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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.**

**February 2022**

**REGENT’S MESSAGE** – Patricia Adams

Dear CDA Sisters,



Valentine’s Day falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> - every year – and there are messages all around , reminding us to show we care. Most of these are commercial in nature, suggesting we can show our love by a phone call, a card, or a present to those we love. As Massachusetts Catholic Daughters, we are “Serving the Lord through Our Faith, Actions, and Love” every day! Our faith in God’s infinite love for us moves us to extend that love to others through prayer and actions that connect us to each other – to those we know as well as to our brothers and sisters in Christ that we encounter or may never even meet.

While we have the Circle of Love as a framework to help decide where to direct our efforts through court outreach, many have their own personal charities and causes as well. Even as obstacles appear to make things difficult (extended Covid effects, lack of funds, fewer members...), together we continue on, saying

“I love you” in many and varied ways. Each and every day opportunities arise for us to reach out with a smile, a kind word or deed, a silent prayer.

There is an anti-crime ad campaign slogan “if you see something, say something.” In CDA we can adapt that to say, ‘If you see something, DO something!’ As you prepare your Circle of Love Reports for the March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 period (due to State Chairwomen by March 1, 2022), you will be reviewing your court’s activities. Be proud of what you’ve done in Unity and Charity!! Consider submitting a photo and description to Tom Panas for Share magazine, and to our Webmaster Judi Shooter for our State website.

Wishing you a February full of love received as well as love expressed...

Your State Regent, Pat 

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



Dear Catholic Daughters,  
February has already arrived; time continues to move rather rapidly. In the middle of this month, specifically February 14, Valentine’s Day, we take an extra moment to remember the special people in our lives for whom we have great affection and love. When considering the privilege the Lord gives us, to be loved by our family and friends, let us not forget the source of this pleasure. Jesus leads us on our daily journey, guiding us with the help of others to lead lives of love that are consistent with the example of Christ.

As Catholic Daughters, we are called to prayerfully consider how we can better serve others by living lives of love through our dedicated service to our brothers and sisters. As we traverse this month and draw closer to the discipline of Lent, let us be ever aware of our need to be present to others, manifesting in all ways possible, with the words from our lips and the actions we perform, the love with which the Lord first loved us.

Father Rick Gribble, CSC



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

Greetings to All,  
We made it to the second month of the year. Hopefully, you and your family are staying safe and warm. It is important that we continue to reach out to one another and to keep each other in prayer.

Please continue to reach out to members in your court if you haven’t heard from them in a while. Make every effort to ensure all members are doing well. I am sure they would love to hear from you.

Circle of Love Contest information is on the CDA website. Circle of Love is the spiritual outreach to your parishes and the community.

Dates to remember in February:

- February 1 Deadline for CDA Women of the Year Nominations
- February 14 St. Valentine's Day
- February 20 Junior CDA Sunday



We hope you have marked your calendar to attend the 59th Biennial National Convention. July 20-24, 2022. You do not need a passport to travel to Puerto Rico. Reservations are open. Workshops will be presented at the convention.

Have you received the Delegates and Alternates Form for your court? If not, please reach out to the National Office - 212-877-3041. Delegates and Alternates should be nominated and voted on at a meeting. Remember, the form must be postmarked by March 15, 2022. A copy is mailed to the National Office and a copy to your State Regent.

Please take time to visit the CDA Website. Tom Panas is continuously updating with information and activities going on within our organization. If your court or the state is doing community service, please submit your article to Tom Panas. *Thank you to the members of Court Queen of Peace #2724 for submitting an article to SHARE. When you get a moment, check out their article in the Fall 2021 issue of SHARE Magazine.*

Thank you to members of the State Board for establishing and piloting the MA State Court Mentorship Program. Now is the perfect time for you to consider sharing your time and talents on the State Board and to CDA.

