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The Washington State CDA Newsletter



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new CDA year! It was my great pleasure to get to know so many new faces during the National Convention in Billings this past July. I especially loved the passion and willingness I saw to serve our order! It reminded me that this next year will fly by and we'll be welcoming a new State Board of Officers. I would strongly encourage anyone who has considered or been asked to consider running for office to step up to that level of service. While we will have 3 state officers who are not running again, no office is predetermined and anyone who chooses to apply for an office can do so. With our nominating committee being responsible to choose those best qualified to serve us, it is also possible to run from the floor. I never thought to run for that office, but when encouraged to think and pray about it, I found the courage to try and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I can assure you, the work is rewarding and you will be blessed. You have until the end of January to pray and make a decision. If you are thinking about it and have questions, I'd be glad to chat and answer whatever concerns you may have.

We've begun the work of preparing for the State Convention in Vancouver hosted by both St. John the Evangelist Court #2105 and Court St. Therese #1879 of Camas. You'll want to be there to represent your court and have a say in the issues of the state. Plan now to send your delegates. You'll be able to understand how the \$20 we send to National becomes BIG money when we all share in our own small ways.

I wish each of you a wonderful fall, full of enthusiasm and passion for the work your court does and the part you'll have in it. In Unity and Charity, we can do whatever job God sends our way because His grace will be sufficient for it and because as Faithful women we can make a difference in our town, country and the world.

Here's to the difference YOU will make! May the blessings of our Lord, Jesus, be with you!

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.

The newsletter is also available free of charge at the State Website:
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Novitiate of the Sisters of Life (bottom right is Sister Jordan Rose Rehder, former CDA member of Ct Saint Anne #2575, in Kennewick).

Welcome to our
NEW MEMBERS!

Court Saint Rita #957

Lorrie Cole

Britt Durkin

Katherine Heintz

Claudia P Holl

Janet Marshall

Miss Nicole Sanford

Elizabeth (Betsy) Selders

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Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #2364

Susan Epps

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this column from a fish camp on the upper western end of Vancouver Island. I have been enjoying a five day fishing trip with my dad and brother. I don't often get to spend time with my dad and brother because of our busy work schedules. This has been a very blessed time. Oh, and the fishing has been very good.



When we returned this evening from a very successful day of fishing, I was able to check my email and there was a sad notification from a brother priest that he needs to step away from parish ministry for further discernment about continuing in parish ministry. This is the second time in less than two months I have received this kind of news. I am very much aware of how overwhelming priestly ministry can be with all its demands and challenges.

It is critical as we continue in our service to the Lord to be mindful of our need to encourage and support each other.

I want to take a moment to thank you as a Catholic Daughters for your participation and involvement in the Church. You are doing outstanding work in the Lord's Vineyard and have been a strong support for priestly vocations.

Let us continue to encourage one another while it is still today (cf. Hebrews 3:13) and strive to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Hebrews 12:2).

Thank you for being a blessing to me and rest assured of my continued prayers and gratitude for you all in your service to the Lord.

Father Jim Northrop,
State Chaplain



PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES



September 29th, 30th; October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th
2014

The multinational **Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies** is a special nine days for **the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** to be offered and **the Rosary** to be prayed for the following intention: **For the protection of unborn human persons.**

You may be a part of the September 29th - October 7th **PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES** by doing one or both of the following:

- 1) Have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered at least once on any of the following days: (September 29th, 30th; October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th)
- 2) Pray one Rosary on each of the following days (a total of nine Rosaries) (September 29th, 30th; October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th)

A person may learn how to register for the Novena by clicking on the **Registration page at:**

www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

Installation of Officers

Court Saint Anne #2575 of Parish of the Holy Spirit in Kennewick, installed their new court officers in June. Pictured from left to right are: Shelly Bohrmann, Recording Secretary;

Judy Cleary, Vice Regent;

Camille Henneberry, Regent;

Lucy Razor, Financial Secretary and

Shelly Holsapple, Treasurer.



