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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.**

January 2022

REGENT'S MESSAGE – Patricia 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 



A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN – Father Rick Gribble, CSC

Dear Catholic Daughters,
January begins a new year, and with hope and God's assistance, 2022 will be a time for growth, both personally and as the Church, the People of God, as the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium* describes us. Each new year we often generate resolutions, ways we can assist ourselves and society to move in a more positive direction.

Hopefully, if we are people who make resolutions, we will not forget to resolve to work to improve our relationship with Jesus Christ. Possibly we can promise to read the Bible several times per week and take the necessary time to reflect upon the Word of God. Maybe we can undertake a significant work of charity, whether that is with our parish, the Church's many ministries or assist with active participation with outreach to the poor or those who need us in many ways. We could also determine to be more open to the opinions and desires of others. Who knows, we may actually be able to learn something by listening and considering concepts beyond what we hold as normative or correct.

My prayer is that this new year will bring us closer together, as a society and Church. Let us, therefore, work toward that goal. That would certainly be a laudable achievement for us personally and as Catholic Daughters.

Father Rick Gribble, CSC



GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL SUPERVISOR – Essie Walker

Greetings to All,
Currently, take a moment to reflect on the outcome of 2021. In the back of our minds, we can ask ourselves, what could or should we have done different. Now is the perfect time to hunker down and focus on dreams and goals for 2022. In all of 2022, may you enjoy peace, exciting new opportunities, renewed energy, good health, family happiness and praying the Rosary daily.
Happy New Year to each of you and to your families.

Blessings, Essie

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



One of my favorite signs of Advent and Christmas are the many nativity scenes which decorate churches, homes, and town squares. I am always captured by these images of Mary bent over the humble manger, at first waiting for her son's birth, and then adoring her beloved infant.

It is so relatable an image: a loving mother.

I remember those final weeks before my children's births, as I waited in eager anticipation for their arrival. And I remember those early days of motherhood, simply staring at my children, blissfully in love.

Those were the first moments of experiencing a love greater than I ever could have imagined. I still love my children as much, if not more than I did then. But perhaps I take love for granted. I now know it to be unending and unconditional, but that was a truth that I needed my children to teach me.

What other lessons could Jesus have taught to Mary?

This month, before we put away our nativity sets, let us spend some time focusing on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Can you see yourself in the way she adores Jesus? Can you see Mary in you? Let that be our goal this month. Let us worship Jesus just as his mother worshiped him, as she still worships Him in heaven! "O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!"

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



"Tomorrow's promise lives in today's youth. In responding to their needs today, we shape a better future for all. Every Catholic Daughters of the Americas court can fulfill the goals of the Youth Program by committing itself to sponsor, participate in, and/or support at least one youth activity. This can be accomplished by working collaboratively with existing community and parish youth groups such as the youth ministry, social action groups, local schools, scouting, or by sponsoring a Junior CDA Court. The selection and scope of the activity should be determined by the needs and/or interests of the youth in the community." (From the National Website) Send us some of the ways your court supports Youth in your parish and community!

MARCH FOR LIFE – Jane Maloney, Court St. Joseph #1475
Pro-Life Chairwoman

"For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and skillfully formed in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my formless substance; and in your book were written all the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.

Psalm 139: 13-16

Each of us was made by God and only God knows when it is our time to die. No one has the right to take life- from the moment of conception to the time of natural death and any day in between. The definition of pro-life is 'opposing abortion and euthanasia' but there's more to it than just taking the position that we're pro-life - we must live that position. Treat every person with dignity and compassion at every stage of life and help those who need it the most. Love one another as our loving Father has loved us and live the CDA motto of Unity and Charity.

