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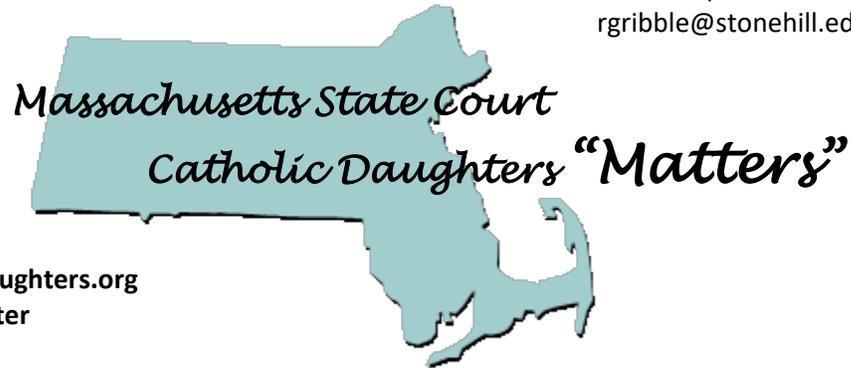
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In the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.**



REGENT'S MESSAGE – Patricia Adams



Many of us enjoy keeping up with news about our family and friends via Face Book, where one may post pictures, events, share their thoughts and ideas, and even ask for prayers and help at times. It's a way of connecting and keeping in touch with others. One feature on Face Book is a daily Memory post, just to you, with a selection of photos and accompanying text you posted on that date over a span of years.

I recently enjoyed browsing through pictures of my beautiful grandchildren at different ages. It was certainly a joyful trip down Memory Lane – seeing them grow from babies to present ages, reliving the occasions we spent together or the adventures they were having, remembering the details, and reminding me of how much I love them!

Later that day, I prayed the Rosary, broadcast worldwide from Holy Cross Family Ministries, and I listened to and meditated upon the reflections about the Joyous Mysteries. I thought of our Blessed Mother Mary and imagined the range of emotions she experienced as she raised our Savior through childhood, watched him grow into manhood and assume His ministry, witnessed His suffering and death, and rejoiced in His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. A whole lifetime of love, wonder, pain and joy, and Mary “kept all these in her

heart” - the Joyful, the Luminous, the Sorrowful and the Glorious. Her memories are not posted on Face Book for us to share and to revisit, but they are available to us in the Mysteries of the Rosary whenever we want to take a sacred trip down Memory Lane... It is not just a way to connect and keep in touch with Mary. It is a way of praying for the salvation of all – “Say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. After each decade say the following prayer: ‘O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of thy mercy.’” (Our Lady of Fatima) I encourage you to take time to pray the Rosary during this month of October and share in the mysteries Mary kept in her heart.

Your State Regent Pat ♥

A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN – Father Rick Gribble, CSC



Dear Catholic Daughters,

October is here and there is a certain crispness in the air. The leaves are changing, and we know that the beauty of fall has arrived. Children are back in school, and our lives move forward as we continue to deal with the reality of Covid-19. While life is not “normal” as we always understood it, nonetheless we are moving in the right direction and must look forward with great anticipation to this beautiful month.

Traditionally, October is the month of the rosary, a prayer filled with meaning for those of us associated with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In September we celebrated two important Marian feasts, her Nativity on September 8 and Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. The 20 mysteries of the rosary allow us to journey with Christ and Mary through some of the greatest events, both joyful and sorrowful, of their lives. Their fidelity to purpose, dedication, and absolute faith must be models for how we live our daily lives. Let us, therefore, follow the examples of the Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus Christ, and engage the situations and events the Lord sends our way. There will be a few hurdles and some surprises, but if we continue to walk the road our eventual reward will be eternal life.

Father Rick Gribble, CSC

GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL SUPERVISOR – Essie Walker

Greeting to all my sisters,



Hopefully, you and your family are doing well and are in good health. As we come near the end of another year, we all have so much to be thankful for.

