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DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022 NEWS

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith, working through love, in the promotion of justice equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.



**Court Sacred Hearts #864,
Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

**DUE TO THE PENDING SNOW STORM ON
FRIDAY AND ALSO OUR CONCERN FOR
THE INCREASE IN NUMBERS REGARDING
COVID, THE COURT BOARD HAS
CANCELLED THE JANUARY MEETING.**

**You may bring food item(s) for the Food
Pantry to our meeting.**

"Doing small things with great love."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear CDA Friends,

Blessings and peace as we begin a new year! I hope you are healthy and well as we face many challenges due to COVID. Let us continue to pray for each other. As a new year begins, we often make New Year resolutions to help us be a better person and live more fully. In preparation for my homily for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, I came across a list of New Year's Resolutions from Pope Francis. I found the following worthy of note: Take Scripture to heart, Pray every day, even when it is hard, Limit your internet usage, Stop judging others and Call your family and friends regularly and to listen to them. This last one is particularly significant. Staying in contact with family and friends takes time and effort but it is so important to do so in order that family life is strengthened and friendships

**DUES FOR 2021-2022 ARE DUE!
\$30.00 ~ PLEASE SEND TO KATHY
VALERIO, FINANCIAL SECRETARY,
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persevere. What are some of your new year resolutions?

I hope to see you at the next CDA meetings.

Fr. John

MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JUDI SHOOTER



Dear CDA Friends,

If you have the television on, you no doubt have seen and heard the many, many advertisements stating "it's the most wonderful time of the year" followed by a chorus of buy this or buy that now before it is gone. Sometimes it is difficult to see through these marketing approaches to choose the right thing to concentrate on. Now more than ever is a good time to shut the television off, turn the radio off, close the computers and remember that, yes, it is the most wonderful time of the year, but not because of fleeting sales that will soon be gone, but because of something much more important - the promise of the birth of our Lord and Savior. This promise will not "be gone if you don't buy it now". This promise endures. May we take time to prayerfully celebrate this season that is upon us and all the promises that our Lord gives us. Christmas blessings and New Year Blessings to you all.

Judi

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE REGENT, PAT ADAMS



New Year 2022 Greetings, CDA Sisters!

*It's the beginning of a New Year! A time for reflecting on the past year, and then stepping forward with resolve to continue the positives and improve in needed areas... Just as this happens individually, so too does it apply to our Catholic Daughters courts. Perhaps take time with your court and your District Deputy to do a self-evaluation. Bylaws, Tools of the Trade, and the Circle of Love provide a frame of reference. We need to keep our courts, as well as ourselves, "healthy" and thriving!

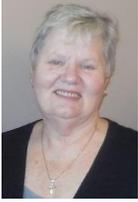
*Looking ahead – Elections for new Court Officers will be held in May. Please consider electing your Nominating Committee in January, if possible, in case of any weather-related meeting cancellations in February.

*Members, please begin to consider prayerfully if God is calling you to serve as an officer. Is it time for you to share your gifts and talents? Shared leadership strengthens an organization. Seasoned officers become the mentors for the new, supporting and guiding. They take their experience to the next level, serving their State courts in various roles. This is how we nurture and develop leadership skills (Circle of Love) so that our local courts remain strong and produce leaders for State and National roles... and our organization continues and thrives.

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It's a celebration of Mary as the bearer of our Savior, of her Maternity and Motherhood, and of her **"YES"** to God. Mary showed faith, resolve and obedience in her reply: "Be it done unto me, according to thy word". May we, as Catholic Daughters, renew our **"YES"** to God as we go forth, in Unity and Charity, to serve Him as we encounter

Jesus among our brothers and sisters.
Wishing you and your loved ones a New Year
full of love, blessings, and good health!
Your State Regent, Pat

LOCAL COURT HAPPENINGS



Dear CDA Members and Friends,

The past two months have been such a busy time both in our everyday life and also our spiritual life. November with our Veterans Day celebration and then with Thanksgiving, a time for family. We then began our celebration of the Advent season with many prayer filled times before the celebration of Christmas, the birth of our Savior.

STEVENS BENNETT FOUNDATION AWARD



(ltr) Robert Driscoll, Stevens Bennett Foundation, Maureen Trainor, Regent and Very Rev. John W. Delaney, Pastor

At the December meeting I announced the possibility of our Court receiving a grant from the Stevens Bennett Foundation. I, as Regent, was contacted about submitting a proposal for a grant. The requirements were that the money would need to be spent for senior women. After some thought, a proposal was submitted that we could use this money for senior women in nursing homes who may be in need of various types of items such as clothing, personal items etc. I am happy to say that our Court has received a check in the amount of \$5,000

and we will begin this project in the next month.

