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The Washington State CDA Newsletter



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Let us continue, during this season of Easter, to follow our Risen Lord in the best tradition of our Catholic Daughters in electing our new Court Officers in Unity and Charity. My thanks to each of you who will begin carrying the yoke of Leadership in your courts as we begin your new terms of office. It is such an honor to be chosen and the oaths you will take at your installation are designed to help you wear that mantle with grace and in the unity and charity to do what is right and to serve well.

The State Officers are all looking forward to meeting each of you at the State New Officers' Workshop in August. It will be in Pasco at the Red Lion and will have Fr. James Northrop giving a Spiritual Seminar on Holiness to kick off our training! We are always so blessed to have him with us in person and to hear his words of encouragement! I strongly encourage all of you to attend so that you can begin your journey with a team spirit and a unity that will allow you to make your terms truly joyous.

Our State has seen many momentous events this past few years, but one I am most inspired by is our newly instituted JCDA court in Everett. I encourage all of our courts to consider the possibilities that a Junior Court in their area would offer. Many of our young girls would embrace the opportunity to serve, as we do, and to learn their faith in action.

We've explored the avenues of increased revenue with our Money Raffle. Tickets are going fast, so if you've not gotten one as yet, contact First Vice State Regent, Marie Sokol.

The State Officers are looking forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention in just weeks. There will be amazing ideas to be gleaned from those we'll meet and I hope all our delegates will see the big picture of which we are all a part. This will give us a better sense of what we can do with the team attitude. We hope to do some "Meet and Greet" events this fall and will hope to see more of you then!

Have a blessed summer and we'll see all the New Court Officers in August at the Workshop. Email me for those forms if you have not received them!

Christy Hall

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All Time Belongs to God

Not too long ago on that wonderful night when we celebrated the Easter Vigil, I traced the sign of the cross on our Easter Candle. As I did this I made the following proclamation:

Christ yesterday and today
the Beginning and the End
the Alpha and the Omega
to Him belongs Time
and the ages
to Him be glory and empire
throughout all the ages of eternity.
Amen.

I thought of this prayer a few days ago while recalling a visit I had several years ago with my Uncle and Grandfather. My Uncle was telling me someone asked him if he had an enjoyable summer. He replied that he couldn't even remember the summer and the only memory he could recall was going to the nursing home to spend time with his mom who was in poor health. He said this with a sense of lament and disbelief that he couldn't even recall much about what had happened last year. I could certainly relate to what he was saying. It wasn't the most pleasant summer of my life either and I too can't recall a lot of the details of what happened except the numerous trips to the nursing home I made to visit my Grandmother.

Our conversation reminded me of the importance of seeing time through a Christian perspective. To a Christian, all time is a precious gift from God with meaning and purpose. It is aimed at something — the fulfillment of God's reign which Jesus will bring when he comes again in glory. While reminiscing about certain things in our past we are forced to acknowledge that some of our hopes and dreams will never come true. We set out thinking things will unfold a certain way, only to find out that we're not in control of a lot of things. This can bring a tremendous sense of disappointment.

If all time truly belongs to God then everything we encounter can be used for our benefit. Even the more unpleasant things in life somehow have a meaning and purpose even when I can't understand why they happen. And in the end, my faith calls me to believe that the ultimate hopes and dreams God has placed in my heart will come true.

As we prepare to celebrate the summer months God invites us to consecrate the time to Him by trusting that even if this summer doesn't turn out the way we would like it to, God will still be at work continuing the good work begun in all of us. When I can remember this truth, I enjoy myself and the time that God has given me to share in the blessings of summer. Time becomes an invitation to say with St. Paul that "all things work according to the purpose that God has for those who love Him." (Romans 8:28)



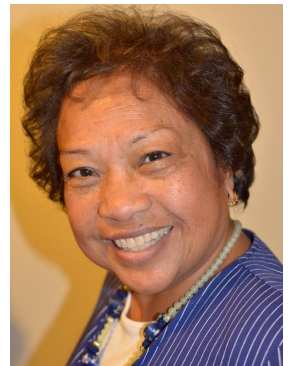
On a personal note I would like to invite you all to join me for a Catholic Daughters Workshop in Pasco on August 15th. I will be giving a presentation on The Gift of Christian Hope and how we can stay hopeful in the midst of trials. This is a unique presentation and not one that I have given before. (No recycling of old presentations—only the finest for my Catholic Daughters of the Americas!) Please come and join me. I look forward to sharing the day with you. Have a blessed Pentecost!

