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The Washington State CDA Newsletter



*Dear Sisters in Christ,
Blessing for a happy and holy Holiday Season! What a special season when we give thanks for the many blessings God has showered on us and prepare for the gift of His Son.*

We have had a lot to do with the convention on the horizon in April 2015. Believe it or not, that is just around the corner. I am quite impressed with the job being done by both Court St. Therese #1879 (Camas) and Court St. John the Evangelist #2105 (Vancouver). Many thanks for all the work the ladies of these courts are doing. The call to convention will soon be out, but a heads up is in order to start thinking of delegates

and budgets that allow them to attend. Our registration fee will include Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday night dinner and should be about \$120.00. Saturday and Sunday breakfasts are included with your room reservation.

As we go into the final months before the convention, the whole state will be focusing on the membership drive. Several courts are really starting to recruit new members and it's been exciting to see their energy paying off. The key is for each court member to invite one or two women each month to go to the meeting. A personal invitation is always more rewarding and gives the feeling of welcome even before the meeting begins. If you know you'll be with a friend, it never feels like a big deal! Ask everyone! Catholic Daughters is the best place to live out our faith in action. We can pray together, work on charities that fulfill each of us in the company of friends and thereby serve as the hands of Christ.



Thank you all for the ways you serve our order and our Lord! Your newsletters fill me with pride for all you do and for being able to serve you as your State Regent. Well done!

Christy Hall,

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With each issue, several newsletters are returned as undeliverable, so please keep us up to date regarding address changes.

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**Welcome to our
NEW CDA MEMBERS!**

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Val Haldeman

Dear Sisters in Christ,

One of the things I was taught at an early age was to read with a critical eye. Not everything in print can be taken at face value and while we expect modern day journalists to hold some form of integrity and desire to be objective, the truth is our modern day press is incredibly biased, and in the case of American media, entertainment driven.



When it comes to reporting on the Catholic Church, and more specifically, Pope Francis, we need to be especially aware of media bias. Recently my dad phoned me with a concern about an apparent “controversial” remark Pope Francis had made about how God likes change. A non-Catholic friend had asked him what did he mean. The press was trying to put a spin on his remarks as if he is going to change some of the moral teachings of the Church in order to fit in better with the world. I informed my dad that I had just read the homily where that quote was taken from and I assured him that the press, as usual, took his comments completely out of context.

The Pope was addressing the hardness of heart of the Pharisees, a group of religious “know-it-alls” who used their teachings to confine and control people rather than open their hearts to the grace and joy of conversion.

This is just one small example of why it is so important to go to the actual text and to read things for ourselves, not being so quick to believe everything in the media.

There are many websites that post the texts of the Pope’s homilies, speeches, etc.

In an atmosphere of the constant barrage of media headlines vying for our attention, I cannot stress enough the importance of taking time out for prayer and reflection.

Come spend some time with our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament where the headline is always: “I love you. I died for you. I have time for you. I will help you know what I ask of you. I will give you true peace.” Only then can we put our busy lives and all the headlines in their proper context. When this happens, our own lives become “newsworthy” testimonies for God and His love for people.

Father Jim Northrop,
State Chaplain



O Holy Night

Institution of JCDA Court and Installation of JCDA Officers—Kennewick

Court St. Teresa of Avila #2564 in Kennewick, WA, proudly presents its new Junior Catholic Daughters Court. The JCDA Court St. Angela was instituted on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at St. Joseph's Church in Kennewick, WA at the 8:30 AM Mass. Following Mass, State Regent Christy Hall installed the new officers: Mariana Jewell, President; Karina Negrete, Vice-President; Victoria Packwood, Secretary, and Christina Packwood, Treasurer.



Several local courts responded to State Regent Christy Hall's invitation to attend, which was issued at the 2014 Leadership Workshop, and Court St. Angela was privileged to have the talented Court St. Anne #2575 in Kennewick, WA provide accompaniment and music. A reception and brunch followed in Dillon Hall. Special thanks to State Regent Christy Hall, Second Vice State Regent Bernie Gerhardt and State Secretary Marilyn Hanes, as well as the many CDA members from the greater Tri-Cities area whose presence made this event a day of honor for our newly installed JCDA court.

