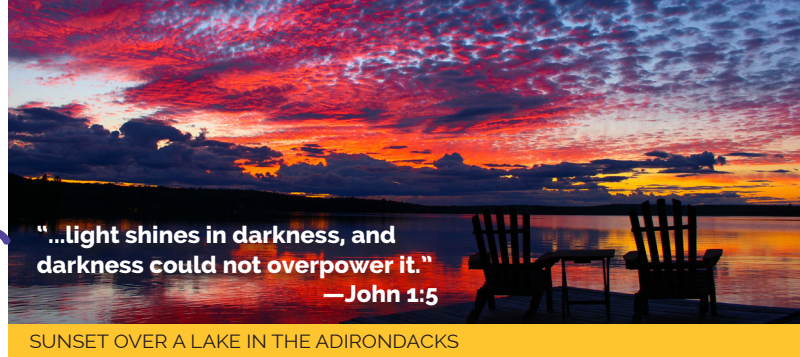


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Remember: When It Is The Darkest, Your Light Shines The Brightest

HEATHER RAVE, ED.D., STATE REGENT

How different our lives are since the last time I wrote my message for the Rising Dawn...It has been far too long since we have been able to come together as Catholic Daughters in NYS! But today there is hope for all of us! Today five regions in New York will begin reopening: Central New York, North Country, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Mohawk Valley Regions have begun phase one of the state's regional phased reopening plan. Western New York, the Capital Region, the Mid-Hudson Valley, NYC and Long Island Regions all have hope that we will be soon to follow.

As our Chaplains and Pastors prepare to reopen our churches and we prepare to once again gather together as Catholic Daughters once it is deemed safe to do so by our pastors, we plan knowing that until the coronavirus is truly brought under control, or altogether eradicated, we will not be able to have our meetings the same way again. We will be practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and it would be a good idea to have lots of hand sanitizers scattered and available for the foreseeable future. As we move forward, it is wise to be wise.

This pandemic is forcing everyone to rethink so many things in life. **Remember that when it is the darkest, your light shines the brightest!** So, let's shine during these days of recovery. We be a light to the world in this situation! Consider how light can be seen from a distance. **A city on a hill**, as Jesus put it, **cannot be hid...let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.** Let's continue to let our lights shine...in Unity & Charity.

In Unity: through prayer. We pray that the Catholic Daughters will be a light that we will shine a light in a dark world that is without hope and peace, something most people are reaching for right now. We pray for our world leaders. We pray for our economy. We pray for protection. Pray for those in our families, communities, country, and our world. We pray that God will use this crisis to bring people to the Church! We pray especially for those who have no one else to pray for them.

In Charity: by loving your neighbor. Jesus said the second greatest command is this, **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** Wow! While many people are still frantically planning and hoarding supplies for themselves, I know that New York Catholic Daughters are and will continue to think about their neighbors. We are thanking essential workers. We are offering to help those in need. We are delivering supplies to the homebound. We are checking on the well-being of family, friends, and neighbors by phone call, text or, possibly soon, a visit.

There are so many ways that New York Catholic Daughters are currently reaching out in Unity & Charity during this time and I am filled with such pride and gratitude for these CDA Sisters. Continue your good works! In this time of recovery let us all join together as New York State Catholic Daughters with the following in mind: This is our time to rise and shine our lights before all to see!



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A New Normal

REV. MATTHEW NEWCOMB, STATE CHAPLAIN

Dear Catholic Daughters,

What a few months! I never thought I'd have celebrated my fifteenth anniversary as a priest offering a private Mass. Nor did I think I'd be using blue painters tape to mark off pews in my church for when we can return to public worship. Things are going to be different and I think we all know that. God bless Theresa for all of her work on

Facebook. It's nice to stay in contact, when we can't be together in person. My own court has used zoom for our last two meetings.

These days have allowed more time for reading and praying, both I needed. I also plan to be more cautious in my spending habits. This doesn't mean I'm necessarily going to spend less, but I'm going to try as best I can to buy products made in America. I'll buy less, though. I think the things I do purchase will be of higher quality etc. Greater discerned purchasing is something I'm looking forward to. I don't think I'll be alone in this change of habit.

Being a former teacher, I'm sure parents are understanding more now than ever; the value of what it requires to be a true educator. Online learning only does so much, just like online Masses. It just doesn't fulfill the needs that we have. Human interaction is key to how God made us. I pray that these days have allowed families to get closer. Hopefully meals have been shared and they have not been rushed. Often meals can be rushed in families to get to the practice etc. We can miss true human interactions by these constant rushes and it's not the healthiest most likely for our dietary intake.

In our modern days, being busy is often associated with being successful and happy. This is not necessarily the truth at all. Society tells us to have children involved with everything and to have their days scheduled perfectly, is this really for the best... It's an understandable temptation to take part in, especially since in most families both parents work. These days might be waking us up to needing a new normal. Letting kids have downtime can be great and most especially by taking one day a week for this. To have for God and for family, that is how we are designed. When things return to a more normal schedule, my prayer is that parents will tell couches, directors, etc. no, not no all the time, but no on Sundays. Sundays my child will not be at practice, or the game or the show. My child will be in Church and with their family for family dinner. If this is allowed to happen, God's light will shine ever brighter in our lives and in the lives of those that we love.

In Unity and Charity, Father Newcomb

God Is Calling

SHERRY NILLES, NATIONAL REGENT-ELECT,
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NEW YORK

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

1 Cor: 12.

Is God calling your name? The next question: to what is God calling you? More questions will follow: how, when, why? Sometimes the next question is: why me? Answering those questions takes the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told his disciples what to expect and look forward to with His words at the time of Pentecost. We are disciples of Jesus, so we must also be ready to listen to God's call and be willing to answer.

Thank you for being a good member of Catholic Daughters.

I look forward to continuing to work with Catholic Daughters in New York. You are called and are daughters of Mary our Mother.

See you in Dallas.