Father Jim Northrop,
State Chaplain



The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi

CDA Second Vice State Regent—Profile



Hello CDA Sisters,

I have the privilege of being your Second Vice State Regent. My journey to being a State Officer and joining CDA is based on my Mother’s love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. My Mom is deceased, but I still remember my Mom growing beautiful roses to put beside the statue of Mary, in her home church in Yakima. She was also very active in the Legion of Mary. Mom recited the Rosary every day. So, it was natural for me to join CDA, who has Mary as their patroness.

I am also the Regent of Court Saint John the Evangelist #2105 in Vancouver. I have been delighted seeing all the activities and works of justice and love of our court in our parish. As I have traveled to other courts, I am filled with joy to see the all the hard work and activities dedicated to the mission of CDA. Keep up your good work and visibility.

On a personal level, I have been married for 45 years to my husband, Paul. We have three adult children, Paul Jr., Taryn, and Amy. We also have three grandchildren to enjoy; Nickole, Ashley and Nolan, and one great grandchild, Aiden. If I was to put a sticker on my car, it would read, “I stop for plants, retail therapy and travel.”

Blessings,

Bernie Gerhardt

State Raffle



This is your last chance to purchase a raffle ticket! The grand prize is \$1,000 with the 2nd prize of \$500, the 3rd and 4th prize is \$250 each. Please support Washington State Catholic Daughters. The ticket cost is \$20 and the proceeds will go to defer the travel cost of the State Officers. We want to be more visible to all the local Courts in our state. We need your continued support. The tickets are selling quickly and the winners will be drawn at the August Workshop in Pasco. Please contact Marie Raschko-Sokol, 1st vice state regent for purchase of tickets. Her Email address is: 1stvicestateregent@catholicdaughters-wa.org. In advance thank you for your commitment to Catholic Daughters.

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

Thank you to Angel Metcalf of Court St Rita #957 for the invitation to the Junior CDA Institution and Installation for the state scrapbook.

Installation of Officers

Dinner Auction

Walk for Life

Spring Tea

Memorial Mass

Father’s Day Breakfast



Apparitions of Mary: KNOCK SHRINE

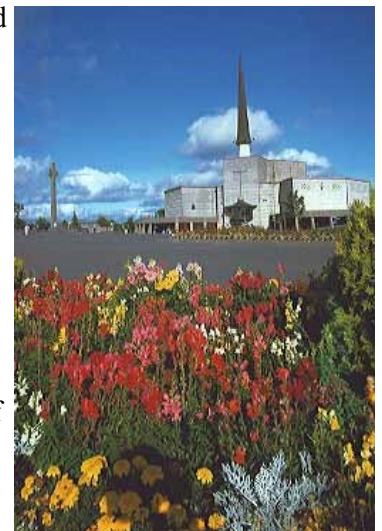
On the wet Thursday evening of August 21, 1879, at about the hour of 8 o'clock, Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist appeared in a blaze of Heavenly light at the south gable of the Church of St. John the Baptist at Knock in Mayo County, Ireland. Behind them and a little to the left of St. John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb with adoring angels. The Apparition was seen by fifteen people whose ages ranged from six years to seventy-five and included men, women, teenagers and children.

The poor humble witnesses distinctly beheld the Blessed Virgin Mary clothed in white robes with a brilliant crown on her head. Over the forehead where the crown fitted the brow, she wore a beautiful full-bloom golden rose. She was in an attitude of prayer with her eyes and hands raised towards Heaven. St. Joseph stood on Our Lady's right. He was turned towards her in an attitude of respect. His robes were also white. St. John was on Our Lady's left. He was dressed in white vestments and resembled a bishop, with a small mitre. He appeared to be preaching and he held an open book in his left hand.

The witnesses watched the Apparition in pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although the witnesses standing before the gable were drenched, no rain fell in the direction of the gable. They felt the ground carefully with their hands and it was perfectly dry as was the gable itself.

An ecclesiastical commission of inquiry was established by the Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr. John MacHale. The Commission's final verdict was that the testimony of all the witnesses taken as a whole is **trustworthy and satisfactory**. At a second Commission of inquiry in 1936, the surviving witnesses confirmed the evidence they gave to the first Commission.