JCDA Court Update (contributed by advisor Stephanie Packwood)

Court Saint Angela continues to grow with new members. The JCDA president, Mariana Jewell, is tactful, diplomatic, kind, bright and organized. Although only 12 or 13, she instinctively knows how to lead and has adapted Robert's Rules of Order to suit our youngest members' needs so they can vote too. They like it! The members, for their part, are making and seconding motions like pros now with a few gentle reminders from their president. The court begins their meetings with the rosary following Mass and the president leads but allows a different member to lead each decade. Because there are several very young members, the court adopted the policy of limiting the agenda to three or four items. That keeps the meetings to about an hour and then the girls can do an optional craft. If it is a bake sale weekend, they can prepare for the bake sale with making signs and wrapping baked goods.



The court holds officer meetings monthly and now the officers run this themselves allowing the advisors to take a back seat and observe. We advisors have all been blessed with this work because we've been inspired in turn by our girls and how Christ-like they are toward one another. We see how we should be more like them. They are our best teachers.

Court Caruana #906 Presents Check

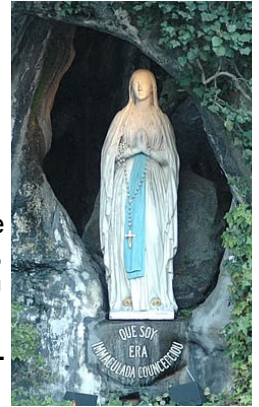


When the new JCDA Court Saint Therese of the Little Flower, was instituted, Court Caruana #906 voted to help support this fledgling court. At the state workshop in August 2014, past court treasurer, Julia Beehler and past court regent, Thereasa Trujillo presented a check to JCDA court president Audrey Metcalf.

What a wonderful way to show our support and encouragement to a new court.

Our Lady of Lourdes

(continued from Fall Issue 2014)



18TH FEBRUARY 1858: SOME EXTRAORDINARY WORDS

During the third Apparition, The Virgin Mary spoke for the first time. Her words indicated that she wanted to enter into a relationship which is of the order of love, at the level of the heart. The heart, in the Bible, signifies the very center of the person. Bernadette was right away invited to open the depths of her heart to this **Message of Love**.

Another statement of the Virgin was: **"I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other."**

GOD IS LOVE

During the first seven Apparitions of the Virgin Mary, Bernadette has a face radiant with joy, happiness and light. **Between the eighth and twelfth Apparitions all changed: the face of Bernadette became hard, sad and sorrowful, and moreover, Bernadette does incomprehensible things.** She moves on her knees to the back of the Grotto. She kisses the dirty disgusting ground of the Grotto. She eats some bitter grass. She scrapes the ground three times trying to drink the muddy water at the back of the Grotto; she tries sucking in a little and then throwing it away; she takes mud in her hands and she smears her face. Then the young girl turns to the crowd, by now numbering 400 to 500, with her hands apart. They all say: "She's mad!" During four Apparitions, she carried out the same actions. What is happening? Nobody understands! **We are at the heart of the "Message of Lourdes".**

GROTTO'S TREASURE

The actions that Bernadette carried out were the actions of freeing something. The Grotto was choked with grass and mud. But why does she free this Grotto? Because it hides an immense treasure which must be brought out into the open. Thus, at the ninth Apparition, "the Lady" asked Bernadette to scrape the ground, at the back of this "pigs' shelter", saying to her: **"Go to the spring, drink of it and wash yourself there"**. There is only a little muddy water to begin with, enough for Bernadette to drink. At first this water is muddy and dirty then, little by little, it becomes clear.

