regents: Shirley Seyfried, Anne Nelson, Joanne Tomassi, Claudia Bosch, Libby Ramierz, Helene Shepard and Olga Samaniego



Reflections of the 59th Biennial National Convention in San Juan...

Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent

Prayer—Beginning and Ending of Meetings and Events

Unity—Being Among CDA Members From All Over The Americas

Entertainment—Fun Night, 2024 Convention Invitation to New Orleans, Appreciation Night

Rewards—Education, Newsletter, Website and Membership Contests, Woman of the Year

Togetherness—Mass, Meetings, Dinners, Hallways and Elevators

Orators—Excellent and Informative Speakers at Meetings and Workshops

Rituals—Voting Procedures, Crowning of Blessed Mother, Robing of Officers, Installation of New National Board

Invigoration—Being Among So Many That Share the Same Spirituality and Motto

Charity—Walk/Run for Love, Donations Presented During Meetings, Lucky Bucks

Oneness—The Feeling I Get Being With My CDA Sisters As We Partake in One Body of Christ ♦

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News from National Goodbye!



Sherry Nilles, National Regent 2020-2022

To the Fabulous Pennsylvania
Catholic Daughters of the Americas,

Until we meet again! Can you believe my two-year term as National Regent is finished??? Looking back it seems as if it has only been two months!

The wonderful memories!

Remember the 2016 National Convention? Pennsylvania was the perfect host for that National Convention. Every Catholic Daughter from Pennsylvania was involved and working at that Convention. The tours were great. Interesting and well planned. Registration was organized and quick. Elections were handled perfectly. The meals were good and served beautifully.

Then the 2018 National Convention in Sioux Falls. All could enjoy the 2018 National Convention as attendees. So thankful for your good notes to share that you willingly shared with South Dakota.

We came so close to having the Convention in 2020, but it wasn't to be.

Thanks for attending the National Convention in Puerto Rico. Your support was so very much appreciated!

Thank you, my dear Pennsylvania Sisters in Christ. You have been a joy.

May God continue to bless you. ♦

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Keep the Flame Aglow...



Essie Walker, First Vice National Regent, Elect

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

It seems like yesterday that I was assigned as your National Representative. Just shows us how fast time goes by. The last two years have been a rewarding experience.

I recall the journeys we have taken together—joyful journeys that allowed me to reach out to members in your state.

I take this opportunity to say thank you for your kind and warm hospitality. On this journey, we attended anniversaries, court installations, state board meetings, state conventions, workshops, state officers' conferences, a retreat in North Carolina, March for Life in Washington, D.C. and most recently, attended the 59th Biennial National Convention together.

Special acknowledgements and a huge thank you to Father Josef, State Chaplain; Shirley Hall, State Regent; Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent; Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent; Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary; Pamela Callahan, State Treasurer; Peggy Guckin, Past National Director and each member in the 61 courts in the State of Pennsylvania. Thank you for continuing to enrich the lives of those in need by your commitment, love, dedication and contributions to our many charities, projects, your church and those in the community.

Rose and Bill Long, I truly appreciate all the trips you made to the airport to pick me up and to Shirley Hall for taking the time to share the sights of your great state.

Please keep the flame of the Catholic Daughters aglow at all times. If the wick is down or the candle dims, light another candle so that all may see us in the light of hope. Always remember, you are the most valuable resource within our organization. I look forward to continuing on this journey with you. May each of you continue to be blessed. ♦

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59th Biennial National Convention, San Juan, Puerto Rico—An Emotional Time for Me

Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent



The Convention in Puerto Rico was the fifth National Convention I have had the privilege of attending. The fellowship with ladies of our great organization is one of the greatest pleasures I have ever experienced. If I had to pick my favorite time, it had to be time I spent in the beautiful Adoration Chapel. I had much to pray for and I did find peace with our Lord there.

I missed much of the Convention. Johanna Leonard was my travel companion and roommate. When Johanna took ill on Tuesday and was transported by ambulance to the Pavia Hospital in San Juan, I tried to be with her as much as possible. Leaving for home on Sunday without Johanna was one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do. Sorrowfully, after 12 days, Johanna succumbed to her illness in the ICU in San Juan.



Johanna was much more than a traveling companion. She was someone I loved dearly; as dearly as my own mother. I met Johanna soon after joining CDA. She was a mover and shaker, to say the least, in Court Allegheny #664, the Pittsburgh Diocese CDA and for the State, since she was the State Cantor for as long as anyone can remember. Court Westinghouse #759, my home court, was fortunate to have Johanna as our friend and District Deputy.