Blessings, Sherry Nilles



IN MEMORIAM

The novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, presents many unique challenges for those who are grieving. Whether their loved one died of complications of coronavirus or through any other means, for some of us, the reality has come too close to home. If your Court has lost a member during this time of crisis and social distancing, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

We do not usually list the names of members who have passed in God's Kingdom in our newsletter; however this virus has caused us to modify many things. Therefore, we remember in a special way those who have passed on as a result of complications from the coronavirus:

Marietta Cortes
Ct. Rosemary #681,
Middletown

MaryJo Kanzler
Ct. Margaret Mary #768,
Monroe

Clare McCarthy
Ct. Queen of Angels #869,
Hicksville

Beverly Oboyski
Ct. Genevieve Walsh #918,
Goshen

Louise Hughes
Ct. St Anne #1077, Stewart
Manor

Betty LaVallee
Ct. Queen of the Universe
#1702, Smithtown

Joann Ruf
Ct. St. Gerard #1920,
Centereach

Catherine Kennedy
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary
#2419, Washingtonville

Please pray for the repose of their souls and keep their families in your prayers.

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way. May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day. Ev'ry fear will be undone and death will be no more, as songs of the angels bring you home, before the face of God.

Prayer Warriors In Virtual Battle for Mercy

LUCILLE KOCH, STATE CHAIRMAN OF SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

When last I wrote to you the world was a far different place. We were all preparing for the celebration of Easter and Spring was just around the corner. Never in our wildest dreams did we expect the pandemic that has overshadowed us and changed the way we live, how we interact with our families and friends, and the way we practice our faith. So much has changed and yet, He is unchanged. To quote St. Augustine of Hippo, **You have made us for Yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.**

In the March issue of **The Rising Dawn**, I suggested that each of you consider preparing for **Divine Mercy Sunday**, and for the graces Jesus wants to give us and I asked you to share it with your Courts. A group of us, affectionately dubbed **the Divine Mercy prayer warriors**, started the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena on Good Friday and we continued through to the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day at 11am, on the Catholic Daughters NY State Facebook page, we gathered and prayed for a different intention, as Jesus instructed through St. Faustina: Day 1: All mankind, especially sinners; day 2: the souls of priests and religious; day 3: all devout and faithful souls; day 4: those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; day 5: the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; day 6: the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; day 7: the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; day 8: the souls detained in purgatory; and day 9: souls who have become lukewarm.

Jesus said, **I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death** (Diary, 1209).

I was overwhelmed at the response that I received from these incredible Catholic Daughters. The strength and the faith of these women is remarkable. For nine days, by way of Facebook, we lifted up our hearts to the Lord, trusted in His mercy and love and prayed faithfully each day. On Divine Mercy Sunday, we 'attended' televised Mass either from our home parishes or from the National Shrine on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. We also together prayed the Chaplet at the Hour of Mercy that day at 3pm. The joy I felt and the joy that I'm sure my sisters felt was great. Remember, Jesus promised, **On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion* shall obtain complete forgiveness of**



sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.

What a wonderful experience and what a treasure to have experienced it with these **Prayer Warrior** sisters. It was much a wonderful way to begin the day and so we have continued to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. At 11am, Monday through Friday, we still pray the Chaplet together on the Catholic Daughters NY State Facebook page. I can't promise how long we will continue as a group, but right now, as we face an uncertain future, we are together, gathering strength for another day. I ask you to join us and be a prayer warrior too. Experience the tender mercy of the Lord as we pray, **Jesus, I trust in You.**

It is my honor and pleasure to announce that **Ct. Our Lady of Victory #375, Huntington**, has been selected as the NYS Spiritual Enhancement most outstanding project for the reporting period, February 1, 2019-February 1, 2020. Congratulations to **Regent Virginia Grausso**, local chair **Elyse Hayes** and the entire Court. The title of their project was **Mini Lenten Retreat**. Factors in the ultimate selection of this project included the large number of participants from the Court, the parish and other courts, Reconciliation, Mass and the Rosary, the decision to improve the experience over the previous year's retreat by the addition of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the inclusion of a talk by their seminarian. The Court reported that the day resulted in an abundance of prayerful encounters.

Congratulations Court Our Lady of Victory. You are a wonderful example of spiritual enhancement and a model for us all. Their project has been forwarded to National for consideration.

*Yes, we are not able to get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, nor have we received Holy Communion, but we have been told that if we confess our sins with true remorse and receive spiritual Communion, we have fulfilled the obligations of the promise until we can return to the sacraments once more.



The Mission Statement of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world.

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.



LISA M. STIRPE,
STATE CHAIRMAN FOR 1903 SOCIETY

**"God's mercy and grace give me hope- for myself, and for our world."
Billy Graham**

The COVID-19 pandemic we are currently experiencing has changed our world in many ways. We are sheltering in our homes to (hopefully) not be exposed to the virus that is killing many people in our state. This also means that we are unable to have our regular CDA meetings every month.

The Catholic Daughters community has found other ways to join together even in prayer. If you check the **Catholic Daughters NY State** Facebook page, you will find a wonderful group of ladies who meet daily to say the rosary, and to pray for the world and each other. Technology has helped us to adapt in many ways to our difficult situation.

God has also blessed us with the ability to help out wherever we can. Our local and state charities still need our donations, including the **1903 Society** fund. We depend on the local courts to make these contributions to fund repairs on the **Grand Old Lady**. Unfortunately, the amount of pledges received this year, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, has dropped off a lot.

The New York State Court still has a couple of years left to fulfill our ten year promise. Your contribution helps us to meet this pledge. Please make out your checks to Catholic Daughters of the Americas, with the **New York State 1903 Society** on the memo line.

Thank you and God bless. Stay safe and well.



AROUND THE STATE (MINI)

Court St. Ann Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville, held a **Women's Lenten Retreat** on Saturday, March 14, in Fr. Tetreau Hall at St. Mary's Church. For a \$10 donation, which included lunch and dessert, **Sister Eileen Carmody** led many members of our Court, other local Courts and St. Mary's Parish through **The Questions of Lent**. Unfortunately, at 1 that afternoon, the Cardinal shut down masses and we were unable to end with 4 o'clock mass, but finished off with group prayer and blessings.

