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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



On the second Sunday in May, we honor mothers in a special way. It’s been a tradition in the United States since 1914, when Congress passed it as a law and President Woodrow Wilson issued an official proclamation inviting people to display the flag *as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our country* (Wikipedia.org). Today, Mom may be celebrated with cards, flowers, gifts, and/or a special dinner, and hopefully with a personal visit or phone/Face Time call. We remember our moms who have passed from this life as well – bringing flowers to their graves, having Masses celebrated for them, remembering...

As Catholics, we dedicate the whole month of May to honoring our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. As our Mother, she cherishes the moments we spend with her. Let us plan to spend some time focusing on nurturing our relationship with her each day of the month of May – create a prayer corner with a statue, picture, or icon of Mary, pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, sing Marian songs (my favorite is *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*), learn more deeply about Mary’s role in the Church through books or articles,

and reflect on how we might imitate her virtues in our own lives. Share your love for Mary within your family and with your friends.

I hope you will come to the Spring Gathering on May 21<sup>st</sup>, as we join together *with love and reverence* to honor Mary, Queen of Heaven, our Blessed Mother, our Catholic Daughters Patroness.

Blessings,

Your State Regent, Pat ♥

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



Greetings and blessings to all my CDA sisters,

I hope this note finds everyone in good health and doing well.

Once again, we are approaching the summer months. With the right mindset, summer can be a time of rest and relaxation. However, we know that everyone is busier than ever during the summer months. Regardless as to how busy we may find ourselves, there is no better way to stay connected than to plan activities everyone can take part in.

Now is the perfect time to come together and take inventory of a few summer activities that can be shared among CDA members. When planning, take into consideration families, friends and even those in the neighborhood. Think of it as a time to reconnect with those you have not seen in a long time.

To all CDA leaders and members, thank you for sharing your time and talents over the last two years. As we continue to grow in our faith and within our organization, remember to never stop using the gift of growth.

As a reminder, we look forward to seeing you at the 2022 National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico. At the Convention, you will have the opportunity to help make decisions that will enable our organization to grow and move forward. Your presence and participation are very much needed.

As a CDA family, let us continue to pray together and for one another.

*Essie*



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



Most of us don't remember our own Baptisms. Usually we are baptized as babies, brought to the Church by our parents who spoke on our behalf. And so now, as an adult, one of my favorite parts of the Easter liturgy is the renewal of the Baptismal vows. I take great pride in considering and answering these questions. As an adult, I speak for myself, echoing the words my parents spoke for me.

There is much to contemplate within the words, and I invite you to prayerfully consider them again as we continue through this Easter season. May these words remind us of who we are and what we believe, and may we never falter in our faith.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death, and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

**I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

**59<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION:** The Second Call to the 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico has been sent. This includes registration information and forms, as well as meal reservation forms. Our National Board and sisters in Puerto Rico are planning a beautiful convention with fun, entertainment, tours, and of course important business!!

Tour information is now available. Registration and payment are done online with the tour company. Attached is the information on tours available July 17-26, 2022. The final date to register for a tour is Monday, June 13, 2022! Information will also be in the National Quarterly being sent in early May.

**Priest Appreciation Sunday** is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Priest Appreciation Cards, with prayer card inserts, are available from the CDA Store – packet of 5 for \$1.00 (cost covers postage only, cards are free). Plan ahead and order now!

### “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](mailto:Jhobbs1@aol.com)

Judi also is the administrator for the MA State Court Face Book page, where you can find court news, inspirational posts and prayers from other sites such as EWTN and Holy Cross Family Ministries.

## COURT OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections of court officers for the 2022-2024 term will be held at the May business meeting. According to Article XIII Local Court Nominations and Elections, Sec. 3 Elections:

A. **Written notice and/or notice via email** of at least 10 days from date of postmark must be given to all members of the Court, as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.

B. **Prior to election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May.**

C. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in the alternate years to the State elections and shall hold office for two (2) term or until their successor is elected. **A plurality vote shall elect. In the event there is only one(1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election.**

D. Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.

Regents, please see the Attachment: A Guide to Court Elections. This was adapted from a 2018 guide from National and may be helpful.

A meeting of the present officers and those newly elected should be planned before the June, 2022 meeting. At that meeting all books, records and properties from the former office are given to the newly elected officer with time for questions and answers to be addressed

Thank you to those who have accepted the invitation to serve and are elected. Your past court officers will help you transition to your new role and Court Officer training workshops will be held in the Fall.