When I really came to love, honor and cherish Johanna was when she became my shift buddy for 40 Days for Life. Together we knelt and prayed in front of the Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood on Tuesday evenings for many years.

Johanna and I were fortunate to enjoy five days in Key Largo, Florida prior to flying to Puerto Rico. We visited five Catholic Churches in the Florida Keys, made it to the southernmost point of the continental U.S. in Key West and took a glass-bottom

boat tour. We also enjoyed some very good meals!

Johanna taught me how to be a better Catholic and a better person. May you rest in peace, my dear friend. I will never forget you. Please pray for me from heaven. ♦

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Did You Feel the Presence of Jesus at the National Convention?

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chair



When the Catholic Daughters of the Americas gather, Jesus is present in each of us. This is no more obvious than through the liturgies at a National Convention. Much thought, prayer, organization, time and planning goes into each Mass.

The Opening Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Roberto Octavio Gonzalez Nieves, OFM with at least 20 other priests and deacons. Being in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the readings and songs were a combination of English and Spanish. What a beautiful way to make our Spanish speaking members know that they are important to our organization. This was continued in all of the Masses. The choir was fabulous—especially realizing the short time they had to practice as a group—

and the songs chosen were inspirational and beautiful.

Though the Archbishop was not able to attend the other Masses, they were no less impressive. The 20 priests and deacons concelebrated each Mass—the number and spirituality of these men was awesome. On Thursday was the Memorial Mass—what an honor to be remembered in this way. Friday, we honored the various branches of the Armed Services in the Patriotic Mass, with an explanation of how each military flag represents the importance of these service men and women. And always, the Installation Mass on Saturday was a reminder of the dedication and service to God accepted by each member of our National Officers and Board.

No less impressive than the Masses were the beautiful shrines to our Blessed Mother. There was one in the Convention Hall, one in the hall in which the Masses were held, and one in the Meditation Room. Each statue of Our Lady was unique, depicting different aspects of her life, and the flowers surrounding her were beautiful.

When attending a National Convention—or any Catholic Daughter event—one can feel Jesus in the place. You can see Jesus on each face. ♦

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Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

*Court Easton #358, Easton
Newly Installed Officers*

On June 1, our newly-elected officers were installed by our District Deputy, Mary Marzen.



Left to right: Mary Louise Evans, Vice Regent; Mary Strucko, Financial Secretary; Eileen Yanno, Recording Secretary; Mary Marzen, DD; Deb Starace, Treasurer; Chris Curto, Regent

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

*Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson
Celebrated 100th Anniversary!*



State Officers, District Deputies, Deacon Justin Treon, Rev. Father Leo Arnone, members of the Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus, members of Court Joan of Arc #716, Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755 and Court Our Lady of Victory #722, Northern Cambria



Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Regent and Dorothy DeAngelo, Vice Regent, standing.
Catherine Iapalucci, seated, receiving Citation from PA House of Representatives, in well-deserved recognition of her seventy years of dedicated and distinguished service to Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #716

GREENSBURG DIOCESE

*Court St. Bernard #339, Indiana
In Memory of Ann Varescak*



Ann Varescak, who was a member of Court St. Bernard #339, Indiana, PA, since 1943, has passed away at the age of 104! She was a faithful member for 79 years! May she rest in peace.

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

*Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
BINGO Returns!*

For the first time since COVID-19 began, Court Queen of Peace #1023 was able to provide Bingo—calling the numbers, helping residents play and providing prizes for the Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (LNRC) residents.



Left to right: Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Patti Boley, LNRC resident and court member; Peggy McGinley, Margaret T. Giordano

Church Ladies With Typewriters

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

- ◆ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ◆ Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ◆ The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- ◆ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Caring for Friends

With the help of members of St. Ephrem's Parish, Court St. Ephrem members made up over two hundred breakfast bags for those in need.



Peggy Guckin, Laura Tertel, Dolly M, Alicia Bair, Linda Gilmer, Jennifer Wrazen, Rose Marie Medash, Joanne Marie Hayes, Carol Parsons and Kathy MacElroy

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem Installation of Officers

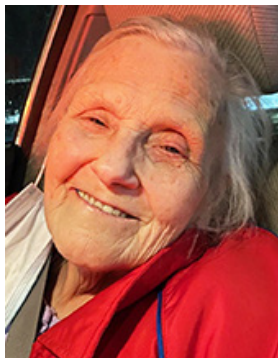
Installation of Officers took place on June 5th in Marian Hall. Following the meeting, the members had an ice cream social.



