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REGENTS MESSAGE

My Dear CDA Sisters,



Liturgically we are in the last days of our Lenten Season and we will soon celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Spring has arrived and nature joins in the celebration as buds & blooms & birds begin to resurface.



However, we are also going through a challenging time with the Covid-19 virus. Please follow your State and Local officials and be safe and stay healthy. While our new normal has changed for the time being - be positive! Be thankful for your families and for your health! Be thankful for the goodness of others! Check in on your friends and neighbors and if you can lend support to those in need!

We may not be able to gather together or see each other each day, but we can stay in touch through texts, emails, phone calls or video chats to name some. Try to stay in touch with your members to conduct necessary business such as our local elections in this way for now.

I am praying each day for all of our members, their families and friends for continued health and strength during this very difficult time. "Fear not, The Lord has risen – He is always at your side." *Have a Blessed Easter!!! Your State Regent Nancy*



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

A Word from Fr. Peter DeFazio, Chaplain

“...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (St. Paul, Ephesians 3:17-19)

Dear Daughters and Friends,

We are certainly living in an unusual, challenging time—a time of chaos and uncertainty. The anxiety of this crisis reaches into every corner of our world. No life is immune from the stress of the moment even those of us who are strong in faith are feeling uneasy and uncertain.

Yet our Rock is Christ.



St. Paul wrote:

“...all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.” (1 Corinthians 10:3-4)

So many of our people are feeling deprived of the Eucharist, the Rock that is Christ. The Bread from Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. But now, in these moments, through this *holy longing*, perhaps we will recognize what a treasure we have in the Eucharist. And even now, the Lord generously gives himself to his people through an act of spiritual communion via the miracles of modern technology that is likewise God's grace: Another way in which by using the created world that God gave us, human beings can bring fellowship to the Mystical Body of Christ even as physical closeness is impossible.

All of us who are recipients of this newsletter believe in something beyond the here and now. We are people of faith who believe in God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And we believe the words of the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus, when he says: **“Do not be afraid, I am with you always.”**

Because of this, you will be able to “walk on water,” like Saint Peter did, even when the seas of life are turbulent. Think about it: A simple, humble fisherman *walked on water*. We can also. He faltered only when he took his eyes off Jesus, when he began to rely solely upon himself rather than the Lord (Cf. Matthew 14-22-33). St. Peter could walk on water only because the one who called him, Jesus, was Lord of the universe. Let us not falter.

Trust in Jesus in these turbulent times. Call upon Him.

Jesus remains Lord of the universe. No worldly suffering—no virus, no health concerns, stock market crash, job loss—nothing is outside his loving providence. As St. Paul eloquently wrote:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:35, 37-39)
In such difficult times, we need to remember that God’s grace is always present to sustain us ...and can even bring us some blessings in the midst of our suffering. We cannot bring good out of evil. *But God can. Jesus brought salvation out of an instrument of torture and death! The Cross!*

Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you” (Matthew 7:7). His promise and his grace are certain—even *in this uncertain time*.

Let us turn to the Prince of Peace for strength and courage. And please be assured of my prayers for each of you and your families.

In the name of Jesus Christ, through the intercession of his Mother Mary, as we say together,

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen**

The word "REJOICE!" is written in a highly decorative, calligraphic font. Each letter is filled with a different color and has a gradient effect. The letters are interconnected with flowing, ribbon-like lines that extend from the bottom of the letters, creating a sense of movement and joy. The exclamation point is also stylized and colorful.

GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL SUPERVISOR



Greetings,

Easter is a time that we look forward to attending Mass as a family, enjoying family members we haven't seen in a while, helping the little ones to dye and decorate eggs and sharing that special meal.

We must remember what makes the Easter holiday so special. It is a time to come together to pray and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During these times, we must pray and continue to reach out to one another in Unity and Charity. Please take time to reach out to our sick and shut-in members. There is no better time for us to come together as it is today.

Happy Easter and May you and your family members continue to stay safe.

Essie



A MOMENT FOR SPIRITUALITY & REFLECTION

From Jean Rousseau, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

There is power in faith. Faith is like a bridge between heaven and earth, between ourselves and You. It cannot be measured on a scale or touched with a hand. It is a spiritual power, an inner strength. Our faith rests in You, Lord, who hears our every word and have power to aid us. In our darkest hours, it sustains us. It is a positive force that links us to You. Thank you Lord, for this wonderful gift. May we share our faith now with others.
-Amen



CIRCLE OF LOVE

This month our Circle of Love will focus on Youth/JCDA – Our Chairman is Annette Johnstin.