Why Is God Doing This To Us?

THERESA DURAN, FIRST VICE STATE REGENT

OK, so it doesn't need to be said again but, here goes: the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 has changed our world, thrown us into a tailspin, challenged us in ways we could have never imagined, 362,000+ deaths worldwide (at the time of my writing), over 100,000 deaths right here in the US! How it started, how it spread, how slowly or quickly any government acted—that wasn't the concern of some. Many people are just asking: Why is God doing this to us? Why is God allowing this to happen? Why does God ever let trouble, problems, evil attack His faithful children.

The problems you face will either defeat you or develop you—depending on how you respond to them. Unfortunately, most people fail to see how God wants to use struggles for good in their lives. They react foolishly and resent the difficulty rather than pausing to consider what benefit they might bring.

God works in us and through us at all times: the good and the bad, the ups and the downs, in the hills and the valleys. In all these difficulties lead us to rely on God's promises and help us to trust Him completely.

God uses obstacles to direct us. Sometimes God must light a fire under each of us to get us moving. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change. Many people say that God has used this pandemic to get our attention; to make us stop; to make us take stock; to give our planet a respite from pollution. Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.

God uses struggles to inspect us. I have heard it said that people are like tea bags, if you want to know what's inside them, just drop them in hot water! What do problems reveal about you? For myself, it hasn't always been pretty, but I can say that through it all, I know that rely on and trusting in God has gone much better for me than just trying to handle things on my own.

God uses problems to correct us. Some lessons we learn only through pain and failure. It's likely that as a child your parents told you not to touch a hot stove. But you probably learned by being burned. Sometimes we only learn the value of something—health, money, a relationship—by losing it. Look at us now, although we miss haircuts and restaurants, we miss our friends, family and gathering at mass a whole lot more!

God uses problems to protect us. A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents you from being harmed by something more serious. There's a story of a woman who was fired for refusing to "fix the books" for her boss. Unemployment was a problem—but it saved her from being convicted after when management's actions were eventually discovered and he went to jail. Sometimes, we can't see the silver lining, the light at the end of the tunnel, the window God opens when He shuts a door; but we know that above all, He will protect us.

God uses difficult situations to perfect us. Problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Your relationship with God and your character are the only two things you are going to take with you to eternity. We can rejoice when we run into problems—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.

God is at work in our lives even if we don't understand how He works. The trials He brings us to, we have faith that He will also bring us through.

The Blessing of Time at Home with Family

TINA BIGELOW, STATE CHAIRMAN OF FAMILY

As I begin my article for this issue of the Rising Dawn, I would like to first announce the most outstanding project for the NYS Family Circle of Love Reports. This project has been submitted to the National Chairperson. Please know that this decision challenged me to review the submissions over and over and required a detailed process of elimination. Although there were so many submitted reports that could have been chosen, I was restricted to picking only one of them. And the winner is: **The Food Pantry Collection** reported by **Court Genevieve Walsh #918, Goshen**.

The court teamed up with **St. John's School** to collect items needed for the **Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry**. It was a very impressive project in the fact that they collected over 400 items during Advent and 500 items during Lent that involved a united partnership of CDA, teachers, parents and students in Kindergarten through 7th grade. The project began by the 7th graders writing a 3-5 minute presentation about the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry and presenting it to the children attending the St. John School in Grades K-8. They instructed Kindergartners to donate hats/mittens/gloves; Grades 1-4 to donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner; and Grades 5-8 to donate desserts. The 7th grade class then collected and inventoried the items and announced the winner with the prize being a Dress Down Day. Truly a united effort that involved so many.

As we move into the next cycle of Family Circle of Love Projects, I am sure that the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated quarantine has given us an insight as to what is now considered valuable and essential treasures. We have seen so much death and chaos in this pandemic crisis, but with prayer, faith, and love we have also seen so many blessings. It takes a person with faith to see that God is trying to tell us something. Many years ago, I heard this phrase **If Satan can't make you bad, he'll make you busy.** (Pastor Adrian Rogers). With curiosity, I asked members of the community to share their experience on how this crisis impacted them and each response rang a similar tune.

Teachers responded in that they found some students did better academically with online schooling because it initialized a

productive and compassionate relationship between teachers, parents and students. Classroom virtual tours of museums were set up and was very successful in that the teacher, students and their parent/grandparent/guardians could enjoy this experience together.

My personal journey was to join a family of **Praying Angels**, formed by the State and National CDA Sisters in Christ to serve, 3 times a day, as **Spiritual Warriors** against this invisible war, creating a strong and vital bond of Love, Protection, Healing, Comfort, Peace, Faith, and Hope to each other and all who need our prayers.

But what really summed it up was an in-depth reflection from **Karen Best-Arnold**, a parent of 2 teenagers and a School Speech Therapist:

Time. We never seemed to have any. **Down time,** that is. **School.** Practice, Games, Rehearsal. **Lessons.** Homework. **Paperwork.** Meetings. True, we did much of this as a family unit and I...we..loved the organized, sometimes (probably more often than I'd like to admit) disorganized, chaos. **Racing to do it all to get it all done.**

Then the school closure happened. Countless emotions, so much to navigate. **Heartbreak** for all those suffering, fear for our loved ones and for us. **But then came the Blessings** of long and respectful conversations between teenage siblings, my daughter gaining a whole new appreciation of the outdoors by experiencing the presence of God through Nature's sounds and smells and my teenage son sharing that he never realized how difficult my job was and the newfound appreciation that he has for it.