This year's March for Life in Washington D.C. is taking place January 19-21, 2022, with the theme "Equality Begins in the Womb". Marchers from across the country will gather to celebrate life- from conception to natural death- and CDA members will be among them marching peacefully down Constitution Blvd. to the steps of the Supreme Court for a rally. Please support the walkers through your prayers to help fulfill the vision of "a future world where the beauty and dignity of every human life are valued and protected." If your court or individual members would like to donate to the March for Life please send your checks made out to MA State Court (with March for Life written in the memo) to:

State Pro-Life Chairwoman Jane Maloney
6 Mann St. Medway MA 02053

More information about the March for Life can be found at www.marchforlife.org



NATIONAL NEWS



National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org

Be sure to visit the National website for news, **current updated forms**, and everything you need to know about CDA! Please use the latest, updated forms for Financial Reviews, applications, transfers, and deletions. Education Contest information and Scholarship information, with dates due are available here!!

Proposed Bylaws/Amendments: Please send proposed changes to our National Bylaws Chairman, Carolyn Malik, PO Box 243, Shiner, Texas, 77984, **postmarked by January 15, 2022**. See further details regarding proper submission on National website and updated Tools of the Trade.

59TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION: The First Call to the 59th Biennial National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico will be sent in December. *Consider attending.* Our National Board and sisters in Puerto Rico are planning a beautiful convention with fun, entertainment, tours, and of course important business

“MASSACHUSETTS in ACTION” ...



WEBSITE – PSR Judi Shooter, Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Webmaster

Guidelines for submissions to our CDA website

Take a few minutes to check things out at masscatholicdaughters.org

Reminder: All submissions (pictures, upcoming events, announcements) should be sent to our CDA webmaster Judi Shooter at jhobbs1@aol.com via email. This includes your monthly newsletters.

Having your current newsletters published on our website is a great way to share information and activities with sister courts as well as with interested women who might like to join our organization or start new courts. The newsletters should be emailed in a **Word format** as some PDF files won't save.

If you send your newsletter to your members via email, just add jhobbs1@aol.com to your email mailing list!



GAMBIT, GAMBIT, GAMBIT



**IPSR Nancy Meehan, Court St. Bernadette #2410
Gambit Chairwoman**

Happy New Year!! Congratulations to our December winners. Have not entered Gambit yet?? No Problem!! We have five (5) more drawings January through May. The proceeds fund our State Scholarship, Book Award, Education Contests and other Educational Activities. Each month 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. The earlier you enter the more chances you have to win!!! Winners are re-entered for all drawings!!! Please submit your \$20 per entry to your court chair for Gambit and they will submit all entries to me. Next drawing will be January 15 and subsequent months on the 15th. Good Luck!!!

STATE COURT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Medway, MA. A delicious buffet luncheon catered by Oliva's of Milford was enjoyed and Christmas Karaoke (Iona Entertainment) was a hit! As a special surprise, Joe Meehan, husband of our IPSR Nancy,

displayed a beautiful icon of St. Joseph, blessed by Pope Francis, and presented to the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus. The icon has been traveling around the state in honor of the Year of St Joseph. Thanks to all courts and individuals who donated beautiful baskets for the Basket Raffle. We raised \$515. \$130 has been donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank and the remainder deposited into the Convention fund. Thank you to all those who attended to celebrate with your CDA sisters. Pictures are posted on the state website.



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Each year the State Board makes Christmas donations, depending on available funds, to charities in MA. This year donations of \$50 each were made on behalf of the Massachusetts State Court (whole membership, in Unity and Charity) to the following: St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in Dorchester, Bethany Hill Place in Framingham, Support the Soupman in Bridgewater, Sister Rose Network in Fall River and The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield.

2022 EDUCATION CONTEST

IPSR Nancy Meehan, State Education Chairwoman, reminds us that the information and forms are available on the National Website and are attached to this newsletter for your convenience. It is very important that entrants read and follow all the directions.

2022 NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Diane McGrane, Newsletter Contest Chairwoman, encourages all court Regents to review the guidelines (attached), and consider entering your court newsletter in the 2022 National Newsletter Contest. Please read all the requirements. Send your entry to Diane McGrane, Newsletter Chairwoman, 360 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923. State winner will be submitted to the National Newsletter Chairwoman.