Today's youth are our future!!! By responding to their needs we help everyone.

It is the mission of our youth programs to nurture personal and spiritual growth; to promote service to others and to foster an awareness and appreciation of diversity through a variety of suggested activities and experiences. They may enhance their personal and spiritual growth with retreats, special liturgies and programs.

Their service to others may include: food drives, feeding the hungry, Book/Toy drives or visiting nursing homes, creating care packages for the military or sending cards and helping at an animal shelter to name some.

The JCDA chairman may also assist in developing new JCDA courts in the state and help plan a JCDA day of reflection, workshop or such.

Teaching service to our youth at a young age can help reinforce healthy behaviors. Volunteering helps our youth feel good about themselves because they help others. It teaches them teamwork; it provides personal growth and boosts self-esteem. It also shows how they can make a difference in our world today.



NATIONAL NEWS -

LOCAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

An excerpt from our National Regent Olga's message in our March Newsletter.

“Soon it will be time to elect new officers. Please consider running for an officer's position. The Lord has given you gifts and talents that He expects you to use. Say, “Yes!” I can't promise you that it will be easy, but I can promise you that God is never outdone. If you offer time and your talent to serve God and His people, He will reward you in ways you can never imagine.”

FINANCIAL REVIEWS

An extension on financial reviews has been granted by National in light of the current situation with the coronavirus. Reviews will be due to National by June 1st instead of May 1st. This date will be updated if necessary.

2020 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The multinational pro-life prayer event is being coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization and is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Participants are asked to pray at least one Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. To register your CDA Court's rosary count, visit the St. Michael the Archangel website at: www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org



ST. FAUSTINA AWARD NOMINATIONS

All State Regents can and should make 1-2 nominations of members who have been instrumental in advancing membership in your state. Winners will be announced at the National Convention. Emthangal@aol.com.

“Massachusetts in Action”...

STATE NEWS -

2021 STATE CONVENTION

Our 2021 State Convention will be held April 24 & 25 at the Marlboro Holiday Inn. A survey has been sent out with questions re: the convention. Please fill it out and email or mail to Alicia Baer, State Treasurer.

APRIL 2021...STAY TUNED!!!

DUES AND REVIEWS SPRING

You will soon be receiving your Spring Dues bills for National & State dues. Please be prompt in paying them.

Reviews are pushed out one month and are due June 1 instead of May 1. Please send copy to National, State Regent and State First Vice State Regent. Thank you!

CIRCLE OF LOVE AND OTHER CONTESTS

A huge thank you to all of the courts and members who sent in their Circle of Love, Education Contest and Newsletter contest entries!!! First place in all have been sent to National and will be announced at National Convention. All winners will be announced this fall.

LOCAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

By now your court nominating committees should be winding down calling each member to see if they are ready to step up and say yes to an officer's position. The slate of officers should be presented to the local court Regent and she will send in writing/email or in newsletter 10 days prior to May elections the slate. Please make sure you are staying on top of this very important process.

TBD SPRING MOVIE EVENT

We had in the makings a May Movie event showing of the movie “Unplanned”, however due to our current situation it may or may not come to fruition. Stay tuned for more information.



LOCAL NEWS –

CT. SACRED HEARTS #864

Ct. Sacred Heart's was busy planning Mary's Way of the Cross, a Green Items Auction, Food Pantry collection and a Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner.

DINNER

ST. JOSPEH'S #1475

Ct. St. Joseph's had a speaker on the subject of near death experience and on grief and loss, along with Lenten Stations.

STATIONS

ST. JOHN EUDES #987



St. John Eudes assembled 27 bags containing word search, crossword and other activities along with St. Patrick’s Day cards and delivered them to a nursing home in Marlboro.

CT. OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION #1543

Ct. Our Lady of the Presentation made plans for their Annual Baby Shower and a Talk from Father Chris, Chaplain about his Seminary days.

BABY SHOWER

CT. ST. BERNADETTE #2410

Ct. St. Bernadette had plans for Mary’s Way of the Cross.

MARY’S WAY



PRAYER CORNER

The Holy Father’s intentions for the month of April is for Freedom from Addiction. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



This month is also dedicated to the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Please keep in our prayers all of our CDA Sisters, their families & friends, especially for healing and strength during this difficult time in our World.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, St. Michael the Archangel – Pray for us!!!

In Unity & Charity
Nancy, Pat, Pauline, Carol, Alicia & Father Peter
“Serving the Lord through Our Faith, Actions & Love”