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

Spring Tea

Memorial Mass

Father's Day Breakfast

Apparitions of Mary—Our Lady of Lourdes

The Message of Lourdes can be heard as:

God is love and he loves us as we are



In February 1858, Bernadette Soubirous, her sister Toinette and a friend, Jeanne, went looking for wood. They were in front of the Grotto of Massabielle. Toinette and Jeanne crossed the icy water, crying out with the cold; Bernadette hesitated to do this because of her chronic asthma. She heard "a noise like a gust of wind", but "none of the trees were moving". Raising her head, she saw, in a hollow of the rock a small young lady, who looked at her and who smiled at her. This was the first of 18 Apparitions of the Virgin Mary that Bernadette would experience at Lourdes in France.

At the time of Bernadette, the Grotto was a dirty, hidden, damp and cold place. It was called the "pigs' shelter" because that was where the pigs feeding in the area usually took shelter. It was there that the Virgin Mary, dressed in white, a sign of total purity, the sign of the Love of God, the sign of what God wishes to accomplish in each of us, deigned to appear.

At Lourdes, the fact that Mary had appeared in a dirty and obscure Grotto, tells us that God comes to join us where we are, in the midst of our poverty and failures. The Grotto is not only a place where something happened, it is also a place where God gives us a sign. It is a place where God leaves us a message: **God comes to tell us that he loves us. This is the heart of the Message of Lourdes: That he loves us as we are with all our successes but also with all our wounds, our weaknesses and our limitations**

Priest Appreciation Dinner and Installation of CDA Officers—June 2, 2014



CDA Court Saint Catherine of Siena #2059, together with the Knights of Columbus, hosted a dinner in appreciation of Father Richard Root. The dinner was held in the Holy Family Church in its new parish center, which was recently completed in Clarkston, WA. WA State Regent Christy Ann Hall and Father Richard Root performed the Installation ceremony for the newly elected court officers. Pictured from left to right are: Marlene Driscoll, Treasurer; Kathy Aguilar, Financial Secretary; Cindy Nightingale, Recording Secretary; Cindy Paris, Vice Regent, Carol Stegner, Regent, Christy Ann Hall, WA State Regent and Father Richard Root, Court Chaplain. Three new members were also initiated at the dinner. The new members are Carol Wise, Betty Eggleston and Brenda Kite.



Here we see many , but not all, of the WA State delegates to the **55th Biennial National CDA Convention** held in July in Billings, Montana. Father Michael Ibach, Chaplain of Court Caruana #906 (and Spiritual Advisor at the state) is shown in the bottom left corner. Do you recognize the delegates from your court? From what I have heard from many little birdies, they all had a really great time in Montana. Our delegates also worked hard and learned many things. The National Convention provides a rich array of information and lots of opportunity to share ideas and make new friends across our great nation. It is through the support of like-minded women that we learn to grow spiritually as well as in many other ways. Start to make plans now to attend the 2016 National Convention in Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to the following Courts Celebrating Anniversaries

- Ct St Aloysius #243, 100th Anniversary
Instituted June 21, 1914; Bellingham
- Ct St Cecilia #668, 93rd Anniversary
Instituted June 5, 1921; Walla Walla
- Ct Tacoma, #977, 84th Anniversary
Instituted September 13, 1925; Tacoma
- Ct Our Lady of the Lakes #1850, 54th Anniversary
Instituted November 6, 1960; Lakewood
- Ct St Catherine of Siena #2059, 42nd Anniversary
Instituted June 4, 1972; Clarkston
- Ct Sacred Heart #2104, 40th Anniversary
Instituted October 23, 1974; Pullman
- Ct St John the Evangelist #2105, 40th Anniversary
Instituted July 9, 1974; Vancouver
- Ct Our Lady Queen of Peace #2463, 15th Anniversary
Instituted June 2, 1999; Lynnwood
- Ct Madonna of the Valley #2556, 9th Anniversary
Instituted August 28, 2005; Spokane Valley
- Ct St Anne #2575, 8th Anniversary
Instituted October 21, 2006; Kennewick
- Ct Queen of Angels #2576, 8th Anniversary
Instituted September 26, 2006; Edmonds
- Ct St Monica #2627, 5th Anniversary
Instituted November 14, 2009; Kettle Falls



A Note from Our National Regent

Dear Washington Catholic Daughters,

The leaves are starting to turn colors already telling me Fall is near. I know you are planning and getting ready for you next year in Catholic Daughters. May God guide you as you make your plans and decisions for the new year.