The most precious blessing that will always stay with me (and I pray with the rest of the family) are the profound moments experienced at our kitchen table on Holy Thursday as we listened to our deacon's reflection of the Last Supper and on Good Friday as we each took turns reading the Passion. These moments were filled with God's presence that brought us a tremendous peace, warmth and incredible comfort of knowing that He is with us always, especially during times of turmoil and uncertainty. **On Easter Sunday, we feasted and relaxed with in-laws, finding ourselves beyond grateful for God's grace and the gift of family, friends and down time that allowed us to be lifted up and never again taken for granted.**

May the wisdom gained through faith, creativity and survival skills bring a permanent and positive clear vision to our future endeavors. God Bless each of you.

How Things Have Changed

MARGUERITE FORDE,
NEW YORK STATE SECRETARY

As I write this we are still under a **stay-at-home** directive. Our lives have changed. How we do things has changed. Communicating with each other is different. Our daily and weekly masses, various prayer services, and parish events are now being held virtually on electronic devices. Who would have ever thought this would come to pass?

One thing hasn't changed. One thing is a constant. One thing we can always depend

on. Our Lord, Jesus Christ has been at our side through it all. He is ever present. My faith tells me this and it is a great comfort.

Although your court hasn't been able to meet in person at this time, many of you have found ways to put together a slate of officers for election to your board for the upcoming term and have worked out a voting process. Once this is done please remember to fill out the **New Court Officers Form** (which was sent with the last National Quarterly) with the information about these ladies. Send a copy to the National office, to our **State Regent Heather Rave** and to your District Deputy. Please do so immediately after the election. If this is not done mailings

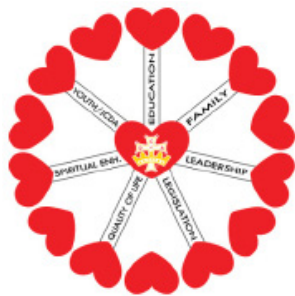
will continue to go to the current regent. If this happens, please pass along the mail to the new regent. Not taking these steps can delay important information reaching the appropriate people which can impact the court's standing. If you need a new a new copy of the form, please download the form from the National website or contact your District Deputy.

Congratulations to all new board members, and the best of luck in your new positions. God Bless you all.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—Isaiah 41:10.

New State Projects

Be on the lookout for a special summer mailing that will outline plans for new statewide projects in (hopefully) each spoke of our Circle of Love.



The Thank You Project (detailed on the next page) is our first; there will be a Divine Mercy 3pm Prayer Project; a Women of Martha & Mary Project and much more!

This pandemic has taught us a few things. Two lessons are: we need to find new ways to fulfill our mission and while we practice our “social distancing” let us never forget to practice a spiritual coming together.

LEADERSHIP

LINDA MANCHESTER, STATE CHAIRMAN OF LEADERSHIP

Leaders are important at this time in our lives. It has been apparent in not only our country but also our very own Catholic Daughters. This includes our State Court Officers and past officers of our organization. It has been comforting to listen to them leading us in prayer and the Rosary. I wish to thank all of them in taking the time to lift us spiritually. Hopefully, we can get back to some normalcy but not forget how we as Catholic Daughters met the challenge.

I wish to also thank those courts who submitted their Leadership projects in the Circle of Love. There were twenty-five submissions. It was really difficult to pick the best one as they all were wonderful. You should all be proud of what you accomplish in your courts.

The projects submitted were : Providing hot, nutritious lunches for kids during the summer; Writing thank you letters to the military and involving the parish in the endeavor; Renovation of the parish offices and rectory and involving the parish; Welcoming the ladies from the combined parishes; Organizing a membership drive, a 100th Anniversary, a 95th Anniversary, a future JCDA, ;a St. Patrick's celebration for a nursing home, a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for the parish, a vigil outside of Planned Parenthood; Opening up the Past Regents Chapter to any past officers; Successful fund raising to support Outreach Programs; Budget Planning; Attending NYS Convention to remain current; Supporting Seminarians; Sponsoring a Healing Mass; Selling gift cards to replenish their funds; Offering scholarships to 8th graders; Being a Host Court for the Annual Past Regents Chapter and encouraging members to step outside of their comfort zone.

The Leadership Project selected was from Court Rita #264 in Cornwall on Hudson. Their program of Spiritual Adoption involved the members spiritually adopting a baby, deciding the sex and name of the baby, decorating angel cutouts and praying for the baby for nine months. During the nine months, they also had a speaker from Right to Life, prayed outside Planned Parenthood and will have a Baby Shower at the end of the nine-month period. Besides the court members, the parish and JCDA members participated in some of the activities.

Again, I wish to thank all who submitted their Circle of love forms. You truly emphasize the attitude of We Can Do Anything.

The 2020 NYS Scholarship Winners

KAREN SHEBOY, STATE CHAIRMAN OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2020 New York State court CDA college scholarship program was a success this year with a substantial increase in applications by some very talented and academically competitive students. Of the very qualified candidates, it is my great honor and pleasure to announce the 3 winners of the 2020 scholarship:

Natalie Ugenti, sponsored by Court St. Elizabeth # 2687, South Huntington, will be graduating from Walt Whitman High School. Natalie plans to attend either Bucknell or Wake Forest in the Fall to study Chemical Engineering.

Daniel J. Grabowski, sponsored by Court St. Joseph # 953, Albion, will be graduating from Charles D'Amico High School. Daniel will be attending Alfred State College in the Fall to study Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician major.

Kevin McGoldrick, sponsored by Court St. Anne #1077, Stewart Manor, will be graduating from Chaminade High School. Kevin plans to attend Manhattan College to study at the O'Malley School of Business.

I am grateful and honored to have served the New York State Court CDA College Scholarship Program.

National Projects & Charities

ANNA LUCIA, STATE CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PROJECTS

Writing this the Saturday before the 4th Sunday of Easter, I look back on Lent and Easter Sunday, and wish it were all a dream, that COVID 19 was just a part of a nightmare, but sadly we must face reality and know not how much longer it will continue, nor what the future holds. The ONE thing we can be sure of is, Jesus is with us, 24/7 to walk us through this. Hopefully we are using our time of confinement to bring us closer to the Resurrected Jesus, and don't be too hard on yourself if you have those moments of despair.. Many of us have had our own personal crisis during these days and that is when we need to reach out to Jesus the quickest. Hopefully in quiet time you are doing extra praying, doing extra spiritual reading, listening to spiritual music even- despite our closed church doors. Think about and plan how your courts can be strengthened over the coming years. Pray for that strengthening.