2022 MA STATE COURT COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP (1 - \$1500 and 1 – Book Award)

Nancy Ryan, Court St. Clementine #821 is Scholarship Chairwoman. Information and forms are available on the State Court website – www.masscatholicdaughters.org – please contact Nancy if you have any questions. Regents, please remind your members of this opportunity and perhaps have copies of the information/forms at your meeting. Time is needed for applicants to obtain necessary documentation from their schools, so please share this information now.

Please note also that some National Scholarships are also available on the National website for (2 - \$1000) JCDA and Youth entering Grade 9, (1- \$1000) JCDA entering College, (1 - \$2000) current Campus Court members, and (3 - \$2500) entering college Graduate programs. These may be applied for through the National chairwomen designated on the forms.

JINGLE BELL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Fundraiser Chairwoman Pauline Butler, has sent out the Jingle Bell Calendar. A prize will be drawn for each day in January. Donation: \$5 for one or 3/\$10. Please send your forms and check made payable to MA State Court, memo: Jingle Bell calendar, to Pauline at 9 Laurine Road, Danvers, MA 01923. Your ticket(s) will be eligible for each daily drawing after receipt throughout the month! Thank you to all Courts and members who donated prizes to fill the calendar. Proceeds will benefit The Greater Boston Food Bank and the Convention fund.

LOCAL COURT NEWS

From Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Danvers: Court Henry A Sullivan #584 of Danvers held their third annual Christmas Fair in December. There were raffles, baked goods, crafts, Christmas plants and a new table this year called Merry Mugs - mugs that were filled with themed gifts. Workers and shoppers alike had a wonderful time and despite rainy weather almost \$1,900 was raised! Left to right photos: Regent Diane McGrane, Beverly Gallant, Sandy Lane, and Pauline Butler with Dee Reilly in the background. The second picture shows Judi Shooter with a unique tree hat she crocheted for herself.

The third picture is Dot Sabol selling raffle tickets. Fourth picture: Janet Koza is pictured with a beautiful display of items for sale.



Court St. John Eudes #987, Hudson: I am sad to share that Court St. John Eudes #987 in Hudson has been disbanded as of December 3, 2021. It was a difficult decision for the members to make. Please pray for these women who have been dedicated to the CDA vision and motto as they actively supported their parish community, State Court and National Projects and Charities through their work for close to 100 years as a court. Two members have transferred to another court, but we have lost 17 members overall due to the closing.

From Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton: At our December meeting, our court collected/donated toiletries for the moms and stocking stuffers for the children at Penelope's Place (a local domestic violence shelter). Members enjoyed a pizza party and a Yankee Swap. Happy New Year from our court to yours!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



PRAYER CORNER

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (January 1)

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
Gate of heaven, star of the sea,
Assist your people
who have fallen yet strive to rise again,
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before,
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us, poor sinners.
Ancient Liturgy of the Hours Prayer

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

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Please remember in your prayers: the repose of the soul of Pamela McLaughlin, member of Court St. Clementine #821; St. Clementine #821 Regent Mary Grace Di Martino as she recuperates from surgery and her husband Doug, having some medical issues; Kimberly Kearney, daughter of Anne Huben-Kearney of Court Queen of Peace #2724, who is undergoing cancer treatment; our CDA sisters who are ill and/or homebound; all the departed souls in Purgatory; the prayer intentions in the hearts of all members of the Massachusetts State Court; and that the spirituality, Circle of Love service and sisterhood of CDA will inspire more Catholic women to join our organization.

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 for our State newsletter.**

*** Many of us have email addresses that are creative, but do not identify the sender. Please remember to include your name in the body of the messages when sending emails to members of the State Board, District Deputies, Chairwomen, etc. Thank you!**

SAFETY ADVICE

***Be aware that there are many scams being attempted by telephone and by email. Please do not give any personal information (social security numbers, bank accounts, credit card info, etc.) to anyone who contacts you with warnings, offers or requests that ask for this information or respond to them. Do not believe emails that appear to be from someone you know that ask for money, gift cards or your information. Check with them and do not respond to the email.**