Linda Gilmer, Recording Secretary; Rose Medash, Financial Secretary; Peggy Guckin, DD; Carol Parsons, Vice Regent; Dolly Maronski, Regent

Court St. Francis deSales #2716, Philadelphia Rest in Peace, Brenda Lee

Brenda Lee Miranda was a Charter member of Court St. Francis deSales #2716. She was Sunshine Chairman, sending birthday greetings and cards to the sick; she ran the Tricky Trays Fundraiser for many years. She loved to knit, cook (known for her chili), baked, watch the Philadelphia Phillies, enjoyed history and was an animal lover. Her daughter, Deanna Lee Teixeira, Past Regent, is the oldest of seven children. Brenda Lee was also a cherished grandmother of 25, great grandmother of 52 and great great grandmother of two. **Condolences may be sent to: Deanna Lee Miranda, 79 Har-ker Avenue, West Berlin, NJ 08091.**



PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek

A Celebration of 100 Years!



*Johanna Leonard
singing the Ave Maria*

Court Westinghouse #759 had a wonderful 100-Year Anniversary celebration at the end of June. 37 ladies attended a Marian-themed day of retreat at St. Emma Monastery and Retreat Center near Greensburg. Mass was celebrated by Court Chaplain, Fr. Frank D. Almada, in the beautiful chapel, followed by a banquet attended by 51 ladies. 19 ladies took advantage of staying overnight in the retreat dormitories. We were so happy to have sisters from 13 courts attend.

Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek A Celebration of 100 Years!



Forefront: Joyce Hunter, holding CDA banner; 1st row: Georgine Bogovich-Horn, Treasurer; Donna Egan, Regent; Fr. Frank D. Almada, Chaplain; Tracy Roman, Vice Regent; Margaret Gowaty, Recording Secretary; Carol Kacey, Financial Secretary; 2nd row: Christina Seese, Lisa McCann, State 2nd Vice Regent; Betty Dombrosky, District Deputy; Johanna Leonard, Nicole Kacey, Ruth Pohuly, with Contessa, and Ruth Hornyak

Court Washington #1651, Washington Installation of New Officers

Installation took place on June 5 at Immaculate Conception Church of St. James Parish on the feast of Pentecost.



Left to right are: Laraine McGinnis, Treasurer; Denise Morris, Recording Secretary; Denise Quayle, Regent; Andrea Alderson, Vice Regent; and Pam Bamberger, Financial Secretary. Fr. John Lynam, Chaplain, is also pictured with other participating clergy.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE contd.

Court St. Rene #1868, Monroeville

In Memory of Mercedes P. Rafferty



God and faith were always first in her life. Mercedes was a Catholic Daughter for 75 years. She was a member of Court Allegheny #664 and a charter member of Court St. Rene #1868. She served in all offices and was a District Deputy. She started many fundraisers: Octoberfest and card parties. She enjoyed playing cards, watching the Kentucky Derby and dressing for the day's festivities. Mercedes belonged to Christian Mothers and Women's Guild. Peg Witas, Past State Regent, was the second of eight children. Mercedes had 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Peg Witas, 745 Illini Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.



She lived Faith, Family and CDA

Early Friday morning on July 29, 2022, one month shy of her 86th birthday, Johanna Leonard, succumbed to a sudden illness, passing away while visiting Puerto Rico to attend the National Convention. Johanna was an active member of Court Allegheny #664, for over sixty years, serving as Regent many times and a District Deputy.

Faith, family, and friends were most important to Johanna throughout her life. Serving as Eucharistic Minister, choir member, cantor and CDA State Cantor. She supported countless fundraising and charitable events, coordinating card party luncheons and raffles, editing the group's monthly newsletter, and organizing the annual Chorale show in which she also sang.

Volunteering her time and talents year after year, Johanna spearheaded the nut-roll making at Christmas time and the fish-fry dinners during Lent, fully enjoying life in the community which she helped to create.



She was a member of the Catholic War Veterans' Auxiliary and 40 Days for Life where you could find her every Tuesday evening kneeling and praying the rosary for the end of abortion at the local Planned Parenthood.

Court Bellevue #655, Bellevue Installation of New Officers

Court Bellevue #655 had its Installation of new Officers on June 13. The Installation Ceremony was led by Second Vice State Regent Lisa McCann.



Left to right, Karen Smay-Brown, Vice Regent; Maria Faller, Regent; Lisa McCann, Second Vice State Regent; Mary Jo Pallott, Treasurer; Marlene Unverdorben, Recording Secretary; Alice Havics, Financial Secretary

She also volunteered with a missionary team to paint an orphanage in Jamaica (2017) and traveled to Rome to sing with her church choir at the Vatican. Johanna distinguished herself throughout her many years of devotion to her faith, receiving the Manifesting the Kingdom Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh in May of 2015 for her lifelong commitment and exemplary service to the Catholic Church. Johanna will be sadly missed by many. "Rest in Peace."