In 1979, the centenary of the apparition, Pope John Paul II, a strong personal devotee of the Virgin Mary, visited Knock Shrine and stated that it was the goal of his Irish visit. On this occasion, he presented a **Golden Rose**, a seldom bestowed token of papal honor and recognition. Mother Teresa of Calcutta visited the Shrine in June of 1993.



New Junior CDA Court



In the picture starting in the back row from left to right:

Audrey Metcalf, Allena Surprenant, Jessica Compton, Kimberly Aoll and our State Regent, Christy Hall.

The front row from left to right: Chinoso Okoroafor, Amaka Okoroafor, Natalie Siep, Rahel Iznigo, Emily Kim, Dominique Gibson, Hope Koi-

va, Maija Kovia, and Rita Surprenant.

Not in the picture are Jennifer and Beyoncé Gonzalez.



Invitation to the New Officers' Training Workshop

August 15, 16 & 17, 2014 at Red Lion Inn, Pasco WA

All courts are encouraged to send their newly elected officers to this training event. The cost for the event is \$110 for all meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast after the 9:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cupich. The room fee is \$94 per night with up to 5 persons per room. **Reservations should be made at the hotel by July 20, 2014** and please be clear that you are there for the CDA Workshop. Call 1-800-733-5466, directly for your hotel reservations. The **workshop registration forms are due by July 15, 2014** to Marilyn Hanses, 106 Berkshire Lane, Pasco, WA 99301.

The meeting attire is business casual. Please bring your books of office with you. Because we will be sharing so much information, it will be difficult to absorb all of it. Please read Section IV of the Tools of the Trade before you arrive. We will supply a booklet of forms you will use frequently and other items that will facilitate each office for you to take home. If your court would like a CD of the forms, please let us know **before** July 15th, preferably noted on the registration form.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday the 15th with a Reflection given by our State Chaplin Fr. James Northrop. Dinner on Friday will be on your own. We will begin on Saturday with breakfast and finish the day with a banquet that night. Sunday Mass and breakfast with Bishop Cupich was extremely popular at the last workshop and deeply moving. You will not want to miss this.

We are looking forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to get to know each of you!



- **Court Saint Aloysius #243, 100th Anniversary**
Instituted June 21, 1914, Bellingham
- **Court Saint Cecilia #668, 93rd Anniversary**
Instituted June 5, 1921, Walla Walla
- **Ct Saint Catherine of Siena #2059, 42nd Anniversary**
Instituted June 4, 1972, Clarkston
- **Court Saint John #2105, 40th Anniversary**
Instituted July 9, 1974, Vancouver
- **Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #2463,**
15th Anniversary
Instituted June 3, 1999, Lynnwood
- **Court Madonna of the Valley #2556, 9th Anniversary**
Instituted August 28, 2005, Spokane Valley

Saint John Paul II Prayer

WE THANK YOU, Lord Jesus, because the Gospel of the Father's love, With which you came to save the world, has been proclaimed far and wide in America

As a gift of the Holy Spirit that fills us with gladness.

We thank you for the gift of your Life, which you have given us by loving us to the end:

Your Life makes us children of God, brothers and sisters to each other. Increase, O Lord, our faith and our love for you, present in all the tabernacles of the continent.

Grant us to be faithful witnesses to your Resurrection

For the younger generation of Americans, so that, in knowing you, they may follow you....

May families always be united, as you and the Father are one, And may they be living witnesses to love, justice and solidarity; Make them schools of respect, forgiveness and mutual help, so that the world may believe;

Help them to be the source of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life....

Protect your Church and the Successor of Peter, to whom you, Good Shepherd, have entrusted

The task of feeding your flock.

Grant that the Church in America may flourish and grow richer in the fruits of holiness.

Teach us to love your Mother, Mary, as you loved her.

Give us strength to proclaim your word with courage in the work of the new evangelization,

So that the world may know new hope.

Our lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, pray for us!