My role is National Projects and Charities. On a personal basis, I have heard from three National Charities in much need of financial help during this virus crisis. CATHOLIC Relief Services- which provides international help to the poorest during these times of need. COVENANT House- which provides to runaway,throwaway, homeless teens throughout US, Canada,Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua, and our newest charity Catholic Extension, which provides to the poor rural areas, right in this very nation. Something to think about.....

I personally applaud those of you who have been making masks, providing food to assist health care workers, doing good deeds for shut-ins, numerous good deeds. My condolences to those courts who have lost members through this illness. We will keep them in our prayers. Be strong, Be safe and remember CDA- can do anything!

THANK YOU PROJECT

Last year, NY State launched a statewide military appreciation project called **The Thank You Project**. The purpose of the project is to collect thank you cards that will be mailed to service personnel in all branches of the armed forces throughout the year.

The Thank You Project allows us each to not only show our gratitude to our service people, especially those deployed, but afford us an inexpensive and meaningful way to involve many facets of our community in the effort.

Sadly, only 18 courts chose to participate in our first attempt at this project to support the military, but those courts wrote and/or collected **2,956 thank you cards for our troops!**

While that number is great and truly appreciated, if we did nothing other than had each member in our state write one card, we would have collected over 5,000 notes of thanks for our deserving military personnel.

This year, **Ct. St. Pius X #1690, Levittown**, has agreed to chair the project for the state! **Sandy Leonard** will accept all packages at her home and the court members will work together to count & sort them.

We are asking every court to participate in this event.

Here's the idea:

Speak to your pastor about securing a space on a Sunday morning. Invite everyone to stop by after mass to write a thank you card to the troops. Pretty simple, huh?

Get some colored paper, index card, blank thank you cards, markers, crayons, etc. Post some sentences for kids to copy or ideas for messages of thanks on the walls.

Tips to remember when writing your letters:

- Be positive, upbeat and thankful for their service
- Share a little info about yourself like hobbies, pets, etc
- Talk about things happening around home like the weather, sports, etc.
- A great way to start your letter is "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Friend"

Some things NOT to do when writing your letters:

- Kids' drawings are great but do not use glitter or any other crafting materials (googly eyes, puffy stickers, pipe cleaners, etc.)
- Do not discuss inappropriate things
- Avoid politics or political statements
- Avoid lengthy religious discussions but saying you are praying for them is great
- Avoid making holiday-specific cards, as the troops will be sent letters throughout the year.

(Suggestion: print or rewrite these guidelines and post for all to see at your event.)

The guidelines:

- Do NOT include envelopes when writing cards—it will only slow down the sorting!
- Bundle letters in groups (typically in groups of 25, 50, 100 or 250 is best for a large amount).
- Please add a note to the top of your letters noting how many are in each bundle.
- Place the letters/cards in a manila envelope or small box and send them to:

**Ct. St. Pius X #1690, The Thank You Project,
35 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY 11756**

Please have your bundles organized and sent to **Sandy Leonard before November 1, 2020**. We will make sure the letters get into the hands of the right group to be sent to our military men and women in a secure and timely manner.

No items, trinkets or monetary donations for the troops will be accepted—please do not include any in your letters. However, the state will be accepting donations to help with shipping the letters, so perhaps you could place a donation bucket at your event for the same purpose, then use what you need to mail to the Chairman and send the rest as a donation (a check made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas).

While we are happy to receive thank you cards from the members of your court, but this could be so much more. The event could be opened to Religious Education classes, scout troops, parishioners, even the community at large! What a great way to publicize CDA and your court while supporting our troops. You could serve coffee/juice/bagels. Or have a bake sale at the same time. Be sure to have your court banner prominently displayed and your members there to help adorned in their purple CDA shirts. This is a great opportunity to publicize your court while showing your patriotism and support for our military. Just make sure the emphasis is on **The Thank You Project** and the letters and cards that are being written.

Please help make this new NY State Project a success!



Trust God!

EILEEN PETERSON, STATE CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATIVE

We have never lived at a time in our lives where we could not attend Church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass nor be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. A time when as loved ones are dying from this Coronavirus, they are unable to be surrounded by their family members or have a Catholic funeral. Catholics are called to believe that the **joy** of the **resurrection** cannot be taken away by tough economic times or an uncertain future.

New York State has been the hardest hit in our beloved America. The **State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services** issued a blanket DNR (do-not-resuscitate) order for First Responders. The First Responders were outraged and refused to follow the order. **Oren Barzilay**, head of the union, whose members include uniformed EMT's and paramedics, fumed at state officials: **Our job is to bring patients back to life. This guideline takes that away from us.** In less than a week, **State Health Commissioner, Dr. Howard Zucker**, rescinded the order!

This is an example of how people can fight for what is right and moral and just refuse to cooperate in what is wrong. God bless our wonderful First Responders!

As great as this victory was, we also had sad news: **Governor Cuomo** and the **NYS Senate and Assembly** voted to legalize surrogacy—paying a woman to carry a child that is not biologically related to her.

Still, our New York State Catholic Daughter Courts did a great job in participating in **Circle of Love Projects** to value the dignity and worth of the human person!

Court Queen of Life #2664, Commack, and their **40 Days for LIFE Campaign** had half their members actively participate and they succeeded in saving the lives of two babies! Their loving witness was seen by the public and elected officials.

Court Rita #264, Cornwall, is very in tune with the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** and was able to contact

their elected representatives on the **Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**, **The Born-Alive Survivors Act** and the **Protecting Statutory Conscience Right in Health Care Act**. They also alerted their members about the evil of the **Equal Rights Amendment**.