The following was written by Niki Bruni, Director, 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh:

One of the best things about 40 Days for Life is that it acts like a magnet, attracting the most wonderful, selfless and holy people in Pittsburgh. When you come to pray at the vigil at Planned Parenthood, you are likely to meet someone who will inspire you. Johanna Leonard was one of those people. She was healthy and active right up to the end. On June 20th, she emailed me to re-commit to her 5-7pm shift on Tuesdays for the upcoming fall campaign and thanked us again for praying for her son with Down syndrome, Christian, while he was on a ventilator last spring.

Johanna wrote: *Did I ever thank everyone ever so very much for praying for my son Christian? If not, I sincerely apologize because those prayers are what saved him. He is doing very well. God is Good all the time; all the time God is Good. Thanks to all who prayed him back to life. Also, I will be at my post, God willing, from 5-7 on Tuesdays. God bless you and your family and all you do for Life.*

Our Lord decided that at 85, her work here was finished. She had 10 children (8 are still living). Johanna, we love and miss you. We will pray for you, and please pray for us.

Condolences may be sent to her daughter: Johanna Morrison, 1499 Wilson St., Glenshaw, PA 15116. ◆

“Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be.”

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



As I write this article in early August, the words of Jesus we read in the Gospel of Saint Luke, ring in my ears: “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Luke 12: 34)

As you may know, we are observing and celebrating “**The Year of the Eucharist.**” Why do we need a year like this? The answer is clear. The Eucharist is our treasure and we need to rediscover and revive our Eucharistic faith as it is the center and firm foundation of our Catholic life.

Obviously, when we reflect on this priceless treasure, we receive from God’s immense generosity—we go directly to our Lord Jesus. It is He who gives Himself to us freely and completely in this life-giving Sacrament of His Body and Blood. In this true and lasting nourishment for our life journey, we find a new and abundant life—Jesus’ life.

I would encourage all of us to read frequently the sixth chapter (sometimes referred to as a discourse on the Bread of Life) of Saint John’s Gospel. It will no doubt strengthen our faith in the Eucharist and deepen our understanding of it.

I once read a story of a little girl who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her five-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to fight the illness.

Her doctor explained the position she was in to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. Before making his decision, he hesitated for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, “Yes, I’ll do it, if it will save her.”

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled because all present there noticed the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, “Will I start to die right away?”

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. Of course, we can admire the boy’s selfless attitude and be inspired by his unconditional love for his older sister.

Jesus gave all of Himself to save us and He still gives Himself to us. This is a debt we will never be able to repay. Surely Jesus Christ chose a marvelous and real presence of Himself in the consecrated bread and wine with a specific goal in mind.

As we know, He told the apostles at the Last Supper that His followers should gather together for prayer



The Last Supper

Philippe de Champaigne 1602-1674

—RestoredTraditions.com

and celebrate the Eucharist in His remembrance. For the Jewish people to remember someone was not just an emotional or intellectual recollection of someone or something from the past—it was more than that. It meant allowing that memory to guide the course of one’s life.

That is indeed a great challenge because it tells us that Jesus’ thoughts, words and actions, His attitudes, values and principles must now be ours.

That’s why we should practice with joy, courage and consistency our Eucharistic faith. We all need it especially now. We know what the world has gone through because of the COVID-19 pandemic; how it has destroyed many lives and brought sickness, pain, chaos, separation, and other evils. Honestly, we still feel the effects of this pandemic and probably always will.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux once said: “Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing.”

The Eucharist is a great and sacred mystery of our faith. We will never be able to completely understand it and grasp the entire meaning of it but we can certainly do what we can and that is to answer Christ’s invitation to renew, rediscover and revive the great treasure of our

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News from Connecticut's Territorial Courts

Connecticut Court St. Cecelia #735

Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Amy Stavola, Court St. Cecelia #735, Recording Secretary

Chartered in 1922, Court St. Cecelia #735, Stratford, Connecticut, celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a luncheon and installation of new officers at the Courtyard by Marriott in Shelton, Connecticut. Our sister territorial courts, Court St. Augustine #1104, Court All Saints #1435 and Court St. Matthew #2640, were invited to install their new officers as well. Past State Chaplain Fr. Matthew Mauriello and Second Vice National Regent and our National Director, Essie Walker, celebrated the installation of new officers and our new Territorial Spiritual Advisor Sister Arlene Vannie. A commemorative plaque and congratulatory greetings were sent from National Regent Sherry Nilles and Pennsylvania State Regent Shirley Hall. Also, each court spoke of their past year's activities and participated in our Remembrance Ceremony, honoring our deceased members who passed since our last gathering. ♦

