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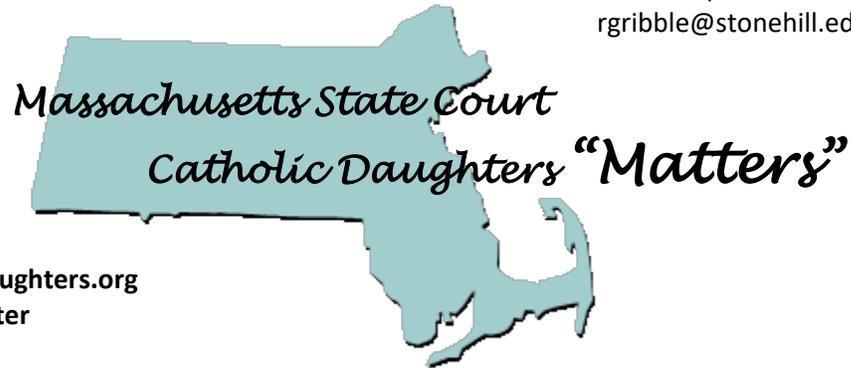
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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love  
In the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.**



**REGENT'S MESSAGE** – Patricia Adams



**“Serving the Lord through our Faith, Actions & Love”** will continue to be our MA State Court mission statement for the 2021-2023 term. I just can’t think of a better way to describe how and what we do as an intergenerational Catholic women’s organization. The State Court is our Catholic Daughters family, all of us together – Junior Catholic Daughters (6-18), Campus Courts (college students, faculty, and staff), Local courts (women of all ages 18+), our dedicated Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors. Why, we even have CDA Extended Family – our husbands, children, relatives, and friends! Your elected State Board, all individual members of local courts, is here to serve – to oversee state business, communicate, educate, guide, and to celebrate our sisterhood with all of you.

Despite the difficulties encountered during the pandemic restrictions, our members have continued to pray for ourselves and for others, and to reach out in so many creative ways to continue to make a difference. Strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we begin a new year with faith and hope!

I have several goals to share with you:

1. Foster the CDA Spirituality/Service/Sisterhood relationship by sponsoring gatherings to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, education, and member interactions through in person and Zoom events. It's important to connect with each other across the state, to gather, greet and share. State workshops, conventions, and celebrations are not just for the court officers; they are for all members. They are our family reunions! Come and enjoy! National conventions are for all members in addition to the voting delegates. In July of 2022, the National Convention will be held in San Juan Puerto Rico!
2. Focus efforts on opening new courts to increase membership. Since each new court automatically increases membership by 15+, we need to "market" CDA by identifying and using *appropriate* media to reach a broader area – publish your activities in the local newspaper, on local cable tv, and on your parish website; invite friends to "like" and follow your court's and the State's Facebook pages. It's time to share "the best kept secret." While we continue to welcome new members to our local courts, we can also encourage the institution of new courts by encouraging interested women who might be from another parish or community to start a new court. We have a process and support for opening new courts. Please share any interest you might hear about with the State officers.
3. Support Family life in our homes and extended families as well as the inclusive family in our parishes, our communities, and beyond, through spiritual, educational, charitable, and service outreach.

I sincerely look forward to continuing, in Unity and Charity, to do God's work together as we begin a new year of Faith, Action & Love! It's what we do!

Your State Regent Pat ♥

**A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN** – Father Rick Gribble, CSC

Dear Catholic Daughters,



I hope you and your families are well and the summer months, especially as we move beyond the Covid-19 restrictions, allow you and yours a period of relaxation and fun. As this is my first column as State Chaplain, an introduction is in order. My name is Father Rick Gribble, CSC. I am a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross and have served as a Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Theology at Stonehill College since 1995. I was ordained in 1989, spending three years in a parish and then completing doctoral studies at The Catholic University of America where my mentor, Dr. Christopher Kaufman, was the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Chair in American Catholic History.

I was born and raised in Southern California, near Los Angeles, and attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland as an undergraduate. I served my time in the Navy on nuclear submarines. I have been associated with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as Chaplain of the campus court at Stonehill College for the past several years.

The ministry of the Catholic Daughters is very important to the sustenance and growth of the Church in Massachusetts. Thus, you can count on my support for your efforts to serve God's people in the varied ways that the courts throughout the state minister in the name of Christ. I look forward to working with Pat Adams, your State Regent, and her colleagues to move the courts of this state forward in their common objective to serve the people of God. I feel honored to have been invited to serve in this capacity.