Court Ave Maria #832, Kings Park, was involved in promoting **Catholics for Freedom of Religion** and also participated in a 40 Days for LIFE campaign in Smithtown.

Ct. Margaret Mary #768, Monroe, organized a bus leave to partake in the March for LIFE in Washington, DC.

Court St. Anne #866, Piermont, had a Mass said on the anniversary of the legalization of abortion, January 22, to remember all the unborn children not allowed to be given LIFE.

Court Joan of Arc# 604, Havestraw, stood outside **Assemblyman James Skoufis'** office when he held a ribbon cutting ceremony in Garnerville, praying the Rosary for his conversion from the culture of death.



Catholic Daughter members Betty Golemba and Alice Ossa on the right with Deacon John Kelly from St. Gregory Barbarigo Church in Garnerville. Notice the sign Alice is holding on the very right- TRUST GOD- perfect for what each one of us is being called to do.

Installation Ceremony To Have Or Not?

CONNIE BREINDEL,
SECOND VICE STATE REGENT

As I sit here writing this article, some NY State is still on Pause and the idea of having a even a June meeting where we can gather together is fading fast. By now though, our courts have become creative; whether it be by mail, phone, email, or even a virtual meeting with how they have elected the officers who will run the courts for the next two years. I would like to congratulate all those ladies that have stepped up to take on these rolls especially during this time of uncertainty.

During the month of June is when we normally will have the installation ceremony of these new officers. That may not be possible this year. We need to remember that the installation ceremony is just that—a

ceremony! The bylaws of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Article XIII section 3 paragraph C. states **Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.** Section 4 states **Local Court installations shall take place no later that the regular September meeting.**

The Installation Ceremony is beautiful ceremony and something that I think every court should still have even if it is not in June. The new officers need to experience this ceremony that is steeped in the tradition of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They also need to hear the Pledge of Confidence from the membership. It is an important part of their CDA life.

Whether you have your court's installation ceremony in June or decide to postpone it, we must still remember to adhere to the Ceremonial Dress Code that can be found in the Tools of the Trade online at the national website CatholicDaughters.org under CDA

Resources. They include:

- **Robes must be eleven inches off the floor.**
- **White shoes need to be worn with robes.**
- **Stockings are optional but need to be nude or skin tone.**
- **Small stud earrings are allowed but no larger than the ear lobe.**
- **Rings and watches are allowed with robes.**
- **Slacks are NOT to be worn under the robes.**
- **Purses/handbags are NOT to be carried when in a procession.**

It is an honor and privilege to be an officer of your court and we need to wear the robes with dignity and respect. Once again, I would like to congratulate the new local officers and know that the New York State board is always ready to assist you in the running of your court.

Most Outstanding Youth/JCDA Projects

HELENE SHEPARD, STATE CHAIRMAN OF JCDA/YOUTH

Our youth have been hit from all sides with this global crisis. In spite of the fact that sometimes you hear them say they can't wait until school is over, did they really mean it? They really need to go to school for socialization. However, now that the mandate for all New York Schools to teach from home for the remainder of the school year has been enforced, many students are very sad. Yes, they are learning at home but they miss their friends terribly. They also miss their extracurricular activities: Sports, Drama, Clubs etc. The hardest hit are the graduating classes—high school, kindergarten, moving up from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school, the fact that there will be no ceremonies and no prom is a definite loss for the class of 2020.

Imagine, they even miss going to Religious Education classes. If this is true, I would hope they come to realization that they need God in their lives. This is where we come in. We can be there and make a difference in their lives.

As for JCDA, all activities have been suspended until further notice. However, I would hope that all JCDA Courts are keeping in touch with their members using modern technology. You can Email, Facetime, Zoom or merely phone one another. How about an interactive Prayer Service by going Live on Facebook. The theme could be "Be Not Afraid". It can be done on your phone. You could have an informal Virtual Meeting.

Advisors, you need to think outside the box. I know you are all creative ladies. This was evident from the Circle of Love Forms that I received this year. It saddens me to say that not every court sent in those forms. I do want to be positive so I will report on the wonderful activities being done in our local senior courts with our youth and also the activities from our JCDA Courts.

Projects sent to National:

Outstanding Work with Youth: **Court Joan of Arc #604, Haverstraw**, "We Are Santa's Elves: Christmas Joy Seen Through The Eyes Of A Child"

Outstanding Work with JCDA: **Court Rita #264, Cornwall**, "Water for Ghana"

Recognition for Youth on State Level:

Court Ave Maria #832, Kings Park, "The Annual Special Parsons Dance/Special Needs"

Court Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport, "Stations of the Cross"
Court Ignatius Martyr #1067, Long Beach, "The Body of Christ"

Outstanding Work for JCDA on State Level:

Court Immaculata #444, Mineola, "Junior Lector Program"
Court St. Anne #866, Piermont, "Days for Girls"
Court St. Michael #1173, Penn Yan, "Miss Penn Yan"

I want to congratulate all of the courts who participated in this program. I would like to see more than 30% of our courts sending in their responses. Blessings to all those who work with our Youth and especially our JCDA Courts. Stay safe and be well. God bless you.

Newsletter Contest

BARBARA DREW, STATE CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

As I am writing the message, we are closing out the year a little different than we ever have. Meetings and activities are on hold or online, but time marches on.

Again, it was a privilege to be chairperson of the Newsletter Contest. The Newsletter Contest is over and I did not receive many entries. I know many Courts have newsletters and you go through the work to write and publish it. I would love for your Court to enter the contest next year. Sharing information with your members makes you a winner. To all the Courts who already share newsletters with me, keep them coming and thank you. If you are not sending me a copy of your newsletter, please consider sharing with me. I enjoy reading the newsletters and sharing the information with other Courts. Remember, information about the newsletter requirements come out in September. Newsletters are due February 15, 2021.

The first place winners have been sent to National to be judged and announced at the convention in July.