Email Amy Stavola: amystavola@yahoo.com



Arline Rich carrying Connecticut State flag during opening ceremonies

Connecticut Courts at National Convention

Gail Krasinski, Connecticut Past State Regent, and Arline Rich, Past National Director from Connecticut, enjoyed the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention. There is always a special memory of each Convention and ours is meeting and sharing time with the PA Catholic Daughters. Thank you, Pennsylvania.



*Front row left to right: Doris Berke, Vice Regent; Gretchen Rich, Christine Biesadecki, Theresa Palmiere, Financial Secretary; Irene Kostzewski
Back row left to right: Lorraine Faiella, Regent; Carol Potts, Claudia Balogh, Fr. Matthew Mauriello, Diane Fekete, Amy Stavola, Recording Secretary.
Not pictured: Germaine Workman, Treasurer*

More Convention News

National Directors Club

The National Directors' Club is comprised of members who are presently on the National Board, Past National Regents, Past National Officers and Past National Directors. We meet every two years during the National Convention with a lunch or a dinner or, like this past year, it was dessert. During the meeting, there is an election of officers. The officers for next two years are: President—Debbie Lattus, Secretary—Peggy Guckin and Treasurer—Joyce Ann Fleming. After the meeting, we have a memorial service for anyone who has died in the previous two years.



*National Directors Club Officers 2022-2024
Peggy Guckin, Debbie Lattus and Joyce Ann Fleming*



*National Convention
PA Members
(missing Lisa, Johanna, Karen)*

Isle of Enchantment

Pam Callahan, State Treasurer



Ladies, ladies, ladies, I cannot tell you what a great experience it was going to my first National Convention in beautiful Puerto Rico, known as the Isle of Enchantment. But I will try...

First of all, let me start by saying I was very saddened that we had some members who were taken ill while we were there and I left with a heavy heart, knowing they could not return with us as planned.

But we had to continue and let me tell you, the experience was wonderful in all other aspects. It was spiritual, we had Mass every day; it was informative, so much information; it was entertaining, it was fun; and yes, even relaxing. I was able to meet so many new people from different states and make new friends.

I really appreciated the opportunity to learn from everyone present. I tried to be attentive and listen to everything that was being shared. While there, I was able to attend the Leadership Workshop led by our National Supervisor, Essie Walker.

My husband, George, was able to go with me this year and we went on a few excursions together before the Convention started. While I was in meetings, he went on some excursions with the other men.

On the last day, I walked to downtown San Juan with Susan Sharer and Jeanette Kitch and we visited the Cathedral and another little church as well as several gift shops. The artwork and mosaics were phenomenal.

It was also the 500-year anniversary for Puerto Rico and they had a big festival that weekend with huge sail boats like those that Christopher Columbus would have sailed.

My first time to Puerto Rico was amazing and I am blessed to have been able to go on this trip. My George and I want to go back in a few years and explore more of the island.

I look forward to going to the next National Convention already! May God bless you all! ♦

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



Peg Paulson, Mercedes Rafferty, Johanna Leonard, Pat Gildea

Where Your Treasure Is...

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Eucharistic belief, a treasure we cherish and hold in common with so many.

I remember speaking with various parishioners during the period in 2020 when our churches stayed closed for three months due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Many of them mentioned how they felt hungry and how much they missed coming together for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who lived, died and rose for us.

Each week, we come to our churches and leave, not hungry or empty, but nourished and full of life and the divine presence. We must give this presence flesh in our daily encounters with others and make it real as Christ is really present in this Most Blessed Sacrament.

In a beautiful reflection on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster Cathedral, Basil Hume, shared the following: “Belief in the reality of Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament does not come from reading; it does not come from thinking. It does not come from any person’s skill. It comes from faith, from the humility of mind to accept to say ‘yes’ to what may seem to be unbelievable, namely that the Body and Blood of Christ are present under the appearance of bread and wine...It is our earthly way of being involved in the great heavenly liturgy... It is the Church’s most precious treasure and so it must be ours...You cannot live without food; you cannot live without love. Now you see why he gave us Himself in the Eucharist. He would not abandon us. He gave us love. He gave us food. There is no greater proof of his love.”