A Note from Our National Representative

Greetings to all Washington Catholic Daughters. I thought I would be writing that I recently returned from a visit to your great state for a CDA State Board meeting. Unfortunately for me, I was unable to make that trip due to emergency surgery the day before I was to leave. I am sorry I was not at the meeting but am looking forward to attending the 100th anniversary of the court in Bellingham. Congratulations to Court St. Aloysius #243 as you celebrate one hundred years of spreading unity and charity to the people in the Bellingham area. That is a tremendous accomplishment and I hope you have at least 100 more great years.

I am happy to hear that a number of you are coming to the National Convention in Billings in July. Be sure to follow all the deadlines in getting your registration, meal, and tour reservations in on time. The ladies in Montana are working very hard to put on a great convention and I'm sure you will all enjoy it very much. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Please continue to look for new areas in which to institute a new court. If you know of a possible area in which to start a new court, please contact one of the members of the State Board.

To all of you, have a great summer and come back refreshed and ready to start a new year in Catholic Daughters. May God always bless you and your work in CDA.

Shirley Seyfried,

National Regent Elect and Washington State Representative



Terry Henkle

State Newsletter Contest Chairperson

By the time you get this newsletter, the Washington State Newsletter Contest will have been scored and winners passed on to National. We expect to announce the winners at the State Workshop this summer. It was fun looking over what you have been doing in the last year throughout our State!

I thought it might be nice for you to know a little about the people who have looked at your great work! National asked that we not have Catholic Daughters do the judging, and we were successful in finding three outstanding Catholics who were thrilled to be asked to help. All three, two women and one man, are professionals in fields related to communications with the public.

Rick Eskil started out as a reporter for the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin in the mid-80s, and has worked his way up to Editorial Page Editor and writes the *What's Up With That* column. Rick is active in the Walla Walla Community, serving as an officer for the Booster Club for Walla Walla Catholic Schools, participating with the Friends of Children of Walla Walla, and recently served as a judge for Whitman College's Hosokawa Journalism Contest.

Elaine Prentice is a Walla Walla native who graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1958. She joined the Whitman College staff in 1978 after teaching high school English for eight years in the Portland-Vancouver area. At Whitman she handled media relations and wrote and designed many kinds of publications. From 1988 until she retired, she served as editor, designer, and chief writer of the *Whitman* quarterly magazine. She retired as Associate Director of Communications in 2005. She sings in the choir at St. Patrick Church in Walla Walla.

Joyce Oakley taught English at Walla Walla High School for 30 years. Since her retirement she has been active in the Walla Walla-Columbia Counties School Retirees Association, working as Health Services Chairperson.

Teeny Tears Project with Court St Monica #2627 in Kettle Falls

Teeny Tears is a service organization that provides tiny flannel diapers at no charge to hospitals and bereavement support organizations for families that have suffered the loss of a premie or micro-preemie child through stillbirth or NICU loss. For more information, Teeny Tears has a facebook page and a web page at TeenyTears.org

Court St Monica decided to get involved in this project. We chose a Saturday close to Mothers' Day so that mothers could give their time and energy to comfort and help suffering mothers. We had cotton material donated by Quilthome.com and some of our court members. We invited the parish ladies to join us and we provide lunch. We traced the pattern on the material, cut it out and pinned it, it was sewn and turned right side out, ironed, top-stitched and finally folded and pinned. We had each station worked by a couple of ladies. Visiting and sharing stories and jokes made the time go by so quickly. All too soon it was 2 o'clock and we packed up and counted the finished products. We had 45 completed diapers ready to send. Eighteen more that were completed by Nancy Green before the Thursday deadline. There were also 26 more that were cut and pinned ready to be sewn. We were able to send 89 diapers. We will be planning another weekend soon.

A few of the ladies wanted to share why or how this project touched them.

Nancy Green knew only that her mother was very sick when she was in kindergarten. Just 10 years ago she was finally told that she would have had a baby brother if he had survived. Her mother talked about not being able to see or hold the baby and how difficult it was for her to deal with his loss. Nancy said that this project helped her to deal with the loss of the brother that she never got to know. Being able to help other parents and ease their burden helped her even after all these years.

Debbie Grusenmeyer said that after the death of her older brothers' 2 children, we were not able to find clothing that fit the babies for the funeral. Doing this project has made it possible for the parents of today to find something to dress their little angels in and not have to put them in the grave bare. This makes the baby seem more protected, loved and cared for. We are praying it gives the parents comfort as they were able to give a visible sign of their wish to nurture and care for their baby.