The reemergence of society from the restrictions of Covid-19 can be analogized to the freedom Christ gave to the many he relieved from their various infirmities. I am reminded especially of the Lord's words to Lazarus, "Untie him and let him go free." (John 11:44b) We need to untie ourselves and allow the Lord to use us as his vehicles to free those whom we serve from the various forms of bondage in their lives. Let this idea, my sisters, be the proactive theme that guides our day-to-day ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Father Rick Gribble, CSC

**GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL SUPERVISOR** – Essie Walker



Greetings to All,

Fall has arrived and we can now experience cooler weather. The summer months gave us the opportunity to relax and reenergize. Hopefully, you, your family and friends had the opportunity to spend time together to share in family activities or just to spend quality time together.

After a long hot summer, it is time for members to come together to share new thoughts and ideas that will help move our organization forward. It will also be a time for members to come together to share in prayer for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the summer months. We as Catholic Daughters have so much to be thankful for. Let us continue to lift each other up in prayer. Remember, to take time to reach out to members in nursing homes and those who are homebound.

Thank you to the State Officers, who braved the one hundred plus temperatures to attend the State and Territorial Officers Conference in Scottsdale Arizona. Your presence and participation made a huge difference. All presentations are listed on the CDA website.

Contributions to the National Projects and Charities continue to impact those in need. We thank you for your continuous support.

Now that we have reached the end of summer, let us take time to reflect on how we can continue to share our time and talents with our parishes, those in the community and CDA.

Essie



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**A PAUSE FOR PRAYER** - Bridget Whyte, Spiritual Enhancement Chairwoman



When our new worthy State Regent, Pat Adams, asked me to be the State Spiritual Enhancement Chairwoman, my initial thought was "Won't that be like preaching to the choir?" My experience with the CDA has taught me that her members are already deeply spiritual, and many are more so than I! And so, I felt humbled. What could I possibly contribute?

But then I started to think about choirs. A choir is *such* a blessing to a church!!! Mass always seems richer when there is a choir to sing God's praises. And yet in many parishes, including my own, Covid restrictions have silenced the choirs. Something has been missing from Mass, and at times those unsung hymns seem like unuttered prayers. I miss the voices of our choir!

I pray that the change of season, and coming Fall, bring a return of some longed-for ministries. I pray that the choirs can sing again. I pray that I can once again leave Mass with a hymn on my heart and God's praise on my lips.

And so maybe, as I begin this new role of Spiritual Enhancement Chairwoman, I really *am* preaching to the choir. But that's not a bad thing. Let us all be just like our choirs!

As we go about our lives, let us always sing God's praise with such love and enthusiasm that those who hear us join the song! And when our voices can't sing, let our actions be our song: May our prayers, kindness, charity, and compassion be our song!

May we sing God's praises in ALL that we do! May we *ALWAYS* sing His song!

**FOCUS ON YOUTH** – Marcia Hoyle Walkama, Youth/JCDA Chairwoman



My name is Marcia Hoyle Walkama, and I am a member and Past Regent of Court Our Lady of Lourdes 2396. I would like to thank the State Board for offering me the opportunity to be the Youth/JCDA Chairwoman for the upcoming year.

As Advisor for JCDA Court St. Bernadette 2396, though only having two years' experience with one being virtual, I would like to see the same JCDA opportunity offered at multiple parishes here in Massachusetts.

As the Coordinator for Faith Formation for the Brockton Tri-Parishes, I can offer wonderful ideas for both youth and family outreach in your parish.

Some September suggestions:

- Have your Court Officers meet in person with your parish Faith Formation/Youth Minister. See what they need and what you can offer as a Court to support that ministry. Offer to host an already set activity, maybe offer refreshments after a special Mass, or collaborate with them on a liturgical opportunity such as Stations of the Cross, Children's Liturgy of the Word, or Prayer Partners for the First Communicants.