We live in a sometimes very divided society that makes us feel angry, confused, anxious and even afraid. The unknown future seems to be a scary concept. As Christians, we are entrusted with the mission of evangelization of the world. There is no better way to go about this mission than by being, as Jesus has been and always will be, a nourishing presence in a world that hungers for God’s love and peace.

As God’s beloved children, let us, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in “Unity and Charity,” continue to be nourished and transformed by the ONE we receive in the Eucharist. May this priceless gift Jesus left us with love beyond telling, be the treasure it should be and may our hearts be always in it as well, so we can be the kind of people our good and gracious God intends us to be. ♦

—Email Rev. Jozef Kovacic: jozefkov28@gmail.com



*Saying that there are too many children
is like saying there are too many flowers. —St. Mother Teresa*

May Lottery Winners

Jeanne Manz
 Gail Kwasny
 Kathy Kratt
 Tammy Davis
 Jean Maguire
 Helen Quinn
 Jane Starr
 John Edinger*
 Mary Norgrove
 Carol Ternoway
 Barbara Jackson
 Jon Sherman
 Helen Quinn
 James Faber
 Mark Odenthal
 Helen Quinn
 Peggy Edinger
 Dorothy Costulas
 James Hrycaj
 Rose Marie Webster
 Maria Worst
 Taylor Grayson
 Court Lambing #314
 David Borelle
 Theresa Belski
 Heneritta Estrada
 Brian Egan
 Mark Odenthal
 Judy Wood
 Mary J. Snyder
 Sylvia Fox

*\$100 winner

May Selling Court

Westinghouse #759
 Brownsville #1140
 Westinghouse #759
 Columbia #2
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Rita #523
 Sylvia Fox
 SO Lisa McCann
 Callistus #66
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Ephrem #2230
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Rita #523
 St. James The Greater #2180
 Immaculate Conception #2754
 St. Rita #523
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Veronica #111
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Butler #443
 Sylvia Fox
 Lambing #314
 SO Lisa McCann
 Greene County
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Westinghouse #759
 Immaculate Conception #2754
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 Sylvia Fox

June Lottery Winners

Barbara Adams
 Susan Barkholder
 Anna Marie Dougherty
 Rosemary Biskup
 Merlann Malloy*
 Marie Beran
 Nancy Kilpatrick
 Karen Anstett
 Mike Brosius
 Katherine Sickler
 Letty Calvetti
 Kate Maloney
 Janet Morrison
 Laura Rumbol
 Betty Dombrosky
 Kathleen Sanders
 Bonnie Conley
 Kathleen Sanders
 Tracy Stout
 Nicholas Medash
 Shirley Taft
 Michael Pleiss
 Linda Pluzner
 Janet Hill
 Mary Parish
 Andrea Chabon
 Letty Calvetti
 Michael Fuoco
 Tanya Meridiunale
 Mary Becker

*\$100 winner

June Selling Court

Ave Maria #650
 St. Rita #523
 Westinghouse #759
 Greene County #1923
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Lambing #314
 Easton #358
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Theresa #562
 PND, PSR Letty Calvetti
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Allegheny #664
 Sylvia Fox
 Westinghouse #759
 Easton #358
 Dolores #1675
 Easton #358
 Easton #358
 St. Ephrem #2230
 Lambing #314
 Easton #358
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 Sylvia Fox
 Westinghouse #759
 St. James #1029
 PND, PSR Letty Calvetti
 Sylvia Fox
 St. James #1029
 Mystical Rose #2628

July Lottery Winners

Dani Schneider
 Sue Hannon
 Court St. Rene #1868
 Barbara Adams*
 Carol Gouty
 Sylvia Fox
 Sue Hannon
 Anna Marie Dougherty
 Lisa Wells
 Chris Moncrief
 Carol Gouty
 Nancy Gallagher
 Bob Lundberg
 Laraine McGinnis
 Sylvia Fox
 Mary Ellen Samek
 Roberta Gardner-Dwyer
 Roberta Gardner-Dwyer
 Lois Dirda
 Mary Jane Hodak
 Barbara Persing
 Mary Rehman
 Stephanie White Bivens
 Nicole Taglieri
 Megan Stiffler
 Tina Strible
 Merlann Malloy
 Frances Rhoa
 Alyssa & Nick Potkovac
 Jerome Botsko
 Peggy Pizzi

