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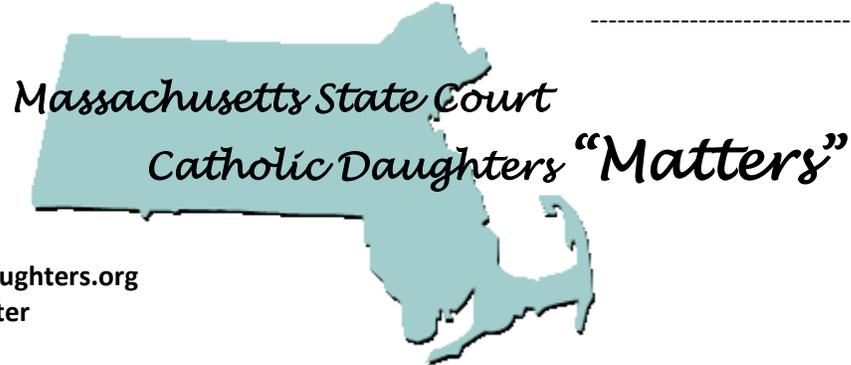
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In the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.**



**March 2022**



**REGENT’S MESSAGE** – Patricia Adams

Dear CDA Sisters,



“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” as the saying goes... It’s seasonally a month of gradual change from the harshness of winter to the awakening of new life in spring. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, marking the start of the six-week Lenten season. We are called through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to experience a change, a conversion of heart that inspires us to become more like Christ. Let us approach the season like lions – with courage and intent to follow through to achieve that goal and, as we proceed, find ourselves becoming more like the Lamb of God in our thoughts, words, and actions.

The MA State Court has recently been blessed with a generous donation from the estate of our late member Patricia Abruzese Johnston of Court St. Clementine #821 in Medford. Patricia was an active and devoted Catholic Daughter, serving her local court as Regent and the State Court as Second Vice State Regent and First Vice State Regent. A deeply spiritual woman, she reached out in kindness to

friends and charities in need. She attended and took part in conferences, workshops and State and National conventions. Patricia was also a member of the Catholic Daughters 1903 Society. We are very grateful that Patricia, out of her love for Catholic Daughters, remembered her CDA sisters with this support. We remember her with gratitude, love, and prayer.

Blessings for a prayerful Lenten season

Your State Regent, Pat 

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday observances on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The passage below is shared from Father Ed Lamp's Sunday Reading message for February 20, 2022 on the National CDA website. His words provide some food for thought as we enter a period of repentance.

"Look in a mirror, reflecting on the failures and sin in your life. Take as much time as you need. You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to offer amendment, to move forward from here.

Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer and fail to realize the bind in which it can place us.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us on one condition, which is that we will forgive others in our turn. There is a proven power in forgiveness and love. "Blessed are the meek" says Jesus, "they shall possess the earth." We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest. To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant, and patient.. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful."



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

Greetings to All,  
As we approach the Lenten Season, now is a good time to focus on personal and family prayer. Prayer will help us to grow a deeper relationship with Him. It will also improve our spiritual well-being by eliminating all that is unnecessary and allows us to become more mindful of how God is working in our lives.

Now is the time to take inventory of our spiritual life and grow in it. It is the perfect time to observe a period of fasting, self-denial and, most importantly, to set aside time to just reflect.

Blessings, *Essie*



I am very happy to announce the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Patriarca to the position of First Vice State Regent of the Massachusetts State Court for the remainder of the 2021-2023 term. Cindy was instrumental in the formation and 2016 institution of Court Queen of Peace #2724 at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro MA. She persisted in her efforts to interest and educate parish women about the mission of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, gained the support of her pastor, and in the process learned a great deal about our organization. Cindy served two terms as Court Regent and is currently a District Deputy. Welcome to the Massachusetts State Board, Cindy!!!

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



As we enter into Lent, I had expected to find easy inspiration for this month's Pause for Prayer. And yet, despite the holiness of the season and what I hope it will mean for my soul, I have not been able to look ahead and find inspiration.

Perhaps it is because we are coming up on the second anniversary of Covid, and of all the changes it has made to our lives.

Perhaps, still wearing masks to Mass, and seeing pews that are not as full as they once were; I find myself pining for Easter's past, rather than preparing for this year's holiest season.