- This is also a good time and opportunity to offer the Education Contest information. Coordinators/Directors plan out the year early and it is best to offer the information early as well. Information and forms are available on the National website. Make it simple for them; have a sample form all filled in and basic information all laid out. See if the Court could donate art supplies or maybe come and lead a class about the theme.
- If you have a regional or parish affiliated Catholic School meet with their leaders as well. Often Catholic School families are looking for the bridge to parish life for their families. Offer the Education Contest information to the School as well. Have enough packets made up and ask if they can be given to the homeroom teachers, the art teacher as well as the technology teacher.
- This September is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. One of my favorite books to use in Faith Formation classes about this topic is **He Said Yes: The Story of Fr. Michal Judge**. Fr. Michal is the first official victim of 9/11, and this beautiful book is available through Amazon. A simple Court Activity could be to donate this book to your Faith Formation program or Catholic School. Put a donation sticker on the front and make sure to include the donation in your parish bulletin, parish Facebook page, as well as the Catholic School Facebook page.

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

**EDUCATION CONTEST** – Massachusetts had a National winner in the 2021 Education contest! Congratulations to Kalyn Aquino, who was awarded a blue ribbon and a cash prize for First Place in Poetry Division 2. Kalyn’s winning entry, a first-place winner in MA as well, was submitted by Court Sacred Hearts #864, Bradford.

The new themes for the 2022 are “With God, all things are possible” Matthew 19:26 and “Where is faith in my life when I am struggling?” Updated forms with details and rules/instructions will soon be posted on the National website.

## **NEWSLETTER CONTEST**

IPSR Nancy Meehan was awarded First Place in Category 4, Division 2 for her 2021 Massachusetts State Court newsletter!! Congratulations, Nancy!!!

## **STATE OFFICERS WORKSHOP IN ARIZONA** – July 15-19



State Treasurer Alicia Baer, Second VSR Carol Ghiloni, State Regent Patricia Adams and State Secretary Jenn Pacheco traveled to Scottsdale AZ to attend the National State Officers Workshop at the Franciscan Renewal Center. They were greeted by our National Supervisor Essie Walker. The National Board presented an enjoyable and informative program about the Circle of Love, our roles and responsibilities, and shared spirituality and Masses. It was fun to meet CDA sisters from around the country and Puerto Rico.

## “MASSACHUSETTS in ACTION” ...

### State Board

The new State Board was installed at the State Convention in Marlborough. Thanks to technology, Holiday Inn, and the expertise of our State Treasurer Alicia Baer, members were able to attend the Installation Mass via Zoom! Your new Board is Patricia Adams, State Regent, Carol Ghiloni, 2<sup>nd</sup> VSR, Jennifer Pacheco, State Secretary, and Alicia Baer, State Treasurer. Missing is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent, as we are still in the search process.



Our new State Chaplain, Father Rick Gribble was installed by State Regent Patricia Adams at the August Board meeting.



**Website** – Our MA website is being updated by our webmaster PSR Judi Shooter. I have reached out to all regents for current information about the day, time, and place(address) of your court’s meeting for the court information page and have passed responses received along to Judi. Some courts have a link to their newsletters on this page, but the posted newsletters are no longer current. Please update this information monthly directly with Judi: [jhobbs1@aol.com](mailto:jhobbs1@aol.com). Judi is also looking forward to receiving pictures and news about court happenings and upcoming events for the website and the Face Book page. Let’s keep it current... Invite friends to view the site and to join the Face Book page. This is how we can share the CDA message and interest potential new members!

**SAVE THE DATES** – **Fall Workshop** is being planned for **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Cross Family Ministries/Museum of Family Prayer. Come to our gathering of CDA sisters for a day of spirituality, reflection, education, and fun! Bring a friend! We are also discussing plans for a **Christmas Party**, tentatively **December 11/12 weekend**. More information will be coming.

**Gambit** – The 2021/22 Gambit year will be starting soon. In the absence of a 1<sup>st</sup> VSR, IPSR Nancy Meehan will be the Gambit Chairwoman and she will be sending out information soon. Please support this important program, as it funds our College Scholarship and Book Awards, Education Contest prizes, and other educational needs. The first drawing will be held in November.

 **Fall Fund Raiser** – We are working on plans for another online **Fall Auction!** Details will be coming. As before, we are requesting item donations with brief descriptions from courts and individual members. Photos of the items should be emailed to Alicia Baer ( [aliciabaer12@gmail.com](mailto:aliciabaer12@gmail.com) ) by September 30<sup>th</sup> for posting on the auction page. Items will be collected and then delivered after the auction ends. Please share with your members in your newsletter and at your September meeting. Thank you for your help!