*\$100 winner

July Selling Court

St. Marys #890
 St. Thomas #1483
 St. Rene #1868
 Ave Maria #650
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Thomas #1483
 Westinghouse #759
 Sylvia Fox
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Patricia #998
 St. Marys #890
 Washington #1651
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Rene #1868
 Ave Maria #399
 Ave Maria #399
 Brownsville #1141
 St. Bernard #339
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 Washington #1651
 St. Bernard #339
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Theresa #562
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Easton #358
 Brownsville #1141
 Washington #1651

10-Week Wednesday Raffle Ticket Winners
April 19, 2022 - June 21, 2022

Winners/Selling Court	Date	\$ Won
Adele Ameno	4/19/22	100
CDA Ct. Vandergrift #1008	4/19/22	25
Scott Henck	4/26/22	100
Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755	4/26/22	25
Kathryn Gaughan	5/3/22	100
St. James #1029	5/3/22	25
Marie Phanard	5/10/22	100
Ave Maria #650	5/10/22	25
Barb Oliveros	5/17/22	100
Of Our Lady #647	5/17/22	25
Martha Iskra	5/24/22	100
St. Mark #1097	5/24/22	25
Fran Kernicky	5/31/22	500
St. Florian #2240	5/31/22	25
Colette McCaffrey	6/7/22	100
St. Dominic #2222	6/7/22	25
Margaret Campagna	6/14/22	100
Holy Trinity #1336	6/14/22	25
Joanne Lewis	6/21/22	100
St. Bernard #339	6/21/22	25

Websites That May Interest You!

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer

It's kind of unimaginable because we rely so heavily upon it today, but it's been nearly 30 years since the internet was born. It's a rarity, today, if an organization doesn't have a website or some sort of presence on the web. Here are several websites you may find of interest!



Catholic Daughters:

CDA Pennsylvania State Court <https://cdapa.com/>

CDA National <https://www.catholicdaughters.org/>

Pennsylvania Diocese:

Allentown Diocese <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/>

Altoona-Johnstown Diocese <https://www.dioceseaj.org/>

Erie Diocese <https://www.eriercd.org/>

Greensburg Diocese <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Harrisburg Diocese <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/>

Philadelphia Archdiocese <http://archphila.org/>

Pittsburgh Diocese <https://www.diopitt.org/>

Scranton Diocese <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/>

Religious/Service:

Holy See <https://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops <https://www.usccb.org/>

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference <https://www.pacatholic.org/>

Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/>

Dynamic Catholic <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>

EWTN <https://www.ewtn.com/>

Fulton Sheen <https://fultonsheen.com/>

Knights of Columbus <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/index.html>

Regnum Christi Spirituality Center <https://rcspirituality.org/>

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul <https://ssvpusa.org/>

Word on Fire <https://www.wordonfire.org/>



I wish everyone a great end-of-summer season, a Happy Labor Day, and the beginning of fall, September 22! ♦

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: web@cdapa.com

Take Time To Think and Then Act and Try Not To Worry

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman

Having a positive vision about what we want our court to accomplish is very important so that we are prepared to adjust or adapt to the ever-changing conditions, circumstances and situations that we are bound to encounter.



We know the CDA mission and the workings of our court, but as things change, we may need to spend a little time making sure we and our officers are on the same page with the organization and our members. Everything moves so quickly; and before you know it the next meeting is here, and decisions get made that may or may not be in sync with the overall plan or vision. So, it is wise on our part, to take some time to look at the big picture with our officers. It will help our court members as well. Probably one meeting with the officers will suffice.

Make a list of questions or issues the court has identified as important and review those at the meeting. Hopefully, you can come away from the meeting with an outline of issues, tasks and activities for the year or two ahead, including those that may need more discussion with the members.

But remember, there is no sure-fire way to get this right or get it all done in the same meeting at the same time. So, sometimes we have to do what Matthew Kelly suggests and "just do the next right thing." He says that "one moment at a time, by simply doing the next right thing, you will move from confusion to clarity, from understanding to insight..." He reminds us to "consult with God in all decisions, pausing when necessary to reflect and ask him what the best course of action is for the situation at hand."