Blessings,  
*Essie*

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



I recently watched a video of my daughter taking her first steps as an infant. In the video, my husband stands her up, she takes a few awkward steps towards me, and then she falls. But she is so pleased with her new achievement!! A decade later, it's hard to remember what a helpless baby this strong, independent, young woman once was. While learning to walk, my daughter fell many times. While learning to walk, she got frustrated many times. And then one day, her clumsy steps weren't clumsy anymore. Walking had become second nature to her, but first she had to learn how to do it. And that meant I had to put her down.

She couldn't learn to walk until she was ready. And she also couldn't learn while I was holding her. Because at some point, holding her would have meant holding her back.

It is the same with us, and our faith. We know that we are safe and comfortable when we feel the consolation of God's presence. It is easy to know He is there when we feel Him. But throughout our lives, most of us will experience periods of desolation - periods when we don't feel His comfort. God is there still, as He always is; watching over us and loving us. But during these periods, He is letting us practice faith. He is letting us stand on our own two legs. These are the times when He is giving us a chance to strengthen our faith, walk in our faith, and grow in our faith. And in faith, we can move closer to Him.

When we cannot feel God's presence and yet still choose to pray to Him, we are telling Him so loudly that we love Him.

When we are in pain, and yet still choose to trust in God, we are showing Him how deeply we trust Him.

And when we feel doubt, and yet still bare our souls to God, we are demonstrating true faith.

How beautiful must He find our clumsiest prayers! These are the purest.

When my daughter took her first steps towards me, she knew that I would pick her up and comfort her.

Even if she fell. Especially if she fell!

But first I had to let her go and permit her to fall.

God will pick us up too. But first, He has to permit us to fall. It may hurt, but He is still there.

Even when we can't feel His presence in our lives, God is never out of reach.

He is simply allowing us to walk in faith and grow closer to him.

God will always be there when we fall. Even when we hurt. He will pick us up.

We can trust in Him.

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



What better way to increase your membership than by holding an event where you can show off CDA "the best kept secret!" Invite the youth of your parish along with their families to attend a "Project Cupid" valentines event sponsored by your court.

Hold an event where families can make special Valentines together from the families of your parish to the home bound parishioners and parishioners living in nursing homes or assisted facilities. They have been greatly affected by the pandemic and would greatly appreciate being remembered with caring thoughts.

Links below are for special valentines that tie in the spiritual reason for this Holiday. Buy a book about St. Valentine and have all attending fill out a raffle ticket to win the book. And as always include your Court's info and personally invite each woman there to come to a meeting.

The website Catholic Icing has the history of St. Valentine and how to celebrate this holiday from a Catholic perspective. You can download free printable sheets and cards to use at your event.

[Resources: Check them out online!](#)

This link has Valentines that actually say Happy **St. Valentine's** Day.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/printable-saint-valentines/>

This is a cute idea that uses candy to tie in a Bible quote. You would have to write out your favorite Bible verse on decorated hearts.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/christian-bible-verse-valentines/>

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

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](http://www.marchforlife.org)

## **NATIONAL NEWS**



**National Website:** [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://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 National Scholarship information, with dates due are available here!!

**59<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION:** The First Call to the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico was 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.

**DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FORMS:** These have been sent to the court regents and must be returned to National (and a copy to your State Regent) postmarked by March 15, 2022. The form indicates how many delegate and alternates your court is eligible to elect. All courts must return the form with the number you elected and the date of the election or replying that your court will not be sending delegates to the convention. Please hold your election in February to meet the mailing deadline!!

## **“MASSACHUSETTS in ACTION” ...**

### **STATE CHAPLAIN**

I am sorry to share with you that our State Chaplain, Father Rick Gribble, CSC, will no longer be serving us in this role. He is taking on a new ministry that requires that he move out of state. Father Rick said that he is grateful for the opportunity of serving our MA State Court and thanks us for all we have done for him. Those who attended the Fall workshop and the Christmas party had the pleasure of meeting him and he enjoyed meeting you, as well as being part of our organization.

We have been blessed with his service as our State Chaplain, as well as the years served as Chaplain to the Campus Court at Stonehill College. We thank him for his guidance, kindness, and involvement. Please keep Father Rick in your prayers as he begins a new ministry.