I want to write to thank you so much for all your kindnesses to me while I served as your National Representative. I really enjoyed every visit I have made to Washington and your warm hospitality. I had a wonderful visit to Court Aloysius in Bellingham this past spring as they celebrated their 100th anniversary. Thank you to Court Regent, Bartley Metcalf and all the members of the court for your kind invitation to your very special celebration. May you have 100 more great years serving the people in Bellingham through Catholic Daughters. A special thank you to Christy and Dave Hall for picking us up at the airport and chauffeuring us around that weekend.

Thank you also for your support at the National convention. It was good to see so many of you there.

We have had our first National Executive committee meeting and are gearing up for a very busy two years. I have chosen the theme **“Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me.” (Matthew 25:40)** I am asking each court to take this theme to heart and start two new programs in your court to carry out the theme. Maybe you begin having birthday parties for nursing home residents once a month, or visit the sick in your parishes, or collect food for the food pantry; whatever it is, I would like you to write up your project and send it to me. I plan to feature some of the projects in Share and on the web site. Hopefully, this will help to breathe some new life into your courts and interest new women to join.

We also are going to put great emphasis on membership and court development, with the goal of turning around our trend of losing more members than we gain each year. Please do whatever you can to increase the membership in your courts by inviting every woman in your parishes to join this wonderful organization where we are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. Our goal is to have five new courts in every state in the next two years so if you have any leads or ideas whatsoever, please let your State Regent, Christy Hall, (christyannahall@charter.net) and our National Membership chair, Olga Samaniego (olgasamaniego@hotmail.com) know and we will follow up on every lead.

Spirituality is what sets Catholic Daughters apart from other charitable organizations. Increasing our spirituality is what Catholic Daughters is all about. Please plan retreats, Masses, prayer services, etc. for your members and always remember to pray for the success of every project that you undertake.

I hope you have a wonderful year in Catholic Daughters. May God Bless you and guide you in all you do.

Peace,

Shirley Seyfried, National Regent

Hints for Creating a Court Newsletter

- ◆ Be sure to include the CDA registered logo
- ◆ The regent’s name, address, phone number and/or email address should be included
- ◆ The newsletter editor’s name, address, phone number and/or email address should be included
- ◆ Be sure to include the CDA Mission Statement
- ◆ The Court name, number and location should be at the top of the first page
- ◆ Include information from your court meetings (especially helpful for those that missed a meeting)
- ◆ Include information from the state and national newsletters
- ◆ Include a little “holy humor”
- ◆ Include information about up-coming events and court activities
- ◆ Include spiritual information and parish activities
- ◆ Be prepared to submit your newsletter to the state contest chair in the spring



Congratulations WA State CDA Woman of the Year—Bena Gilgore

Bena Gilgore is a member of Court St. Therese #1879 in Camas, Washington and has been since 1977. Bena has stepped up and held the offices of Regent, Vice Regent, Financial Secretary and Treasurer and held some of these offices more than once. She has been involved in several of the committees, most recently the Quality of Life Committee. You will find Bena working at all of the Court functions, whether it is a fundraiser dinner, bake sale, tea fundraiser, or CDA Day events.

Bena is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Camas and gives generously of her time to the parish. In the past few years she has worked on the committee that cleans the church weekly, worked with the group that launders the parish linens and she makes sure the parish kitchen is stocked with the supplies needed for the vast number of events that are served there.

She also works with the Aquinas Guild, another women’s group in the parish. She is the current Treasurer of that group. She chairs the group of ladies who prepare the funeral luncheons and receptions for families. Bena helps to organize workers from our parish, who serve a monthly luncheon at the Share House in Vancouver (a local homeless facility). She has also organized workers for the Treasure House, an interfaith “store” in our community.

