



So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. —2 Peter 1:19

A NEW DAY DAWNS IN NEW YORK'S ADIRONDACK PARK

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Let Your Light Shine for All to See

HEATHER A. RAVE, STATE REGENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

To people casually going about their business on Sunday, June 25th, the day probably appeared to be just like every other day; but it wasn't. Perhaps someone out there knew that it was **Christmas in July** (Otherwise known as **LEON Day**!?) or even that it was **National Strawberry Parfait Day**, but for the New York State Catholic Daughters, it was a very significant day. It was an exciting day as 30 days after the **New State Board was elected at our 55th Biennial Convention**, the transitional period was over and we officially took over our new responsibilities. No, this wasn't just another day, it was a day of new beginnings, a time when we enthusiastically look ahead and glimpse into the future of what the New York State Catholic Daughters of the Americas could be as we **let our light shine**.

Let Your Light Shine!

(Matthew 5:16) is the theme I have chosen for New York State Catholic Daughters for the next two years! We as Catholic Daughters of New York State indeed walk in the light of God, pray in the light of God, sing in the light of God. Whenever we talk about **let your light shine**, or **our goal is to let our CDA light shine**, it is important to remember: **the Light we shine is from God**.

Let your light shine means don't hide your light. Let your light shine...don't hide it, don't cover it up. God has given you gifts... use them. If not, you're putting a basket over the light of God. Our goal over the next two years should be to let the light of our courts shine by strengthening our spirituality and service in our Courts and therefore our State. Ask yourself: **Is what I'm doing now letting my light shine for CDA?** Make a meal for someone who just got out of the hospital. Speak up for someone who is being wronged. Sends cards to encourage people. When we gear our Court's ministries to shine God's light in the darkness that surrounds us, the light

will attract. Our job is to shine as brightly as we can with joy and enthusiasm. God put the light in us, put the fire in us. Everyday, at all times, just let the light out. Smile, be positive, be generous...and you will literally radiate the joy of God. Just let God's light shine through you.

Remember, the light we are letting shine is the light of Christ. Don't throw a basket over it. Charge up your batteries, and let your light shine.

Yours In Unity & Charity,

Heather



CONVENTION 2017 memories



Deacon Timothy Curran, State Chaplain Fr. Newcomb, Immediate Past State Chaplain Fr. Ralph, and Deacon Richard Marino with the Officers at the Mass of Installation

Let's Work on the Unity Part...

REV. MATTHEW NEWCOMB, STATE CHAPLAIN

Dear Catholic Daughters,

I pray that your summer is going well. I thank you for your prayers and support and I look forward to getting to know you all over the years that I will serve you as your State Chaplain. I am privileged to be the pastor of a very historic and active court in Port Jervis.

All of us have our favorite summer getaway places. Mine currently is Yarmouth Port, where I share a little townhouse with my mom. I love the beauty of the ocean and this time allows me to catch up on my reading—I'm currently on my sixth book. This summer I have focused primarily on Chesterton. He was truly a gift from God. His writings speak to our current times well. A very powerful work of his that hit me this year was his biography on the Angelic Doctor, Saint Thomas Aquinas. I hope all of you get a chance to read some great literature, it's important nutrition for our intellects.

As we just witnessed by the evil displayed in Charlottesville, we have a lot of work to do in one of the essential aspects of the missions of the Catholic Daughters: Unity. Saint Thomas was called the 'Dumb Ox' when he was a student. Luckily Saint Ambrose saw something in him. Saint Thomas became in love with the truth and this outweighed his sometimes humble way. We can be afraid to be unified in our Faith and bring that unified Faith to our work, society and family. There is that temptation that we ourselves are sinners and we need to be humble and quiet, but our society needs more heroic witnesses to the Faith, proclaiming it loudly in Unity and Charity. It is true Charity to be faithful and in love with the truth and to share that truth with others, not to sugar coat things, but to be a voice and witness to sanctity and holiness.