By these actions, the mystery of the heart of Jesus is revealed for us: "A soldier pierced his heart with his lance and there immediately flowed out blood and water." It is, as well, the depths of the mystery of the heart of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God: **"The water that I shall give you will become, in you, a spring welling up to eternal life"**. The grass and the mud signify the human heart, wounded by sin. But in the bottom of this heart, there is the life of God, as signified by the spring.

Bernadette was asked: 'Did the Lady say something to you?' She replied: 'Yes, now and again she would say: **"Penance, penance, penance, pray for sinners"**. By penance we understand conversion. Conversion in the Church, as we learn from Christ, involves turning our heart towards God and towards others. "Pray for sinners". Praying brings us to the Spirit of God. Thus we understand that sin does not make us happy. We must understand that sin is something that is contrary to the love of God that is revealed to us through the Gospel.

Congratulations to the following Courts Celebrating Anniversaries

- Ct Wenatchee #255, 100th Anniversary
Instituted February 21, 1915; Wenatchee
- Ct St Therese #1879, 53rd Anniversary
Instituted February 15, 1962; Camas
- Ct Caruana #906, 90th Anniversary
Instituted February 8, 1925; Yakima

Dear Catholic Daughters,

As we leave the month of November, remembering our dearly departed members of our family and parish communities, we look forward to the Season of Advent. Throughout this beautiful season, we hear such hopeful messages about God's working through his "Chosen One" and how he will transform the world we live in.

We know this "Chosen One" as Christ Jesus and we will celebrate his coming as man to save sinful mankind this Christmas Season. What a wonder it is that Christ Jesus did not come in his glory and splendor as the Son of God but was willing to be conceived in the womb of a peasant girl and subject himself to a human family made up of Mary and Joseph. No matter how many times we hear the story of Christ Jesus coming to our world and living among us, we are moved by the simplicity of it. Why would God do such a thing? Why become one of us and face the trials and tribulations of life, embrace the joys and sorrows we live? Why did he come to live in such humble circumstances and be so unknown until he began his public ministry? Hearing the story of his coming and birth again and again, over and over, may give us some insight and help us to appreciate even more this mystery of the incarnation, the nativity of Christ and birth of the "Chosen One". I hope and pray you will use this Advent Season to hear afresh the story and to delve into why God would do such a thing. By doing so, may we come to cherish even more what God has done for us through the birth of his Son, Christ Jesus.



May each of you have a blessed Advent and Christmas full of God's peace, joy and blessings!

Father Michael Ibach, CDA State Court Spiritual Adviser



Announcement of Changes in State Officers and Chairs

This Fall as we've entered the last year of this term, we have some changes that need to be announced.

Bernie Gerhardt, 2nd Vice State Regent resigned. Bernie will still serve as Seattle Diocesan Publicity chair and Regent of Ct. St. John the Evangelist #2105 in Vancouver.

Julia Beehler, State Treasurer, has resigned to be able to help her parents through a very difficult time as her Dad battles a serious illness. Please keep Julie and all her family in your prayers.

Shirley Foster, past State Treasurer has been appointed State Treasurer for the remainder of this term.

Marie Sokol and **Lisa Huddleston** have been appointed new Co-Chairs of the Convention in April. All committee persons involved on any level should report to them with progress and any issues.

Mary Sutherland has been appointed as District Deputy in Pullman and Colton with the resignation from **Christina Thompson** so that she can better fulfill many other obligations.

Ruth Calderon has assumed District Deputy in both Ct. St. John the Evangelist #2105 and Ct. St. Therese #1879.

Lisa Huddleston has been appointed Membership Chair with the resignation of **Marge Pool** last summer.

The Standing Rules committee will include: **Marie Sokol**, **Lisa Huddleston**, **Shirley Pantaleo** and **Ginny Terpening**.

The entire State Board deeply appreciates the loyalty and service so generously given by everyone who has served this last year and for letting us know when they needed to leave.

A Note from Our National Director

I wanted to send a short note to introduce myself as your new National Director for the next 2 years. My name is Susan Mone'. I am married to my best friend, Doug, who is known as Arizona's "Mr. CDofA"

I have been a Catholic Daughter for 38 years, following in the steps of my Mother and Grandmother. They were both 50 year members. I am a charter member of Court Our Lady of the Desert #2164 in Mesa, Arizona and the immediate Past State Regent.

After my election in July in Billings, I anxiously awaited the announcement of the states that I would be assigned to. When the National Regent gave me the assignment at our meeting in September I was excited to have Washington as one of my states. It is such a beautiful state and I will look forward to traveling there as often as possible.

I will be traveling to Walla, Walla just after the New Year, to join your State Board for a meeting. I am excited to meet your State leaders and hear all about the courts in Washington. It will give me the opportunity to get to know them and more about the wonderful things that all of you are doing in Unity and Charity in your parishes and communities through out Washington. And I will be anxiously awaiting my trip to Vancouver for your state convention. I do hope to meet many of you in person. A state convention is a great time for fellowship and growth as CDofA sisters.



As we begin the season of Advent, I pray that all of you take some time to spend quietly and at peace during this very hectic season. Let us all look at this Advent time as a chance to prepare our hearts and minds to welcome and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remember "The Reason for the Season".

My wish and prayer is for a Blessed and Merry Christmas for you and your loved ones. And may God bless you with health and happiness in the New Year.

Peace and Joy,

Susan Mone', National Director

National Disaster Relief Awarded to Washington State

Washington State experienced extensive fires this past summer. The CDA State Board appealed to the CDA National Board to be considered for Disaster Relief funds to help out with the widespread damages. We received two checks, one for the Diocese of Yakima and the other for the Diocese of Spokane., in the amounts of \$2,000 each. This is not the first time that Washington State has benefited from the Disaster Relief fund that we contribute to as a National Project. The money your courts contribute to National Projects can affect us close to home. Thank your for your donations.



Court Saint Pius X #2270 Announces Scholarship Winner



The winner of the annual one thousand dollar college scholarship is Kaytie Klinck (shown at left). She is the granddaughter of Rose Klinck (shown at right) who has been a member of Court Saint Pius X #2270 in Mountlake Terrace, WA for ten years. Kaytie will be attending the University of Washington and is pursuing a degree in nursing. Congratulations to Kaytie and to Court Saint Pius X #2270 for their support of our youth and education.



The New WA State CDA Quilt is Finished!

Marilyn Hanses has done it again! You will not believe how beautiful all our court blocks look together and what a piece of history we have the chance to own. Recently, Christy emailed the picture of the whole quilt and their courts' block so that everyone can see what a work of art we have. This



quilt is approximately queen size. Tickets are on sale now and will continue through the convention when we will draw for this beautiful Washington State CDA Quilt. Make sure that you don't miss out on this historic quilt. As usual, tickets are \$1 per ticket or \$20 for a page of 20, always a good idea! Send your money and tickets to Marilyn Hanses, State Secretary, at 14114 E. 51st Street, Yuma, AZ 85367 until mid March and then to 106 Berkshire Ln, Pasco, WA 99301

Christy Hall, State Regent

Holy Father's Intentions for December 2014 / January and February 2015

December 2014

Universal: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

For Evangelization: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

January 2015

Universal: Peace—That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

For Evangelization: Consecrated life –that in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

February 2015

Universal: Prisoners—That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

For Evangelization: Separated spouses—That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.



2015 CDA National Education Contest Themes

It is time to start encouraging our youth to enter the 2015 CDA National Education Contest. The themes for this year are:

- “Love your neighbor as yourself”
- “Be a good neighbor”.

Let’s spread the word. Remember that there are monetary rewards for students at the state level.



O Come Let Us
Adore Him!

In Memory of our Deceased

CDA Sisters

Court Saint Aloysius #243
Dolores Lockhart

Court St Cecilia #668
Marilyn Lyons
Lenora Hermann

Court Tacoma #977
Evelyn Sinkula

Court Caruana #906
Donna Boyle

Court Our Lady of the Lakes #1850
Nikki Blevins

Court Saint John the Evangelist #2105
Margaret King

Court Saint Catherine of Siena #2059
Eunice Bricco

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 : Correction: Due to incorrect information the following are NOT :
 : deceased, but have resigned from their courts: Ann Jenkins :
 : from Ct St Rita #957, Julia McDonnell from Ct St Rita #957 :
 : and Helen Barg from Ct Blessed Mary of the Narrows #2003. :
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Want to find something useful to do with all those stickers you get in the mail that you couldn't possibly use?

Lorrie Banning of Ct St Aloysius #243 has a solution for you. Here is a note from her sister Betty about how her students use these stickers.

The students were just asking for some stickers yesterday, in class, and that made me think of you and your friends who so kindly gather these stickers and send them along to me for them.

They are just so happy to have stickers to send to their families! It is precious to watch them "choose" the most appropriate ones for their intended family member, be it son or daughter; mother grandma, or auntie. Their wives/girlfriends are a whole different category and they choose more cautiously. They can never thank me enough for my "sister and her friends" who send the stickers.

Just wanted you and your friends to know that the stickers have quite an impact on them. Your kindness is an amazingly big hit!

By the way, these stickers were the fall/ Thanksgiving ones; I will distribute the Christmas ones at the end of November and into December. The Christmas one are always chosen so carefully.

Thanks for all you do! Please know they have a terrific impact on the men.

If you would like to donate your extra stickers, please send to: Lorrie Banning
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA in Yakima

Saturday, Dec. 13th 8:30-11:00am

Bring your own camera, Santa will be there to take pictures with your kids!

Join in the Adult and Children's Raffles & Shop at the Country Store!

All are welcome!

Children 3-12 \$4, 13 & over \$7

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WANTED—State Historians Need Information

Share your court news and activities with the State Historians.

We are looking for envelopes and boxes to arrive in the mailboxes of Marie Smith (507 W 21st Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336) and Barbara Keen (4204 S Sharron St, Kennewick, WA 99337). For electronic photos and information, email to historian@catholicdaughters-wa.org

Installation of Officers

Dinner Auction

Walk for Life

Father's Day Breakfast

Spring Tea

Memorial Mass



REGENT'S CHECKLIST

(Feel free to print this)

- ◆ **State and National Dues:** Are your state and national dues up to date? They should have been sent in by November 1st 2014 for the Fall. Remember that national will send an invoice, but your state dues should be paid with your completed Financial Review since there is no invoice from state.
- ◆ **November 30th:** First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ **December 8th:** Immaculate Conception
- ◆ **December 25th:** Christmas
- ◆ **January 1st, 2015:** Solemnity of Mary
- ◆ **January 2015:** Delegates for the State Convention should be nominated at the January meeting.
- ◆ **February 2015:** Delegates and alternates should be elected at the February meeting. Be sure to vote on what expenses your court may reimburse for the state convention.
- ◆ **February 14, 2015:** Saint Valentines Day
- ◆ **February 18, 2015:** Ash Wednesday; the beginning of Lent.
- ◆ **March 1st, 2015:** Delegate/Alternate forms **MUST** be returned. The hotel rooms for the convention must be reserved by March 24th, 2015. The hotel is the Red Lion at the Quay in Vancouver WA. They can be reached at 360-694-8341 or 877-423-7115. Be sure to mention Catholic Daughters so you are booked into our block of rooms.

REMINDERS:

Have you submitted your local court news, projects or activities to the state newsletter? Send us a picture and/or short write-up. We would love to feature different courts in each newsletter. **Please send to Christy Hall at: stateregent@catholicdaughters-wa.org**

Please send any changes to your court meeting time and place to Christy Hall so it will be updated in the state directory.



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In Unity & Charity

**Mission Statement of the
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The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable and educational apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engage in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world. Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principal of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, the advancement of human rights, and human dignity for all.