 **Winter Fund Raiser** – Our Jingle Bell Calendar Raffle has been a popular and successful activity. To prepare for this January fund raiser, we are asking each court to donate at least 2 gift cards, scratch cards, and/or cash of \$10 or more value to help fill the calendar. More information will be announced.

**Information and Forms** – **Updated** State rosters, information and forms are being emailed to the court Regents, to be shared with your board and chairwomen. Please use current forms, not older versions you might have in your files. Using older forms/rosters has sometimes caused problems/delays in getting to the proper person in a timely manner and may not provide all the information now needed. Current application, transfer, deletion, correction, Financial Review forms are available on the National website – [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org) You will also find the Revised Tools of the Trade.

## **LOCAL COURT NEWS**



**COURT OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION #1543** - From Regent Patricia McShane: This is a picture of **Court Our Lady of the Presentation #1543**. We got together for a cookout at Kathleen Mahoney's (a long-time member) home to discuss the plans for the upcoming year on the Solemnity of the Assumption. Fr. Chris Bae, our chaplain, also enjoyed and took part in the meal and the planning.

## **JCDA HAPPENINGS**

**COURT ST. BERNADETTE #2396** – Marcia Walkama, Advisor



It was a special day for our Brockton Tri parish at Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrating World Grandparents Day. **JCDA Court St. Bernadette** led this special Mass today. Tessie Stokinger, at the end of Mass, explained how Pope Francis has instituted this new yearly celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly. Tessie is one of 16 grandchildren of OLOL parishioners Pat and Maureen Reynolds, and Tessie is one of the 10 grandchildren who are parishioners. Thanks especially to Court Our Lady of Lourdes member Peggy Keelan Curtis who donated a butterfly bush for the JCDA members to plant in honor of all grandparents.



Junior Catholic Daughters **Court St. Bernadette #2396** had a very special summertime gathering in support of our brothers and sisters in faith who call the streets home.

The girls decorated lunch bags and made sandwiches and put together treats for the homeless. The CDA state board visited the girls and State Regent Pat Adams spoke to the girls and presented special pins to them. All are welcome to join their next meeting Saturday 9/11 at 10am in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. The Court will be doing special activities to remember the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.



## **CAMPUS COURT NEWS**

Students have returned to campus and the members of Campus Court Stonehill College #2623 are preparing for the coming year with a new Campus Advisor, Brittany Lorgeree. Brittany is the Minister for Community Engagement at Campus Ministry, and she is looking forward to working with and guiding these young women. Father Rick Gribble continues to serve as Court Chaplain. Fr. Rick has been a source of support and spiritual guidance for several years.

Though our members have demanding academic responsibilities, they actively seek to fulfill their roles as women of faith and action as well, serving as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, singing in the Chapel Choir, and taking active parts in retreats and devotions. As they return to a hopefully “normal” year, please keep them in your prayers as they recruit new members, elect officers, and create a program for shared spirituality, service, and sisterhood.

## **PRAYER CORNER** – Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us

Our Holy Father Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for the month of September:

“An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.”

September 11 – This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, a day of unforgettable and devastating events that struck terror in our nation, yet united us in prayer, outreach, and hope. A meditation in the September 2021 issue of Magnificat shares the words of Pope Francis, spoken at a 2015 prayer service at Ground Zero: “God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men

and women and peace among nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred, and who justify killing in the name of religion... Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.”

Please continue to pray for our CDA sisters who we received prayer requests for and shared via email, throughout the summer, including Court St. John Eudes #987 - Regent Janet Wisti, Court Sacred Hearts #864 - Sheila Kanan, Court Our Lady Of Lourdes #2396 – Rita Teixeira Fontes, Court St. Clementine #821 – Rosemary DelGizzi, Dora DelGizzi, Annette Johnstin.

Pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have recently passed away. We thank God for their love and friendship in life. May they rest in the peace of Christ – Mary Ackerley, Elizabeth Breen, and Patricia Abruzese Johnston, all from Court St. Clementine #821.

Pray for the personal intentions of our members. Please send your prayer intentions for upcoming newsletters to me: patsyann621@gmail.com



**In Unity & Charity**  
**Pat, Carol, Jenn, Alicia & Father Rick**  
*“Serving the Lord through Our Faith, Actions & Love”*

**Please note...**

Regents... Please forward this newsletter to all your membership, have a copy available at your meeting, and, if possible, send/deliver to those without email who are unable to attend meetings. Also, please forward me a copy of your newsletters and any news/photos to share with State or National.