But here we are, in 2022. This Lent may not look like years past, and this Easter may not either. But let us never forget that even Jesus saw the passing of time and the changes life brought.

For his first years of life, Jesus's parents hid with him in Egypt, waiting for a message that it was safe to return home, to return to "normal". His first milestones and holy days would have been spent, hiding in safety, away from His family.

But one day, Jesus was finally able to go home to Nazareth, and a life surrounded by aunts and uncles and cousins and grandparents. And while Mary and Joseph probably never forgot those lonely days of hiding, I suspect the pain of the experience eventually faded as they watched their son grow and become a man.

May these masked days of isolation and separation become a distant memory for us, too.

This Easter, I pray we can celebrate as we haven't been able to in years.

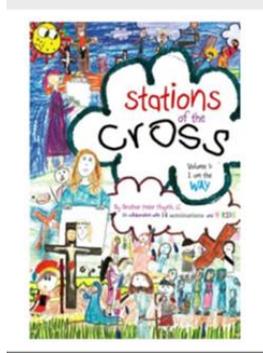
But for the next forty days, as we prepare ourselves for Easter, may we remember the Holy Family and their time in Egypt. We have stepped out of our lives and routines for the sake of safety. But one day, on the other side of this experience, may we look back and see that despite our isolations and sacrifices, we had still found opportunities to grow, to love, to laugh, and to share God's love with others.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Lent.

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



The Season of Lent begins this month on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Does your parish have Stations of the Cross geared towards your youngest parishioners? This beautiful Stations of the Cross booklet would be a wonderful contribution to the faith of the children of your parish: Stations of the Cross Volume 1: I am the WAY, written by Brother Peter Huynh in collaboration with 14 seminarians and 14 kids. It is available on Amazon. Consider having a family Stations of the Cross opportunity led by the older children in your parish.



**NOMINATING COMMITTEES**

Nominating committees should be in place during March. They will meet to consider possible candidates for office and the Chairwoman will call each possible candidate to ask if she is willing to serve. This is a confidential process between the committee and the candidate until the slate is reported. The Chairwoman will submit one name for each office to the local regent and will report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

Please prayerfully consider accepting if you are asked to serve as an officer. Is God calling 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.

**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. **Regents, please share updated forms with your court officers.** Education Contest information and National Scholarship information, with dates due are available here!!

**59<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION:** The *Official Call* to the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico should soon be arriving with *finalized details and registration forms*. 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” ...**



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

Take a few minutes to check things out at **[masscatholicdaughters.org](http://masscatholicdaughters.org)**

Send Judi your monthly court newsletter, upcoming events and photos/activities of your court in action! Email in a **Word format** as some PDF files won't save. Jhobbs1@aol.com

### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Quality of Life is a spoke on the Circle of Love. It is described on the National website: “Quality of Life (Social Awareness) - issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all peoples. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness.” Many of the kind and merciful outreach activities done by local courts fall into this category. In unity and charity, MA State Court also collects and distributes a number of items that may in some way add to the quality of life for others.

Our State Chairwoman for Quality of Life, Sandra Lane of Court Henry A Sullivan #584, receives, counts, stores, and distributes these items, and has been doing so faithfully for many years. *Please read and print out the attached list of items that you can collect to donate to the cause*. Some items may suggest a project for your court. Items may be sent to Sandy, brought to state events, or given to a District Deputy or State Officer. Thank you, Sandy!!



## **MA STATE COURT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Interested in finding out just what is involved in serving as a State Officer? Maybe you would like to apply for the MA State Court Mentorship Program and take part in a “ride-along” experience to learn about the state officer positions – responsibilities, time involved, support, resources, etc. Check out the attached information about this program and consider applying!



### **GAMBIT, GAMBIT, GAMBIT**

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

**Gambit Chairwoman**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! Congratulations to our February winners. Have not entered Gambit yet?? No Problem!! We have three (3) more drawings March through May. Are you feeling the luck of the Irish? 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 March 15 and subsequent months on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck!!!**

## **FUND RAISER UPDATES**

The Jingle Bell Calendar Raffle proceeds were \$975. \$245 was donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank and \$730 was deposited to the Convention Fund. Thank you again to all those who supported this fundraiser as well as to our Fund Raiser State Chairwoman Pauline Butler.