As a CDA family, let us continue to pray together and for one another. Take a moment to reach out not only to your family but to your CDA members and your friends. As I have stated before, your call maybe the only one received. Take a moment to lift someone’s spirit. We never know what anyone is going through.

Have you marked your calendar for the 2022 CDA National Convention to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico? The National Board and your fellow CDA members look forward to seeing you in July 2022.

Thank you to the State Board and members for continuing to share your time and talents with National, your parish and those in the community.

CDA Membership Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we venture into growing our membership, we come before You, asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support.

Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make contact with others.

Remind us that all we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of your kingdom, and for the service of humanity.

Guide our hearts...our words...our actions, to be a shining light for all to see.

May the face of Christ shine through.

We ask Your Mother, our patroness, by her powerful intercession, to be with us as we witness to others.

We ask all these things in Your most Holy name. Amen.

May each of you continue to be blessed,

Essie

A PAUSE FOR PRAYER - Bridget Whyte, Court Queen of Peace #2724 Spiritual Enhancement Chairwoman



There has been a slight chill in the morning air. The sun's light filters through changing leaves, dancing through trees which rustle in a crisp breeze. The season is changing, and so too is my soul.



This season, in which we harvest the fruits of summer and prepare for the sparseness of winter; is a time of brilliant colors, glorious sunsets, and comforting flavors. Autumn offers a sensual extravaganza which has inspired countless artists and poets since time immemorial. And for me, it inspires prayer.

This is a time when nature's radiance demands contemplation.

How can one look at the colors of Autumn and not think of God? This is His masterpieces! One of His *many* masterpieces!

And so, this Autumn, I invite you to take time to enjoy this gift He has given us. Sit, if you can, and watch the sun set. Take a walk along a tree-lined street. Relax on a bench and let the breeze caress your face. And, while your soul sings with the beauty of the season, give thanks to our God who has blessed us so abundantly!

If it has been hard to count your blessings lately, sit even longer. This autumn may be His gift to you.

Take time to retreat into prayer! Whether for a moment or a day, take time this month to sit with God.

He has painted a magnificent display for you and is inviting you to enjoy it!

FOCUS ON YOUTH – Marcia Hoyle Walkama, Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396
Youth/JCDA Chairwoman



October is the Month of the Rosary and am sure many of your parishes include special activities around this but how about some led by Catholic Daughters? This is a good visibility and membership opportunity.

One suggestion would be to contact the Museum of Prayer and ask about getting rosaries. On CDA Sunday, be a presence and hand out rosaries to families with children at Mass. Include your Court's info as a membership tool.

What about organizing a Living Rosary, either during your Faith Formation/Rel Ed classes or after a Mass. Involve whole families to be "beads." Last month there was a sample patriotic Living Rosary sent along to Courts. There are many versions from simple to elaborate Living Rosaries available online.

All Saints Day - does your parish celebrate this? If they do, ask what CDA can do to help. If not, St. Joseph Picture Books on Amazon are only \$1.95. Some are individual Saints another series Book of Saints have several stories in each book. Buy some of these put your Court's info on the inside and give them out on a Sunday close to All Saints Day.

NATIONAL NEWS



National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org

Be sure to visit the National website for news and everything you need to know about CDA! Those who use Facebook can join the National Facebook page: [National Catholic Daughters of the Americas](https://www.facebook.com/NationalCatholicDaughtersoftheAmericas) and enjoy daily opportunities to take part in praying Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Adoration, led by National Spiritual Chairwoman Connie Dronette and other National Officers and Directors, as well as other members. Prayer requests, State Court activities and ideas are also shared. During the past 18 months of the pandemic, many found new friends on this page... it has been a source of comfort and prayer for CDA sisters.

October is the month for dues and Financial Reviews!! National and State dues bills will be sent to the Regents and are payable upon receipt. Regents, please pass the bill along to your Treasurer. A vote is not needed for dues payments.

Financial Reviews should be done and submitted to the National office by November 1st. Please schedule with your District Deputy. The original form is sent to National and copies to District Deputy, the Court Regent, State Regent, and in our state the 2nd VSR (as noted on the "Where to direct funds and forms" sheet sent previously).