**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](http://masscatholicdaughters.org)

Reminder: All submissions (pictures, upcoming events, announcements) should be sent to our CDA webmaster Judi Shooter at [jhobbs1@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jhobbs1@aol.com) to your email mailing list!



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

**Gambit Chairwoman**

**Happy St. Valentine's Day to all!!! Congratulations to our January winners. Have not entered Gambit yet?? No Problem!! We have four (4) more drawings February 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 February 15 and subsequent months on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck!!!**

### **MA STATE COURT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Interested in finding out just what is involved in serving as a State Officer? Check out the attached information about this program and consider applying!

### JINGLE BELL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Thank you to all individuals and courts who donated prizes and who participated in the raffle. Congratulations to all the winners. Prizes are being mailed to the winners. Special thanks to our State Fund Raiser Chairwoman Pauline Butler, who worked hard to organize and carry out another successful project. Results will be shared when finalized.

### 2022 WEBSITE CONTEST

Does your court have its own website? If so, consider entering the Website Contest! Judi Shooter, PSR and our State Webmaster, is serving as the Chairwoman. Entries should be sent, **postmarked by March 1, 2022**, to Judi at 2 Lester Road, Danvers, MA 01923. Information and forms are available on the National Website.

### 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. Entries should be submitted to your court Education Chairman by the court due date. *First place winners* from your court in each category and division are due to Nancy **postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup>** to be considered for State level judging.

### 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, **postmarked by March 1, 2022**. State winner will be submitted to the National Newsletter Chairwoman.

### 2022 MA STATE COURT COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP - Nancy Ryan, Court St. Clementine #821

State Scholarship Chairwoman

2022 Massachusetts CDA Collegiate Scholarship (1 - \$1200 Scholarship and 1 – \$200 Book Award)

Applicants are high school students graduating this year and have been accepted to a four-year college or two-year accredited college. They are related to a CDA member in good standing, a Spiritual Advisor or a Chaplain. The student will obtain a required letter of recommendation from their local parish, provide an essay, "What America Means to Me" and a short statement regarding the college program

they plan to pursue. This package is submitted to their School Principal or Guidance Counselor. The school will provide their test scores and letter of recommendation; this package is to be mailed to the Scholarship Chairwoman **postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The first-place award winner is the \$1,200 Patricia Leavens Scholarship Award, second place is the \$200 Connie DiCara Book Award. The judges are professional educators not affiliated with CDA. All participants are notified by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call or email the contact below if you have any questions.

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Medford, MA 02155  
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### **LOCAL COURT NEWS**

**From Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Danvers:** Court Henry A Sullivan #584 of Danvers has sent out a special packet of note cards, envelopes, some stamps, and an explanatory letter to each court inviting all MA State Court sisters to join them in sending caring messages to Sheila Kanan of Court Sacred Hearts #864 in Bradford. Before a serious illness that has left her blind and unable to speak, Sheila was very active in her local court, as well as at the State level. Her husband Joe reads any cards and notes to her. Hearing from her CDA sisters about what is happening in their courts and families will bring some inner sunshine to Sheila!

**From Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton:** Court Our Lady of Lourdes welcomed a new member at the January meeting! Pictured is newly installed member Cheryl Fuoco, with our Regent Cathy Duford. Members also gathered at a local restaurant for a Saturday luncheon/social. They enjoyed participating in a brown bag auction, a fun annual tradition.

**WELCOME, CHERYL!!**



**From JCDA Court St. Bernadette #2396, Brockton:** Advisor Marcia Hoyle Walkama says. "What do you do in the middle of a blizzard? You have a zoom baking class with your Junior Catholic Daughters!"



**PRAYER CORNER**

***Our Lady of Lourdes - February 11***

*Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.*

*I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.*

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

***For religious sisters and consecrated women***

**We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

\*\*Pray for the repose of the souls of Past State Regent Frances Morton, a member of Court Maplewood #510; Rita Teixeira Fontes, sister of Past State Regent Joyce Ann Fleming and member of Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396; James M. McConnell, brother of Past State Regent Rosemary McHatton

\*\*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;

\*\*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!**