KNITTING MINISTRY

At our December meeting, CDA members who are part of the knitting group presented their prayer shawls, lap throws and hats at the meeting. These knitted items will be given to the Hospice House, Food Pantry and other areas of need. Thank you to all.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED



Eddie Martinez, Grand Knight Council 202

Members of our CDA Court Board became aware of a request for children's games from the Knights of Columbus #202 in Haverhill. The games were to be donated to those at St. James Parish. Several bags of games were brought to the Grand Knight Eddie Martinez so that no child would be without a present during this time.

MA STATE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARTY



On Saturday, December 11th six members of Court Sacred Hearts attended the MA State Advent/Christmas Party held at the Church Hall of St. Joseph's Church in Medway, MA. Attending were Jane Almquist, Eileen Clarkson, Gini Kukene, Lynn Suuronen, Maureen Trainor and Kathy Valerio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL EDUCATION WINNER!



Congratulations to Kailyn Aquino a recent 8th grade graduate from Sacred Hearts School who won 1st Place in the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest. The theme of the contest was **"LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE WITH**

LOVE." 1 COR. 16:13 or SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.

SHARE THE LOVE By Kailyn Aquino

Feel that warmth, that special feeling,
Let it fill you, consuming your being.

Spread it share it everywhere you go,
Teach it, preach it to everyone you know.

Yell it from the mountain tops for all to hear,
Sing it to the shepherds so they will not fear.

Be a dove an angel from up high,
And share this love that you feel inside.



HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMBIT PROGRAM?

GAMBIT is a state program which supports the Education Program. This includes the National Education Program awards given at the state level and also the State College Scholarship that is presented yearly. GAMBIT runs from November to May with drawings each month. The GAMBIT forms were mailed out to each member and they should be forwarded back to Kathy Valerio if you wish to participate in GAMBIT. Please remember that your participation helps to support our youth in the education contests and scholarships at the state level. Please remember "Our youth is our church of tomorrow".



Can you help? Each Friday following the 7:00am Mass, Adoration takes place in the Chapel until 11:00 am. Please let me know if you are available to come to sit and pray with our Lord.



CALLING CDA ANGELS

Extend your hand and invite women to join with you in responding to God's call. Tell them about the work that is done by the Catholic Daughters in helping others and how they too can become "CDA Angels for God".

ST. JAMES SOCIETY MASS

ENROLLMENTS

Mass Enrollment Cards are available for your use and may be obtained from Chairperson Cheryl Lupi or Eileen Clarkson. All masses are said by the members of the Society of St. James the Apostle in South America. Cost is \$5.00 per year.

**Please check out our
Massachusetts web site:
www.masscatholicdaughters.org**

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

CDA is seeking new members. Won't you help? If you don't invite, they won't join. Each new member is new light, new life for our courts. Invite one new member to join and help our court grow and glow.

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National web site:
www.Catholicdaughters.org**

LET US PRAY



Please join together and remember to **"TAKE TIME, TAKE THREE"**. **Please pray three (3) Hail Mary's each day for the end of terrorism and the demise of all terrorist nations. Please also pray the Prayer to St. Michael for our church and our priests who serve us each and every day.**

I ask that you also continue to pray for our church, for Pope Francis, for Cardinal Archbishop Sean O'Malley, Very Rev. John Delaney, our Pastor and Chaplain, and Rev. Dan McCoy that God and the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them in all that they do. Please also remember Captain/ Chaplain Fr. Ben LeTran in prayer for his service with the United States Army. Prayers are also requested for those who are ill and those who are in need of our prayers, especially, Rose Boland and her husband Jim, Peggy Channell, Janet Dutil, Marilyn Giardini, Sheila Kanan, Rosemary McHatton, Carol Portors and her husband Dick, Patti Richard, Phyllis Surman, and Irene Zielski.

Let us continue to pray for all those who have been affected by the corona virus.



*Let us be filled with the blessings
from our Patroness, Mary...*

*Thank you for all that you do and
continue to do.*

*Please continue to stay safe and
healthy.*

*Maureen, Deborah, Anne, Kathy,
Jane, Judi and Fr. John*