At this time, I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 Newsletter Contest:

Category I Division I

First Place: Ct. Mary Anthony #883, Liberty
Second Place: Ct. Genevieve Walsh #918, Goshen

Category I Division II

First Place: Ct. Margaret Mary #768, Monroe
Second Place: Ct. St. Pius X #1690, Levittown
Third Place: Ct. Stella Maris #822, Freeport

Category II Division II

First Place: Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis
Second Place: Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville
Third Place: Ct. Ava Maria #832, Kings Park

Congratulations to the winners! Hope you all enter again next year and if you did not enter this year, please consider entering next year's Newsletter Contest.
Have a great summer. Stay safe and healthy.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. –St. Mother Teresa

*What we learn with
pleasure, we never
forget – Alfred Mercier*

MARY WESTERMANN, OSF, STATE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

I hope this article finds all of you well and safe. COVID-19 has certainly altered our lives. As I complete my first year as New York State Education Chairman, I can truthfully say this has been a learning experience I will not soon forget. I cannot begin to tell you how impressed I was with the number and quality of entries I received both for the **Education Contest** and the **Circle of Love**. My selection committee (fortunately, I scheduled the committee members to meet before NY PAUSE went into effect) had a very tough task selecting the winners. I am pleased to list them on the next page. I would like to thank all the students, adults and Courts for their entries. I thoroughly enjoyed receiving each and every entry and look forward to next year's entries. In addition, I would like to thank our worthy State Regent, Dr. Heather Rave for the confidence she showed in naming me to this position and worthy First Vice State Regent, Theresa Duran for the assistance and guidance she provided to me. May God bless them and all of you.

Choosing the most outstanding Court projects in the 2020 Circle of Love for Education was no easy task! I hope these descriptions spark some ideas for you and your Courts to consider. I would be remiss, however, if I did not give a **shout out** to each and every one of the 30 Courts that submitted reports to me. All of your projects were outstanding in their own right and I and my committee were totally astonished by how

many scholarships (grammar school, high school and college) are given out by individual NYS Courts. Once again, I thank all of you for your avid participation and look forward to receiving next year's Education reports. The most outstanding Court projects are:

Ct. Queen of Life #2664, Commack, sponsored a **Tech Night** which featured an information technology specialist who gave a Power Point presentation (and answered questions) on all aspects of technology—computer basics, social media websites, parental oversight, internet scams, etc. The Court members invited family, friends and members of their parish to attend the presentation which was highly praised by all in attendance. This project has been forwarded for consideration in the National contest.

Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport, Educated the Parish about their Court and CDA. To honor their 95th Anniversary, the Court arranged with the parish secretary to have a dedicated section in the weekly parish bulletin. As a result of this weekly publicity, the Court gained a new member, involved parishioners in donating hats and mittens to its **Make A Difference Day** and achieved sellouts for its **Bake Sale** and **Entertainment Book** fundraisers.

Ct. Patricia #195, Newburgh, collected **School Supplies** (i.e. backpacks, pens, crayons, glue, paper, rulers, notebooks, etc.) which were donated to the parish **Food Pantry** which serves approximately 500 families weekly.

Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville, honored the 15 students (and their families) who won the local Education Contest by hosting an **Ice Cream Social** (make your own sundaes and root beer floats). Parishioners were also invited to attend. Student entries were displayed in a **Gallery Setting** for all to see and enjoy. Each entry was awarded a ribbon and certificate with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners also receiving a monetary award.

AROUND THE STATE (MINI)

Deacon John Trodden asked **Court Ave Maria #832, Kings Park**, to sew masks for the Suffolk County PD to distribute to the less fortunate neighborhoods. **Ct. Ave Maria #832, Kings Park**, proudly answered "yes"—they were already sewing masks for local hospitals! Sewers **Joanne Leonardi, Carolyn Flynn, Lorraine Weiner, Kitty Borgess**, and **Susan Occhiuto** got right to work! There are also many behind the scenes ladies who purchased supplies and generously donated them to this very worthy project.

After sending out multiple requests, they also received the help of sister courts: **Claire Spencer** from **Court St. Elizabeth #2687, South Huntington**; **Kathy Smith, MaryLou Bortsch** and friend **Muriel Verschuuren** from **Ct. Bishop McDonnell #1403, Babylon**; **Diane MacEwan** from **Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport**;, **Kristin Catalans** and **Carol Quaid** from **Ct. Queen of Peace #1534, Wappingers Falls**; and also from **Sister Carol Krueger**. This is an ongoing project, so if you have the talent, supplies or means to contribute, all are much appreciated! Send to them to **Regent Louise Daconta**, 56 Willow Ridge Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787 or contact her at louisedaco@gmail.com



Education Contest Winners

MARY WESTERMANN, OSF,
STATE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION

ART

Division 1

1st Place **Keira Robertson**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary ##2419, Washingtonville

2nd Place **Addison Providence**
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady ##931, Brockport

3rd Place **Krish Bagam**
Ct. Cortland ##919, Cortland

Division 2

1st Place **Rosemary Selke**
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, North Merrick

2nd Place **Linda Trujillo-Castillo**
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis

3rd Place **Emilia Faryna**
Ct. Margaret Mary #768, Monroe

Division 3

1st Place **Katherine Mazor**
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

2nd Place **Samantha Frisbee**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

3rd Place **Ashley Trujillo-Castillo**
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis

Division 4

1st Place **Debby Brown**
Ct. St. Rosalie #1783, Hampton Bays

POETRY

Division 1

1st Place **Mackenzie Beams**
Ct. Margaret Mary #768, Monroe

2nd Place **Luke H. Broge**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

3rd Place **Laila Butler**
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport

Division 2

1st Place **Adrianna Giovinazzi**
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, North Merrick

2nd Place **Joseph Duyer**
Ct. Rosemary #681, Middletown

3rd Place **Nicholas Doucette**
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

Division 3

1st Place **Miranda Frisbee**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

2nd Place **Luke J. Lohr**
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

3rd Place **John Roderick Cervantes, Jr.**
Ct. Immaculata #444, Mineola

Division 4

1st Place **Melissa King**
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

2nd Place **Louise M. Daconta**
Ct. Ave Maria #832, Kings Park

3rd Place **Nora McCaffrey**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