So, as we will soon enter fall and the days will be getting shorter, my prayer is that we concretely allow the Truth, which has taken flesh, dwell evermore in our thoughts, words and deeds. Especially, even if the world thinks we're a 'dumb ox' may Our Lord see us as a disciple of the Angelic Doctor, in love with the truth.

In Unity and Charity,
Father Newcomb

The "First Family" of New York CDA! New State Regent Heather with her proud parents, Bill and Karen, as well as her brother Michael



A surprise visitor: Irene Duda, State Regent of Oregon came to see her friend become State Regent



Past State Regents Elaine, Helene, Mary and Mary



Our merry musicians and leaders of song: Gigi and Maria made the masses so lovely



The "newbies" display the ABCs of CDA membership



Life in the Fast Lane

HELENE SHEPARD, NATIONAL REGENT

Dear Catholic Daughters of New York State,

Each time I begin to write an article for the Rising Dawn I realize that it is **life in the fast lane** as a member of the National Board!

The rush began after a successful trip to San Antonio, Texas, for a National Board meeting. We then had a few weeks to make all our preparations for the state conventions that we were attending.

My journey for conventions began with the North Carolina. I then had two days to wash clothes, check mail, pay bills and try to get my income taxes done before I headed for Plymouth, Massachusetts. Once again, I had another two days to do the very same things I did in between the last two conventions.

I was then off to Iowa. I landed in Des Moines and found out that I had to go to Ames. I enjoyed myself while I was there meeting so many wonderful Catholic Daughters. They even invited me back to attend the 100th Anniversary of Ct. Ave Maria #302, Des Moines in June!

Leaving Iowa, I headed for the Virgin Islands. I landed in St. Thomas only to find it was no longer Spring—I went right into summer weather. The members there were so excited to have a National Regent visit for their anniversary. It was a first-class celebration. All Catholic Daughters were in white at the Mass.

I returned to New York and headed right up to Albany for the New York State Convention, a memorable convention where I was proud to witness **Heather Rave** installed as State Regent.

This past July, State Officers from across the country attended a National Training Conference in Belleville, Illinois, at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**. The theme of the workshop was, **You are the JOY in CDA**. It was an exciting and upbeat experience for all who attended. We were fortunate to have four of the five New York State Officers attend. Thank you, **Heather, Marianne, Emma Lou** and **Christa**, for your participation. You would have been very proud of your state officers.

During the conference, new books for Local Officers were unveiled. (Check out the CDA website at catholicdaughters.org for more information.)

One highlight was a candlelight procession from the Shrine to the Church where we had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hymns were sung and the Rosary was said using beads that were donated by **Court St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville**. Thank you, Rosary Makers of Court St. Ann, Mother of Mary.

As I write this message, I am away from home again—at Broom Tree Retreat Center in South Dakota, working on the **Tools of the Trade**, Third Edition. Eventually, it will also be available for all on the website.

Life in the fast lane...this article feels like a travel itinerary! I am glad to share it with you, my friends, to let you know what I have been up to. In spite of, all the activity in our lives we need to keep our eyes focused on our goal as Catholic Daughters. So, let us continue to have joy in our hearts as we serve the people of God in our parishes throughout New York State. We need to continue to pray for each other as we journey together serving the Lord with gladness.

God bless each of you as you begin a new CDA year in New York State. Together we can make New York a Number One CDA State.

I hope I can slow the pace for a while this Fall and perhaps see some of you at the Memorial and Rosary Masses around the state.

In Unity and Charity,
Helene



Supporting Seminararians & Youth

ELAINE KLESIC, PAST NY STATE REGENT, STATE CHAIRMAN MARIE C. CURRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

My Dear Catholic Daughters, I have been asked by our State Regent, Heather Rave, to be the State Chairman of the Marie C. Curry Seminary & Education Fund and I have accepted. I am a Past State Regent, District Deputy, State Officer and Court Officer. Some of you may know me well and some have never met me, but you will be hearing from me soon.