Diana said that she lost one baby before a live son was born and one after. She always told her son that he was a middle child. Her angels in heaven are still very close to her heart.



On the left sitting , is Valorie Anderson (regent-elect), Dawna Parazoo, Debra Grusenmeyer, Judy Montowski (in hat), Debbie Martin and Pat Elliott. Not included in the picture were Mary Carstens, Esther Hillbrant and Karen Flani-gan.

Holy Father's Intentions for June, July and August 2014

June 2014

Universal: That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

For Evangelization: That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

July 2014

Universal: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

For Evangelization: : That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

August 2014

Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

For Evangelization: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that re-



Prayer Intentions: The Regent of Ct St Pius X #2270, Carole Marshall, has been diagnosed with breast cancer, and with her permission we have been asked to please get the word out right away as she will be getting a second opinion and will have surgery as soon as possible following that appointment. Prayers are the glue that holds us all together, and gives us strength to go on every day. We need to depend on one another. So tell everyone you know, and ask for them to pray also.

Candlelight Rosary to Honor Mary

On May 10th, Ct St Anne #2575 in Kennewick prayed a candlelight Rosary to honor Mary, our Mother. We adopted this practice from Ct Our Lady of Fatima #1611 in Pasco. There is one votive candle for each bead on the rosary. Each



candle is lit while that 'bead' is prayed. We find this is a moving and reverent prayer and always do this in May and October. Many times we invite members of the parish and have always found the Knights of Columbus are very supportive of our devotion to Mary.

Knights of Columbus State Convention in Bellevue

Several of our Catholic Daughter sisters attended the Knights of Columbus convention in Bellevue and some were even captured on camera.



Here we see Kathryn Aguilar from Court Washington #196 in Spokane.

Jack and Lee Newman are shown here. Lee is from Court Our Lady of the Islands #2514 in Oak Harbor. We have enjoyed seeing Jack and Lee at our own state conventions over the years.



Valerie Braemert from Court Saint Theresa of Avila #2564 in Kennewick is shown here.



Here is our State Regent, Christy Hall from Court Saint Cecilia #668 in Walla Walla with Pam Polis of Court Saint Catherine of Siena #2059 in Clarkston.

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Court Wenatchee #255
Dorothy Sandhop
Louise Kirschner
Patricia Wettin

Court Caruana #906
Mary Wentz

Court St Therese #1879
Barbara Peshon
Lamerne Hirschberger

Court St Pius X #2270
Barbara Anderson
Mary Jo Vogeler

Court Our Lady of the Islands #2514
Madeline Tufaro

Court St Anne #2575
Eva Mobley



State CDA Quilt

Many of the local court quilt blocks have been received. They are beautiful and quite unique. They will make a very lovely and inspirational quilt.

If your court has not yet completed their block, please put a rush on it to get it in.

The date for completion of the quilt block has been extended to **July 1, 2014**. Then Marilyn Hanses can complete the quilt. We have several new courts to be added during 2014 and want to be sure to include them. The quilt will be done and ready to sell raffle tickets later this year. The drawing will be held at the 2015 State Convention in Vancouver. We hope to money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will help to support the work of the State board and also in hope of not raising dues.



REGENT'S CHECKLIST

Feel free to print this!

- ◆ National and State dues should all have been paid.
- ◆ Liability Insurance should also have been paid.
- ◆ Local Court Officer lists should have been mailed to National and the State Regent.
- ◆ New court officers should be installed. Be sure to invite your state representative to participate in the installation of officers.
- ◆ Transfer of books and training from old officers to new officers should be completed
- ◆ Complete IRS form 8822 Change of Address if your regent has changed
- ◆ **June 8** Pentecost
- ◆ **June 15** Father's Day
- ◆ **June 22** The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi
- ◆ **July 4** Independence Day; please pray for our country
- ◆ **July 15** Registration forms are due to state secretary, Marilyn Hanses for the Officers' Workshop
- ◆ **July 20** Hotel Reservations are due for the Officers' Workshop
- ◆ **August 15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- ◆ **August 15-17** Officers' Workshop at the Red Lion Inn, Pasco WA

REMINDERS:

Have you submitted your local court news, projects or activities to the state newsletter? Send us a picture and 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 and it will be updated in the state directory.

~ Washington State Court ~
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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.