Lastly, as leaders, we must recognize that things often don't turn out as we expect them to and we may need to "go with the flow." Again, I quote from Matthew Kelly who encourages us to "patiently seek the good in everyone and everything." He also encourages us to "be mindful of the time and energy that I direct towards worry" and to "not approach situations with rigid expectations but rather with a healthy curiosity about the outcome." We all hope our courts will flourish and thrive under our leadership. I hope your wishes come true. God bless each of you for your service and commitment. (Kelly, Matthew, *Perfectly Yourself*, Beacon Publishing, 2006) ♦

—Email Sue Kelly: vozarkelly@zoominternet.net

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Altoona, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: _____

From: _____

Intention: _____

In Appreciation

Father Michael Morelli

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

All Our Parish Priests

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thank You

St. Philip the Apostle Church

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Father Jozef Kovacic, State Chaplain
Pennsylvania CDA Court Chaplains
and Spiritual Advisors

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

In Honor of His 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Bill Feeney

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

In Honor of His 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Bill Feeney, Past State Chaplain

Father Nick Spirko

Father Ed Yuhas

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

In Honor of His 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Joe Sioli

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Congratulations on Celebrating Your 100th Anniversary

Court Joan of Arc #716

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director
Margaret T. Giordano
CDA PA State Officers

Court Our Lady of Victory #722

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in June, July and August 2022. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Congratulations on Celebrating Your 100th Anniversary

Court Westinghouse #759

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Margaret T. Giordano

Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

CDA PA State Officers

Happy Anniversary

Charlie and Sandy Sultzbach

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday

Dana, Sister-in-Law

Robert A. Sultzbach, Husband

Scott Sultzbach, Brother-in-law

Nicholas Christian, Nephew & Godson

Jaymir Rivera, Great Grandson

Caron Leath, My Lifetime Best Friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Margaret T. Giordano

Susan Sharer

Carly Long

Peggy McGinley

Patti Boley

Andrea Accardi

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Peggy Guckin, Past State Regent & Past Natl. Director

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Lisa McCann

CDA PA State Officers

Happy First Father's Day

Kim Burgess, Grandson

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Father's Day

All Fathers

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

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

Margie Gowaty, District Deputy

Father Tony Gargotta

Father Vincent Zidek O.S.B.

Requested by: Johanna Leonard

Court Allegheny #664

All Those on Our Prayer List

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Father Tony Gargotta, Past State Chaplain

Margie Gowaty

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Karen Anstett

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, Past State Regent & Past Natl. Director

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Father of Robin Burgoon

Pat McCall

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Margaret T. Giordano

CarolAnne Ferreira

Special Intentions

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy

John Montgomery Corse, Jr.

Louis J. Zangari

John J. Schubert, M.D.

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Marge O'Sullivan, Mother of Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan

Brenda Miranda, Charter Member Court #2617

Requested by: Peggy Guckin,

Past State Regent & Past Natl. Director

Brian and Gigi Petticrew & Family

Dolores Malloy

Requested by: Brian and Gigi Petticrew

Johanna Leonard, PA State Cantor

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

CDA PA State Officers

Bill Smith, Brother of Shirley Hall

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

CDA PA State Officers



The Soul's Flight

Louis Janmot 1814-1892; RestoredTraditions.com

In Memory/Rest in Peace/Deepest Sympathy

Mother of Ivone da Silveira

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Giordano, Sr., Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Horn, Grandparents

Theresa Ann Giordano Hauck, Sister

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Margaret H. Giordano, Past Regent and DD

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Dolores Yonek, Sister of Pat Godla

Requested by: Sandy Craig, Court Monessen #776

Emmie Malec

Dennis Craig, Brother of Sandy Craig

Ron Godla, Husband

Dolores Yonek, Sister

Dolly Cleply, Member of Court #776

Requested by: Pat Godla, Court Monessen #776

Anthony Volpe

Requested by: Rosina Volpe, Court Monessen #776

Wishing You Much Success

and an Enjoyable & Safe Convention

National Board, Delegates and All Catholic Daughters

Attending National Convention in Puerto Rico

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Wedding Blessings

Nephew & Godson Nicholas and Cynthia Christian

Granddaughter Jada and Colin Kerr

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

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



Return Service Requested



Pennsylvania State **WORKSHOP**

"A to Z" of CDA in a Day

October 14-15, 2022

*St. Matthew Catholic Church
1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA*

District Deputy Workshop – Friday, October 14

3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Officer Workshop – Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:30 – 2:30 p.m., including Mass

Hotel Reservation

Days Inn

458 Sabbath Rd., Altoona, PA

814-944-4499

\$129 + tax (Rooms - Queens and Kings)

(Rooms listed under Shirley Hall or Margaret Giordano)

DEADLINE/CANCELLATIONS - OCTOBER 11, 2022

REGISTRATION - \$10.00 for weekend

MEALS - \$20, Friday evening, Saturday lunch - \$20 each

Special dietary needs will be addressed

DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

The above is important information for our October Workshop. A mailing with necessary forms will be sent **by August 31, 2022**. We hope at least one or two of your officers will be able to attend. Please get your reservations in ASAP when forms are sent to you and adhere to the deadlines as we may need to limit attendance.