The Marie C. Curry Fund is very important to our state. It gives money to each Diocese to help in the education of young men studying for the priesthood. It is also the source of funding for our State Scholarships and Education Contest prize money. If your court has not fulfilled your obligation for this year, please do so ASAP. I will be notifying all courts this Fall as to their assessment. You do not have to have court approval for this check. Checks should be made out to **NYS State Court** with the notation in the lower left hand corner: **Marie C. Curry** and with two signatures on the check.

Please send all checks to:
Elaine Klesic 2244 Union Rd, Apt 23, West Seneca, NY 14224.
Thank you Heather, for giving me this opportunity to serve.

The Need for Leadership

MARIANNE EATON, FIRST VICE STATE REGENT

Greetings to all New York Catholic Daughters Sisters. Mmm, smell that? It is the smell of change! The days are getting shorter, crisper and the leaves are turning beautiful shades of gold, red and orange. Many of our Courts are starting up for a new term with covered dish dinners, Masses of Thanksgiving and programs to help bring God's goodness into those who need it most.

What gets this all going? The leadership! I didn't say the Regent, I said the leadership. Not a single person but a team of "persons" to share in the ideas, planning, and execution of anything the Court needs, or wants, to do.

If we look at the Circle of Love, we see the need for 7 leaders, one for each of the spokes, to assist the Court Officers. It is good to have a specific leader to help develop projects, to guide the team, to delegate when necessary and ensure a successful outcome.

One very important thing to know and remember: leadership needs COMMUNICATION—either oral or written—to make sure the goals are known to all involved. Communication doesn't just mean talking, it also means listening. Listen to ideas from others, encourage all to express what they think, show enthusiasm for the project and gratitude for the input!

Working together as a team, a Court can accomplish much—without burdening those same few that are always willing to help out where needed. Court members: as you sit at your next meeting, listen to the need, volunteer to help on a committee or project. If you are unsure what needs to be done, don't be afraid to express your willingness to help and to ask for direction. You will grow as a person and gain a pleasant feeling of accomplishing God's work here on earth.



KAREN SHEBOY,
STATE CHAIRMAN OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2018 Application for the New York State Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship will be available in the next issue of The Rising Dawn.

Please inform all 2018 graduating seniors across New York State and help improve the response this year. Each year the NYS Scholarship awards three individuals a \$1,000 scholarship to support their education.

Please join me in spreading the word to all eligible applicants to make this year the best yet in terms of participation and response. Feel free to contact me with questions about our scholarship program:
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Summer is fleeting and Catholic Daughters have been busy!

EMMA LOU SMITH, SECOND VICE STATE REGENT

From July 13-15 the New York State Board attended the State and Territorial Officers' Conference in Belleville, Illinois. **You Are the Joy in CDA** was the theme. From our first step onto the property of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, we were greeted and treated joyfully. Opportunities to bond and network with Catholic Daughter women from across our nation, even Puerto Rico, only strengthened and reinforced what emerged from our state convention.

Here are a few things we learned that I want you to know:

1. National Education Contest: New York was proud to have some winners:

Evan Carrol, Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, No. Merrick; 1st place, Music, Division II

Nathan Miller, Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida; 3rd place, Computer Art, Division III

Jaclyn Doucette, Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville; 3rd place, Poetry, Division II

2. 2017 Fr. Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarship:

Meagan Wood, Ct. St. Helen #100, Chateaugay. Meagan is pursuing a degree in podiatry.

3. 2017 National Newsletter Contest.

Ct. Joan of Arc #867, Willsboro; 2nd place, Category I, Division II

New York State Court; 3rd place, Category VI, Division I

4. 2017 National JCDA and Youth Scholarship (8th grader entering 9th grade in a Catholic School)

Connor Hamilton, Huntington Station, will attend St. Anthony's High School, Melville.