There is a correction to what was previously reported regarding the Christmas Party Basket Raffle. The raffle raised \$515, as reported. \$260 was donated to St. Vincent De Paul and \$255 was deposited to the general fund.

A Spring cash raffle – New Beginnings 2022 - is being prepared, with an Easter April 17<sup>th</sup> drawing date. Information and tickets will be distributed to courts.



## LOCAL COURT NEWS

**From Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Danvers:** Court Henry A Sullivan #584 collected gently used towels and blankets for the “Service Dog Project”. The donations totaled two full carloads. Pictured are Regent Diane, Member Lucia, Financial Secretary Sandy, Donna and Maya the Service Dog. Also present was Vice Regent Pauline Butler, the photographer! The “Service Dog Project” donates trained Great Danes free of charge to people with mobility issues. Please check them out at [servicedogproject.org](http://servicedogproject.org).



**From Court Queen of Peace #2724, Foxboro:** Recently, several of our members met for dinner and to catch up. We love the sisterhood formed within our court! Pictured: Left – front to back: Financial Secretary Arlene Butler, Lillian DiMascio, Treasurer Raffaella Zizza-Feinstein, Recording Secretary Stephanie Twohig; Center: Mary Vozzella; Right – front to back: Regent Kathleen Porter, Cindy Patriarca, Bridget Whyte, Diane Harris.



**From Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton:** At our February meeting, members donated clothing and diapers for the Father Bill’s & Mainspring homeless shelter located in Brockton. Thanks to all who donated. Father Bill’s was most appreciative of the donations. Great job ladies!



**From Court St. Joseph #1475, Medway:** Members of the court said the Rosary in Defense of the Unborn on January 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass. Chairperson Joyce Covell coordinated the event. Leading decades of the rosary were Joyce Covell, Carol Love, Nancy Marafino, Barbara Armstrong, and Jean Rousseau.

## JCDA HAPPENINGS



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

JCDA Court St. Bernadette #2396 celebrated the 94th annual National Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brockton.



## STATE PROJECTS

### UNBOUND

We received a letter from your “adopted child” 13-year-old Nicolas, who we sponsor through a monthly donation through the organization Unbound. We have sponsored Nicolas since he was a young boy. Please read the attached letters (2) to learn how your support has most recently helped to enrich his life in Bogota, Colombia. There is a translated version, but the original letter has several pictures of Nicolas.

### SOCIETY OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

**Mass cards** and forms are available by contacting Chairwoman Chery Lupi, Court Sacred Hearts #864: lupie1@comcast.net - 978-374-4053.

### PENNIES FOR THE UNBORN

Reminder: Pennies donations are sent to State Secretary Jennifer Pacheco. March for Life donations are sent to Pro-Life Chairwoman Jane Maloney.



### **PRAYER CORNER**

St. Patrick March 17

St. Joseph March 19

Annunciation of the Lord March 25

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

##### ***A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges***

***We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.***

#### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*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*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

*Hail Mary, etc.*

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

*Hail Mary, etc.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Artist Fra Angelico ([www.ourcatholicprayers.com](http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com))

**Please remember in your prayers:**

\*\*The people of Ukraine as they suffer pain and turmoil caused by the invasion of their country. Please see the attached prayer that we may all pray in unity and charity for God’s mercy and justice to prevail.

\*\*Our CDA sisters who are ill and/or homebound. Please pray for our CDA sister, Past State Regent and Past National Regent, M. Joan McKenna. We have recently been informed that Joan is critically ill. If you wish to send a note or a “thinking of you” card, the address is: M. Joan McKenna, Demaree Crossing, 1255 Demaree Rd. Room 125, Greenwood, IN 76143.

\*\*The repose of the soul of Loretta Steeves, twin sister of Lorraine DiMilla, Court Maplewood #510 and 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

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

The State Board is planning a day of spirituality and sisterhood! Our newly appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent Cindy Patriarca will be installed. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** and join us at St. Joseph Parish Center in Medway. Details will be coming!



**In Unity & Charity  
Pat, Cindy, Carol, Jenn, & Alicia**

*“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.**

## **Novena Prayers for Peace in Ukraine**

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine.

Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk.

We pray for peace – we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict.

We pray for an end to violence and war – we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this.

Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus, and the Church, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world.

Amen.



**Our Lady of Pochiv  
Patroness of the Ukraine**