“MASSACHUSETTS in ACTION” ...

STATE BOARD

The State Board was invited to attend the Installation Liturgy of the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Council on Sunday, September 12th. Following a lovely Mass celebrated by Reverend Matthew Westcott at St Augustine Church in Millville MA, Father Westcott was installed as the State Chaplain, with the new State Deputy Michael Leverance giving the Charge. He blessed the State Officers and District Deputies and Council Officers who were then installed. Our own IPSR, Nancy Meehan attended with her husband Joe, who is a District Deputy. State Regent Patricia Adams and 2nd VSR Carol Ghiloni represented MA CDA.



IPSR Nancy Meehan and 2nd VSR Carol Ghiloni met with Cardinal Sean O'Malley on Friday, September 24th to present him with a check for \$10,000 from our Pennies For the Unborn project. The Cardinal was very grateful for all the work the Catholic Daughters do, especially for the Pro-Life office of the Archdiocese. He wished us many blessings and success in our future endeavors. Marianne Luthin, Director of the Pro-Life Office, was very thankful for the donation, stating she had already spent some of the money for warm clothing for infants and blankets. They have been supporting many refugees who have no warm clothes. She was extremely grateful and stated we are one of the largest single donors that they have.

Father Kevin O'Leary, Rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, and a Past MA State Chaplain, popped in from the kitchen to say hello. He is doing very well and looked good. He said to say hi to “all of his daughters” and that he thinks of us frequently.

STATE PROJECTS

We have several State projects, activities supported by the state membership through prayer, dues, donations and/or action. They are *Pennies for the Unborn*, *Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, Unbound* – monthly donations for the support of Nicolas, our “adopted child”, *Regent's Charity*, and *Christmas Charities* (donations made according to available funds to charities selected from across the state). If your court sends money to the State Secretary for Pennies for the Unborn or the St. James Missionary Society (donations for Mass cards obtained from the State Chairwoman, Cheryl Lupi), you should include the total donation amounts on the Financial Review form as State Projects.

Last term, IPSR Nancy Meehan selected **Pets for Vets** as her Regent's Charity. A donation was made each month during her term. We all enjoyed a speaker presentation and a video about the charity at our State Convention. Past State Regent Maureen Trainor then moved that each court **consider** donating to Pets For Vets. The motion was seconded and adopted. If your court or any individual members decide to donate to Pets For Vets, please send a check made out to MA State Court, with Pets for Vets in the memo to Jennifer Pacheco, State Treasurer.

This term, State Regent Patricia Adams has selected **Schools On Wheels in Massachusetts** (SOWMA) as her Regent's Charity, one her local court has supported by donating school supplies, backpacks, and financial support for several years. Schools on Wheels provides not only school supplies to homeless children who live in shelters, but also trains tutors and high school/college mentors to visit the shelters to further support these homeless families.



WEBSITE –Our webmaster PSR Judi Shooter is 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.... 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. 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!



FALL WORKSHOP

Our annual **Fall Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, October 16th** at Holy Cross Family Ministries/Museum of Family Prayer. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch and a movie - **Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton**. An information flyer has been sent out with a registration form. The theme is “The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.” Please bring your Rosary beads and your mask. If you would like, bring a sacramental that is a special prayer inspiration to you. This is a Family Reunion! Come to our gathering of CDA sisters for a day of spirituality, reflection, education, and fun! *Bring a friend!* This is a way to share what CDA is all about!

SAVE THE DATE



Our annual Advent/Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 11th at St. Joseph’s Parish Center in Medway. More information will be coming...



Fall Fund Raiser – A flyer has been sent with details for our online **Fall Auction!** Thank you to all who have sent photos of donated items to Alicia. She will create the Auction page and provide dates and details of how to view and bid online. The end time of the auction will coordinate with the Fall Workshop on October 16th. Bids will be accepted online and in person on that day as well, with a closing time to be announced and winning bids declared at the workshop.