ESSAY

Division 1

1st Place **Veda Bijis**
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

2nd Place **Kherington McLoud**
Ct. St. Michael 1173, Penn Yan

3rd Place **Luke H. Broge**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

Division 2

1st Place **Caroline Malewski**
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport

2nd Place **Aidan Glynn**
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

3rd Place **Anna Spagnola**
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport

Division 3

1st Place **Grace Kurzwell**
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport

COMPUTER ART

Division 1

1st Place **Isabella M. Sisting**
Ct. Cortland #919, Cortland

2nd Place **John Nicol**
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg, #1756, North Merrick

Division 2

1st Place **Kaylie Yurukov**
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

2nd Place **Kaylie Hurst**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

MUSIC

Division 3

1st Place **Evan Carroll**
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, North Merrick

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Division 2

1st Place **Alessandra Cesare**
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

2nd Place **Sophia Cellucci**
Ct. Rosemary #681, Middletown

3rd Place **Shelby Reid**
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport

Division 3

1st Place **Kenneth Berry**
Ct. Immaculata #444, Mineola

2nd Place **Samantha Reeder**
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis

Division 4

1st Place **Roseann Horgan**
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

2nd Place **Fran Duffy**
Ct. Queen of Angels ##869, Hicksville

3rd Place **Audrey Reeder**
Ct. Madonna ##114, Port Jervis

New Court Officers & a New Way of Life for All!

JUDY STERLING, STATE TREASURER

Congratulations to all the new local Court Officers, and Thank You for stepping up and saying **Yes** to Catholic Daughters. I ask that all out going officers please share all information to the new officers the addresses of our State Officers, who the State Supervisors, District Deputies and State Chairmen are. Thank you to outgoing officers for your great work, and support this past year when the State had to make changes in our transition of taking office.

Please remember checks need two signatures and made out to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**. All checks for the State are mailed to our **State Secretary Marguerite Forde**.

Our lives at the moment maybe on hold, and unsure of the new process we may have to adapt to accomplish our procedures and goals, but we will be stronger and united! I want to personally Thank all the ladies who have been on Facebook with prayers. I am not always able to get on when its live, I am still working, and I watch later on. Its been a comfort to me, and gives me peace after a stressful day. Thank goodness for technology! I pray to Mary for the souls of all our sisters who have gone on to a peaceful rest, their families for strength to carry on, members, their families and friends who are suffering with this virus to get well. Stay safe, healthy, wash your hands and wear a mask.

A Message From National Regent Olga Samaniego

I am excited to inform you that CDA has a new website! **Tom Panas**, the **Executive Board**, and **E Catholic** have been hard at work for the last few months designing a whole new look for the CDA website. We are extremely grateful to the innovators especially **Shirley** and **Daniel Seyfried**, who designed our first website. It served us well for many years, and we are grateful to them for bringing us into the 21st century. Now, as with all things, it was time for an update. I hope you will check it out. We were going to do a "soft" launch in order to make sure we could work out any "bugs." However, more people than we thought are finding the new website, so I thought I'd let everyone know. The new tools will be added to the new website shortly. What is on now are the current tools, and they are still in effect. Our address is the same **catholicdaughters.org**. Check it out, and let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions, we would be glad to hear them. I am grateful to Tom and the executive board for all their hard work!!

AROUND THE STATE (MINI)

On Saturday, April 25th, 26 members from **Ct. St. Pius X #1690, Levittown**, participated in a drive-by parade for a few members who were self-isolating due to age or health issues. They wanted to spread some CDA cheer by driving past their homes, sharing hand made posters and honking horns in unity. Member **Helen Dowd** recently turned 99, they wished her a belated happy birthday! Member **Sally Lynch** was happy to see all her friends drive by with their signs.

Norma Steiger (seated in chair in photo to the right) passed away a little over a week later, this was the last time most members got to see her; that made the event even more special.

This gesture made each of the honorees feel loved and appreciated by the court. After all, isn't that what the Catholic Daughters of the Americas represents? The unity we share is one of the most inspiring aspects of being CDA member.



In our continuing efforts to save both money and trees, we continue to seek those who would be interested in receiving The Rising Dawn via email as opposed to in their mailbox.

An electronic version is not only more economical and environmentally friendly, it also means you receive the issue at least one week earlier than the mailed version since printing, stuffing and delivery takes time. While only one printed version is sent to each court unless they purchase additional subscriptions, the email version can be sent to any and all members of CDA in NYS. An electronic version is also posted on the website at **cdanys.org**.

Rest assured that a printed version will continue to be mailed to anyone that has not opted out of receiving it.

Thank you to those who responded using the postcard included with the June issue of **The Rising Dawn**; though some people forgot to include their name.

Please send your request to **Editor Theresa Duran** at **tduran@optonline.net** and **Assistant Editor Karen Rave** at **krave@hvc.rr.com** and you will be added to the email version subscription.

To receive additional printed subscriptions to **The Rising Dawn**, please send \$10 (checks made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas) to **Assistant Editor Karen Rave** at 1711 Little Britain Road, Rock Tavern, NY 12575

SOS! SEND OTHER STORIES

Many of our "activities" have been cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus, we know that many courts are still active: making masks, starting prayers circles, visiting homebound members, etc. Please submit stories and photos before August 1st for our September issue.

Submit to **tduran@optonline.net** to share your story with the state! Let us know about successful fundraisers, impactful events and community involvement.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUN 14TH	FLAG DAY
JUN 21ST	FATHER'S DAY
JUL 4TH	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JUL 15TH-19TH	NATIONAL CONVENTION, DALLAS, TX
AUG 15TH	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUG 19TH	BIRTHDAY OF FIRST VICE STATE REGENT THERESA DURAN
AUG 26TH	BIRTHDAY OF STATE REGENT HEATHER RAVE
SEP 7TH	LABOR DAY
SEP 8TH	BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER