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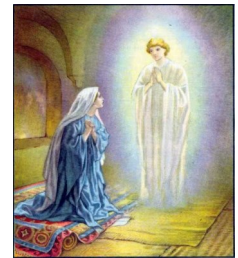
The Washington State CDA WINTER 2015 Newsletter



Dear Sisters and Catholic Daughters,

I started writing this article as I was literally sitting in the dark. We were 7 nights without power due to a horrible windstorm, which had a significant impact in the Inland Northeast and took out power to hundreds of thousands. Though uncomfortable and inconvenient, it was an opportunity to connect with neighbors, friends and family to ensure that everyone was safe. Are we prepared for emergencies, if not what can we do?

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Upon arriving the angel said to her: "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! (You are full of grace) The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women".



The Christmas Season is fast approaching and we are blessed in so many ways! Are we prepared? This is a special time in which we can give thanks for all the Blessings we have received, let us prepare for Jesus' coming. "Then the Spirit of love who presides over all God's work came upon her; the Virgin said: 'Behold the servant of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word,' and the greatest of mysteries was accomplished."

It is though Catholic Daughters of the America's that we can be witness to Jesus' love and continue to serve those most in need. Let us continue to treat with respect our fellow members and the most vulnerable. Let us be a witness to God's love and continue to ask Catholic women to join our society and share in the joy that we offer.

Thank you all for your service and love. Merry Christmas!

Marie Raschko-Sokol



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ADVENT THANKS

As I write this Thanksgiving Day is 2 days away; 2 days after that begins the season of Advent. There is absolutely no deliberate connection between the timing of these 2 events; in fact, truth be told, Thanksgiving Day as a liturgical observance is somewhat artificial—it does not commemorate an event in the life of Jesus or a mystery of God. But, to me, it seems to be a happy coincidence that Thanksgiving Day and Advent are so proximate.



Father Pat Kerst

With an incredible grasp of the obvious, Thanksgiving Day is all about our need to be grateful people; as people of faith, this gratitude is first and foremost directed to God, the Giver of all good gifts.

Is it not important to be grateful as well for the season of Advent?

Advent is about the coming of our Lord: His first coming in the mystery of the Incarnation, which we celebrate at Christmas; His second coming in glory, for which we long and are reminded of liturgically as we end the liturgical year with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and begin a new one in Advent; and the many ways He comes to us in our lives now. What better response to this desire of our God to be with us that is so deep that He has become one of us, is with us now, and will come again with fullness of salvation, than to give thanks to God?!

Advent has been called the sacrament of time. God has sanctified our time by being incarnate in it, and has promised that time will come to an end with Christ's coming in glory. So we live in the sanctified time in between Christ's first and second comings, and are called to use that time to the glory of God and in loving service of God and neighbor. Time is a great gift from God to us; let us be thankful to God!

Advent, as a time of preparation for Christmas, coincides with a number of gatherings of families and friends to celebrate in the joy and hope of the season that finds its source and object in Jesus Christ. The family and friends who surround us in our life's journey are gifts from God; let us be thankful to God for them!

May you have a blessed, gratitude-filled walk with the Lord and with each other through the holy season of Advent.

Fr. Pat



Membership~ Belongs to us all!!! Essential Question~ How do you encourage young women to **join CDA?**
 (Ideas from our First Vice National Regent for Membership and Court Development, Olga Samaniego.)

- * The first step is a **planning meeting** with your **Court's board**. Set goals and plan activities for the year. Your most powerful tool for this meeting is **prayer**. Lift your prayers up to God and watch how he will work to help you in planning.
- * **Host an event** with a guest speaker or a parish retreat. Send out **invitations**, bring friends and family. Be sure to set up a table with **CDA materials and literature**. If you decide to invite women to one of your meetings, begin with a special prayer and **introduce your guests**.
- * **Ask** someone to **speak** about your Court's goals, activities, and projects for the year, at Mass or Social Hour. Highlight the opportunities for **spiritual growth** and using one's gifts for God's people.
- * **Follow up!** Make sure you call interested women back after the event or meeting. You want to make sure that a new member feels wanted and appreciated.
- * **Keep** your Court and activities **visible**. * Order **nametags** for members to wear when they are serving at church.
- * **Keep** your Court **active**. **Volunteer** to provide meals for church events, host parish events, chair parish committees, and **wear CDA apparel** to be visible, invite other groups to join you in **sponsoring an event**, and be willing to **speak at group meetings**, such as RCIA.
- * **Ask** to have a **bulletin board** in the church vestibule or close by. Keep it current with events, **pictures**, and activities.
- * **Talk, talk, and talk** some more about how much fun we have together, how we grow spiritually, make new friends, and how our fundraisers provide money for us to give to our charities.
- * Don't forget **National's BOGO Contest!** You still have a year to add to your membership.
 * **Let's take on the challenge Washington! Olga Samaniego.**

*Marie Raschko-Sokol, State Regent asked the question at the WA State Regional meeting in Tacoma...
 (Pictures and Re-Cap of the Western Regional Workshop can be found on pages 6 and 7)*

"Why are you a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas?"

Love and Camaraderie, (was heard this over and over again).
Enjoys CDA
Likes that we are under the protection of Blessed Mary
Likes Catholic Women coming together to pray
Enjoy sharing Catholic Faith
Fellowship
A way of giving of self to CDA community & others
Like minded goals
CDA members are extended family
Spirituality! (Also heard over and over again)
One Holy Catholic, Universal, Apostolic Church
We are Jesus and Mary to each other
Longing for sisterhood and spirituality and CDA met those needs
Praying to Rosary together
Convert says CDA has been her rock
Can count on sister CDA members when in need of prayer or help
Sisterhood!!!



A Note from Our National Director

My Dear CDA Sisters,

Once again we are into a special season we all love of celebrations and sharing fun times with family and friends. All around us are the bright, sparkling lights on our homes, our Christmas trees and on buildings all around our towns, the sound of Christmas carols in the air, busy shoppers and excited children running to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. It is so easy to get so caught up in the commercial Christmas that is all around us. For a brief time the world is full of joy and happiness and good wishes to those they meet.

Our country and our world are suffering difficult times when we all need to remember the real “Reason for the Season”. The most important part of the season is the celebration of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas morn. Won’t it be wonderful if the spirit of Christmas could continue throughout the world all year long.

Advent is a time for us to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ and to spend extra time in prayer and anticipation not only of celebrating the birth over 2000 years ago of Jesus in that stable in Bethlehem, but also in preparation for the second coming of Christ as our Redeemer. Because of the sacrifice God made of His only begotten Son, we can look forward to an eternity of the joys and happiness we share at Christmas. We’ll have Christmas every day!

During this Advent season lets remember in our prayers those for whom Christmas isn’t a time of joy such as the homeless, depressed, those grieving a loss in the family and those who don’t know the salvation of Our Lord. We need especially to pray for those whose who wish to destroy our country and our world. Some of you suffered greatly during the many fires that devastated your beautiful state of Washington this summer and I pray that you have received the help and support to pick up the pieces and are able to enjoy Christmas in its fullness.

My Christmas wish for all this year is the continued blessings from our Infant Jesus on His birthday and for Peace in our country and in our world.

God grant you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Many Blessings in 2016. Know that you are in my prayers daily.

Susan Mone’, National Director



Westside Regional Meeting! Recap of October 24, 2015 Western Regional Workshop



All State Officers Attended: State Regent, Marie Raschko-Sokol; First Vice State Regent, Nanci Cornell; Second Vice State Regent, Kathy Taylor; State Secretary, Thereasa Trujillo; and State Treasurer, Peggy Schouviller. All officers were happy with the turnout. Needed for next time: paper and pens available for note taking, (ladies were writing notes on napkins), and to include more spirituality. Marie asked every member present to share why they are members in CDA, the membership overwhelmingly shared that they are involved in CDA for spirituality and for camaraderie with other Catholic women.

State Regent, Marie shared correspondence from the Yakima and Spokane Bishops regarding the \$4,000 received from National CDA for Disaster Relief in our State due to all the fires and destruction of property due to the fires. Thank you to Marie for making the request for funds to our National Board and Officers.



Each State Officer took a role in presenting different aspects of our Organization, focusing on our Circle of Love and the responsibilities of each office.



State Membership Contest: *Theresa Trujillo, State Secretary, will keep track of membership for our Statewide Membership contest. Courts that have a net increase of 10% at the August 2016 State Workshop from their September 2015 membership totals will receive \$100 from our State Court!*

State Raffle Tickets *were distributed by State Regent, Marie to officers Court Regents in attendance. They will be closely tracked this year by Marie and Christy Hall, special projects chairperson. Tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing will be in August, 2016 at our State Workshop.*

Statewide CDA Retreat Survey to meet the needs of our members:

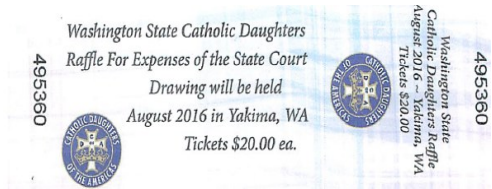
1. Are members interested in a Statewide CDA Retreat?
2. How far are they willing to travel?
3. How much are they willing to pay?
4. Should this be an event open to any woman interested in attending?
5. Where would they like the retreat to be held? (In a church, hotel or retreat center?)
6. What part of the State?
7. Do they want a mass included?
8. Do they want a rosary included?
9. Do they want the retreat based on a Theme/Topic?
10. Speaker ideas? (Would you like a priest, nun, or Catholic lay person?)
11. When?





News from Past State Regent, Christy Hall

Dear Catholic Daughters Sisters,



State Money Raffle– 2016

This year the State Project will be the money raffle we did last year. Marilyn Nagle and I have the tickets that are, as last year \$20 per ticket. The pay-out for winners is \$1000 for First Place Winner, \$500 for the Second Place Winner and Third and Fourth Place Winners each get \$250. Drawing August 2016.

Money for tickets can be mailed to Christy Hall, State Project Chair, 515 Newell St., Walla Walla, WA 99362. I will mail your tickets back to you upon receipt of your check.

Any court that wishes to sell those tickets, please have your Regent contact me. For questions or ticket orders, call me at 509-525-3958.

Past State Regent’s Club

I emailed all Regents this past Fall regarding our Past Regents Club charity. I propose that we support the Pro-Life billboards across the state. Each Court’s Past Regents will need to decide what their Court fund raiser will be. Funds from the fundraiser should be sent to the State so that when we fund the billboards, it comes from the state in the name of Past Regents Club.

Court St. Cecelia’s VA Benefit Luncheon

November 14th Court St. Cecelia #668 hosted a Benefit Luncheon for the homeless Vets in Eastern Washington. The event sold 125 tickets and netted over \$8,6000.

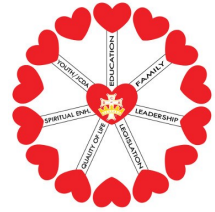
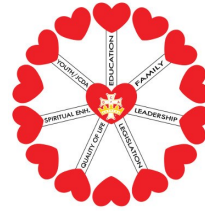
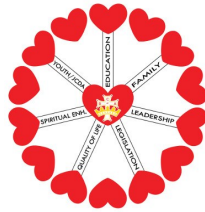
Walla Walla Catholic Charities partnered with other Support services in the Walla Walla Valley to convert the Officer’s Quarters at the Walla Walla VA Hospital campus into 40 apartments. Walla Walla Catholic Charities will use this fund to supply household items so that vets can live in these apartments.

If you wish to donate furnishings and kitchen/bath items, you can contact Debbie Baker, 509-529-4980 ext. 130, at BMAC in Walla Walla. They can store furniture until these apartments are ready to house vets.



Past Regent Chair
Christy Hall





Education~ Washington State Education Contest~

Right after Christmas it will be time to get busy on your plans for the CDA Education Contest. The entries for your local contests will be due no later than February 15th in order to be judged and the first place winning entries sent to me no later than March 15.

I need to have those first place entries judged and sent to National by April 15th. Please be sure that your 1st place entries conform to all of the rules; size, grammar, and neatness are very important and the entire entry form needs to be correctly filled in (name and address of each student is very important).

My address is: 3284 224th Ct. SW, Brier, WA 98036

May each of you and your loved ones have a very blessed Christmas holiday. Kathy Murphy, Chair

Publicity~ Washington State Newsletter Contest~

As you continue this year of Catholic Daughter events, please don't forget the Washington State Newsletter Contest. I would like to encourage all Courts to enter this contest. While the judging occurs in the spring, the contest guidelines require three different newsletters from each Court. As you are sending out newsletters to your members this Winter and Spring, please consider also sending them to me. This will make entry into the contest easier for you in March. If I already have your newsletters, you will only have to fill out the entry form. The newsletters can be either sent via regular mail, or may be emailed to the following address:

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Family~

As your families reunite during Christmas, celebrate being a family. Play, work and pray together! Build an unbreakable family! Create bonds and memories to withstand the trials and pressures the world throws at you. Build your individual families and your church family.

The Pope reminds us that the family is primary and, due to today's challenges to the Catholic family, is more important than ever to guard and strengthen. "To all I say revere and protect your family and family life. The Christian family is more important for the Church and for society today than ever before. The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation, just as the dignity of man is the true measure of a civilization" St. Pope John Paul II.

We build bonds when we pray, work and play together. Make your family strong enough to withstand the trials and pressures of our modern society. You can build a strong, close knit family. Hold a movie night at the church hall. Watch "The Scarlet and the Black" or some other good Christian/Catholic movie together. Play a game, it doesn't have to be monopoly and last all day, try Tensie, 21, or Suspend. These are short fun games any age can play! And pray the rosary together, daily if possible but at least weekly, if time is a problem in just 5 minutes you can do a decade a day! Ask God for grace and to strengthen and preserve your church family and your immediate family. Let us pray to the Holy Family to help our families fulfill our call to be prayer filled Christian families, and continue to grow becoming what God wants us to be; a Light to the world!

Dawna Parazoo, Chair

Circle of Love in Action

Dear Beloved Catholic Daughters

The story of Christ's Birth we know very well; for there was no room for them at the inn, silence, obscurity, and no publicity, and the world all around did not know the Messiah was born.

Near the stable where the Christ child was born, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:13-14 "And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angels praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

But the angels proclaimed a deeper, more lasting peace than that, a peace of mind and soul made possible by the Savior. Peace with God is received by faith in Christ and it is on believers that his favor rests.

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace is the refreshment and repose of the soul in the midst of the struggles and sorrows of life, but this is not the only reason for which we should try to obtain and possess it.

We should desire it above all because it gives glory to God.

There was no room in the inn the night Christ was born, but is their room for him in your heart? This is where he wants to take residence and for you to begin a deeper relationship with Christ, for to have Christ is life eternal.

Merry Christmas to you and your family, and peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace be with You, Lucy Schilling, Court Carauana



Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions for December~

The **Jubilee of Mercy** begins on **December 8th**, and **Pope Francis** is lining up his prayer intentions for December with the upcoming year.

His universal prayer intention is "that all **may experience the mercy of God**, who never tires of for giving."

The Jubilee will have a special focus on the **sacrament of reconciliation**.

faith love
hope



Around the State~ Court News

Court St. Therese #1879 Camas-Washougal had a baby shower for the Pathways Pregnancy Clinic at their October meeting. Those attending from the Clinic gave us a short presentation prior to the meeting about the organization. They were thrilled with all they received.

(So sorry for the dark photo!)



Treasurer

Family

Catherine of Siena #2059

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- Linda Roseiter ~ Communication/E-mails
- Cindy Paris~ Vice Regent
- Kathy Aguilar ~ Financial Secretary
- Carol Stegner ~ Regent
- Kathi Meshishnek ~ New Member

(Listed left to right)



State Youth Chair Report.

Hello,

My name is Jessica Compton and I'm Regent of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America. JCDA is composed of young girls actively involved in various activities with a common goal of serving the need of others.



So far this year, we've decorated pumpkins, wrote letters to firefighters, filled up individual emergency kits for homeless people, set up small gift baskets, decorated ornaments, and made rosaries to sell for fundraisers.

We're also going to sing Christmas carols to seniors at an assisted living facility next month. Thank you for your interest in getting to know our organization.

Sincerely,
Jessica Compton

Here are a few pictures from our last meeting.



~ Washington State Court ~
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Marie Raschko-Sokol, State Regent

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In Unity & Charity

**Mission Statement of the
Catholic Daughters of the Americas**



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.