Bena epitomizes the spirit of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She continuously donates her time and talents to her church, her community, and the Catholic Daughters. She is also a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. Any time her family needs her, she is there. She lovingly took care of her spouse of many years until his passing. When asked, Bena says “yes”.

Many blessings to our WA State CDA Woman of the Year, Bena Gilgore!

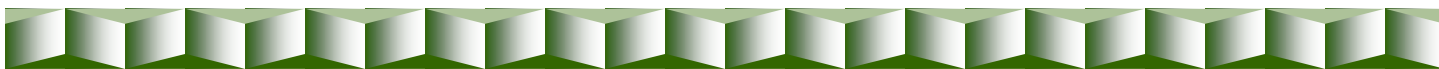
WA State CDA Quilt Coming Together

The state quilt to be raffled at the 2015 state convention is in the process of being put together. There are many very clever and beautiful quilt blocks.



in which city they are located. A new block will be made for the new JCDA Court which will be instituted in Kennewick WA. The institution will happen within the next two months. With only 3 blocks to be turned in, I will be able to start assembling the quilt as soon as I receive those blocks. The raffle tickets will be available soon. Watch for them.

Marilyn Hanses, State Secretary



Holy Father's Intentions for September, October and November 2014

September 2014

Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

For Evangelization: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.



October 2014

Universal: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

For Evangelization: : That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

November 2014

Universal: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

For Evangelization: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

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.



*In Memory of our Deceased
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Court Saint Rita #957
Marjorie Cronin

Court Our Lady of the Lakes #1850
Mary Beth Connoy

Court Our Lady of the Islands #2514
Margaret Wunderlich

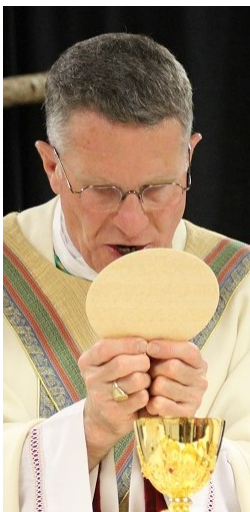


55th Biennial National CDA Convention—Billings Montana



At right: Liturgy of the Eucharist celebrant Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archdiocese for the Military, with 19 Court Chaplains.

At left: Angela Francois from Ct St Pius X is looking good with her hat and boots.



Three of the prettiest state regents in the nation (Washington grows them that way; must be the apples)! From the left: Past State Regent, Lisa Huddleston; State Regent, Christy Hall and Immediate Past State Regent, Charlene Dronen.



National Regent Anne Nelson, left, awards Catholic Woman of the Year, Muriel Forrest



Friday's Keynote Speaker, Teresa Tomeo

2014-2016 National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas





REGENT'S CHECKLIST

Feel free to print this!

- ◆ **First Meeting:** Review your local court Standing Rules with the Court and have them approved. The standing rules should be reviewed and approved annually.
- ◆ **State and National Dues:** Are your state and national dues up to date? They should have been sent in by May 1st 2014 for the Spring. Remember that national will send an invoice, but your state dues should be paid with your completed Financial Review, there is no invoice from state.
- ◆ **Liability Insurance:** The Liability Insurance should have been paid in April (you would have received an invoice from national).
- ◆ **Court Budget:** Does your court have an approved budget. It might be time to start reviewing your needs. Be sure to check the Charitable Contribution Report for ideas about budgeting items for the State and National Charities and Projects (the current Charitable Contribution Report is included in the latest State Directory that our State Regent emailed to all the court regents—page 23).
- ◆ **September 29th—October 7th:** Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies—encourage your court members to participate (see additional information on page 4 of this newsletter).
- ◆ **October 1st thru 31st:** Plan your semi-annual Financial Review. Co-ordinate the date and time with your District Deputy or State Representative. There is a copy of the Financial Review form in the State Directory on page 26. Send a copy of the completed financial review to National, State Secretary, State Regent and District Deputy or State Representative. Be sure to keep a copy for your local records. Save yourself time and money and include your state dues with the copy you send to the State Secretary (\$2 per member for 6 months). These should all be mailed by November 1, 2014.
- ◆ Pay your National Dues when you receive the invoice from national (this does NOT require a court vote).

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

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**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.

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