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. Donations should be mailed to Fund Raiser Chairwoman Pauline Butler, 9 Laurine Road, Danvers, MA 01923.

Information and Forms – **Updated** State rosters, information and forms have been 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 You will also find the Revised Tools of the Trade. Current CDA Bylaws, revised 2020, are available from the store for \$3.50.

GAMBIT

IPSR Nancy Meehan, Court St. Bernadette #2410 - Chairwoman



GAMBIT, GAMBIT, GAMBIT



It is the beginning of a new CDA year and a new chance to enter Gambit to win monthly monetary prizes November through May.

The proceeds fund our State Scholarship, Book Award, Education Contests, and other Educational Activities.

Each month beginning in November there is a chance to win 2-\$10, 2-\$15, 1-\$25 and 1-\$50

Cash prizes with two additional prizes of \$100 and \$150 in May.

Envelopes have been distributed to your Regents to send or hand out to you.

The earlier you enter the more chances you'll have to win!!!

Winners are re-entered for all drawings!!!

Please submit your \$20 per entry to your court Gambit chairs and they will submit all entries to me.

Good Luck!!!

LOCAL COURT NEWS



From Court Queen of Peace #2724, Foxboro: Our beloved court matriarch, Bea, enjoyed her birthday card from the court. Happy birthday, Bea! May 92 be blessed and joyful!

From Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton: Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton, Massachusetts members gather to display some of the back-to-school items they purchased and are donating to "Schools On Wheels" of East Bridgewater. Schools On Wheels provides books, school supplies and backpacks to homeless students who live in shelters, as well as training tutors and high school/college mentors to address their needs.

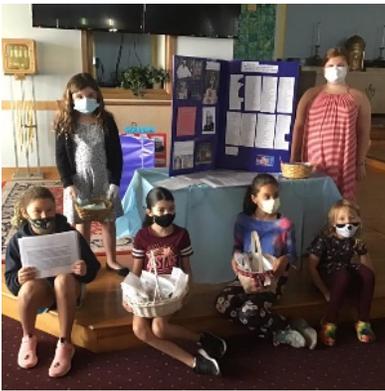




JCDA HAPPENINGS

COURT ST. BERNADETTE #2396 – Marcia Walkama, Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Advisor

The Junior Catholic Daughters Court St. Bernadette honored the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 by putting together display boards with memories collected as well as the names of those from Massachusetts that were lost that day. Each parish in the Brockton Tri Parish Collaborative - Christ the King, St. Edith Stein, and Our Lady of Lourdes were provided these displays as well as special prayer cards to remember this special anniversary. The girls baked cookies and brought them to Police Headquarters and the Westside Fire Station. They also included the prayer cards that were given out at church to honor those lost. May we all remember the heroes from that day both living and now in heaven.



CAMPUS COURT NEWS



COURT STONEHILL COLLEGE #2623

Campus Advisor Brittany Lorgeree and Campus Court Chaplain Fr. Rick Gribble are working with the returning members to build membership and create a Fall program. Please keep Court Stonehill College #2623 in your prayers as they move forward after a difficult period during the pandemic period.

NEW CAMPUS COURTS

College students have returned to campuses and the Fall semester is underway. We would like to open at least one new campus court in the coming year. Do you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or acquaintance who attends college, practices her Catholic faith, and may be interested in helping to bring Catholic Daughters to her campus through Campus Ministry, Newman Center, etc.? We can help...



PRAYER CORNER

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

Our Holy Father Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of October:

"Intention for Evangelization: – Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."

Please remember in your prayers: All those suffering from COVID 19 and its effects; for our CDA sisters who are ill and/or homebound; that the spirituality, Circle of Love service and sisterhood of CDA will inspire more Catholic women to join our organization; for the intentions in the hearts of all members of the Massachusetts State Court.

Please send your prayer intentions for upcoming newsletters to: 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.

A Prayer for October: Respect Life Month (From EWTN)

A Pro Life Prayer For Our President And Public Officials

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President, to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn, whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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Most Reverend Robert J. Baker

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