## FINANCIAL REVIEWS and DUES

April is Financial Review time! Forms are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that the *District Deputies* are now asked to mail the form: original to National and a copy to the State Regent and, in MA, 2<sup>nd</sup> VSR Carol Ghiloni (rather than State Secretary). Please contact the State Regent if you have any questions or need assistance.

State and National dues bills have been sent to all courts. It is not necessary to have a vote of the court to pay dues. Please see that the bills are paid promptly.

## STATE PROJECTS

### SOCIETY OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

**Mass cards** and forms are available by contacting Chairwoman Chery Lupi, Court Sacred Hearts #864: [lupie1@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## **GAMBIT, GAMBIT, GAMBIT**

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

**Gambit Chairwoman**



On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will draw the Final Gambit Winners for this year; there will be two additional prizes of \$100.00 and \$150.00.

Congratulations to all this year's winners! We were able to raise \$3380.00 which covers the Gambit Winners, Education Contest Awards, Our Scholarship and Book Award Winners and any other Educational Activities of the State Court.

Thank you for your support and we will be back in the Fall for a new sign up!  
Have a great summer!

### **FUND RAISER UPDATES**



**The raffle winners are in...**

**Congratulations to –**

**\$100.00 – Nancy Claveau – Ct. Henry A. Sullivan #584**

**\$200.00 –Justyna Carlson – Ct. Margaret #629**

**\$300.00 – Rose Boland – Ct. Sacred Hearts #864**

**Thank you to all who supported this Raffle;**

**We raised \$1400.00; \$600.00 in prizes and \$800.00 for the Convention Fund**



### **State Court Spring Gathering**

The State Board is planning a day of spirituality and sisterhood to honor our CDA Patroness and Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Medway from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Plans include procession and crowning of our Blessed Mother, Rosary, and a guest speaker, Mr. James Drummey, Catholic author and parishioner at St. Stephen's Church in Framingham. Mr. Drummey will speak about the Special Privileges accorded to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Cindy Patriarca will be formally installed as our First Vice State Regent. Our *National*

*Representative, Second Vice National Regent Essie Walker, will be our special guest!* There will be a sisterhood activity after a light lunch. The cost will be \$20. Family and friends are welcome.

### **LOCAL COURT NEWS**

**From Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Danvers:** Congratulations to Court Henry A Sullivan #584, Danvers, who celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> with a Mass at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church followed by a luncheon at the Danversport. State Regent Patricia Adams read a letter of congratulations from National Regent Sherry Nilles and presented Court Regent Diane McGrane with an engraved plaque from National CDA commemorating the occasion. A wonderful day for all!



**Congratulations!**

**100 Years**



**From Court Our Lady of the Presentation, Brighton:** Court Our Lady of the Presentation is holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of May. The April meeting featured a guest speaker, Sr. Mary Oates, CSJ, who spoke on “The Role of Seniors in the Church Today”. In March, they held their annual Lenten Service with Adoration and Confession at St. Columbkille Church, followed by an enjoyable Soup Supper attended by Fr. Fitzgerald, Fr. Peter, and their Chaplain Fr. Chris.

**From Court St. Joseph #1475, Medway:** April showers brought baby clothes and necessities, as Court St. Joseph sponsored a baby shower in the parish. Items were donated to Pregnancy Care Center.

**From Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396, Brockton:** Court Our Lady of Lourdes held a successful Bake Sale in April. Members provided a delicious assortment of baked goods. Proceeds were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantries in the Brockton Tri-Parish Collaborative and to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The court also collected assorted items to fill Easter baskets for children at Penelope’s Place in Brockton, a traditional outreach activity to support the family shelter.



## JCDA HAPPENINGS



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

Court St. Bernadette will be having an ice cream social in May. They will also write messages and decorate bags to contribute to the Our Lady of Lourdes parish Meals for the Homeless outreach. Congratulations and Blessings to those members who will be making their First Communion this month!



### PRAYER CORNER

Mother's Day – May 8  
Our Lady of Fatima – May 13  
Ascension of the Lord – May 26  
Memorial Day – May 30  
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – May 31

Memorial Day Prayer  
God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons  
and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
R/ Amen

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

***Faith-Filled Young People***

***We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.***

Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people.

They carry in their hearts a great hope:

Make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence.

Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity.

Mother of Christ, and our Mother, help them to be now and forever faithful to Christ and the Church.

Amen. (www.prayerist.com)

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**\*\*Continue to pray for 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 continue to pray in unity and charity for God's mercy and justice to prevail. *Perhaps your court may consider it for your closing prayer.***

**\*\*Our Holy Father Pope Francis, our priests, deacons and nuns.**

**\*\*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, 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**