Yes, count that: 7 national winners! Congratulations to all winners and thank you for all participants!

5. Changes to National Projects and National Charities:

Effective immediately Smile Train has become a National Charity. (The National Board considered the resources available to the organization and that many times donors will double or quadruple a single donation.)

National Center On Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is now a National Project.

Thus remember that when you send donations to State Chairman Anna Lucia, the Five National Projects are: Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross Family Ministries, Labouré Society, NCOSE and S.O.A.R.

In future issues look for other information regarding what else we learned Belleville.

Enjoy and be thankful for the beauty of God's creation as the seasons change.



If there is one unchanging theme that runs throughout our organization, it is that everything changes, but change itself. We live in an age of movement and change. In such an age, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have an obligation to hold fast to the best part of the past and move fast to the best part of the future. Indeed, past members of the Catholic Daughters Courts in NYS and across our organization have seen many changes! Just imagine the faces of these founding women if they could see where we are today and what we have done!

Our organization has been involved in community life, social work, literacy endeavors, and missionary. During World War II more than 8,314 CDA members served as instructors for the **American Red Cross**. Today Catholic Daughters are involved in Projects like **Habitat for Humanity**, **SOAR**, working with organizations like **Smile Train** and **National Center on Sexual Exploitation**, donating generously to seminarian programs, working in their local communities supporting many efforts and much more. Through your efforts and commitment to serve God and each other, you have made a **huge** difference in our order. It is your efforts that have created and continue to shape our world! Thank you for making a difference! Thank you for inspiring others! Each one of you are doing such phenomenal things!

One of the recent changes we noticed in NYS was during our last NYS Convention. The Catholic Daughters of New York State elected new officers to our NYS Board. With that being said, I would like to congratulate our new State Regent Heather Rave; First Vice State Regent Marianne Eaton, Second Vice State Regent Emma Lou Smith, and State Treasurer, Debbie Stellakis. I look forward to working with each of you. I would like to also thank our Past State Regent Mary Ziesig and Past State Secretary Monica Ryan for their service to NYS Catholic Daughters. Finally, I would like to thank the Catholic Daughters for electing me as your NYS Secretary. It is an honor and privilege serving you.

The NYS Board is busy! We are already looking to make a change in the upcoming year. Currently, all courts receive a notice from the National Office for national dues. Starting this fall all courts in NYS will also be issued a bill/notice of state dues based on membership for the period ending September 30th. Remember a court vote is not required to pay your state dues or national dues. We only ask that once you receive this notice/bill that it is paid promptly. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your NYS Supervisor should you have any questions.

Finally, I just would like to remind all courts to schedule your financial review with your District Deputy! If you do not hear from your district deputy, please call her to schedule a date for your review. All reviews should be completed in October!

God Bless You for all you do!

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve..." Mark 10:45

Treasurer's Report

DEBBIE STELLAKIS, STATE TREASURER

I must admit I feel that being elected to New York State Treasurer still feels surreal to me. It was an honor to receive your vote of confidence in me as I serve our wonderful organization as State Treasurer. For those of you that haven't met me, my local court is Court St. Pius X #1690 in Levittown on Long Island, which is in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. A family wedding prevented me from attending the Biennial State Convention in May, so I was officially installed at the Rockville Centre Past Regent's Chapter Summer Spree held on August 13th. National Regent Helene Shepard and State Regent Heather Rave were in attendance and officiated the installation.

My role as State Treasurer is to accept and disburse all monies from our NYS Court bank accounts. Although I am still learning the intricacies of the position, our Second Vice State Regent and Past State Treasurer, Emma Lou Smith, has been a tremendous help. In fact I think we have the most dynamic State Board! We all bring different skills to the table and together we operate with trusting and teamwork, which will enable us to be successful.

As we begin a new CDA year, I look forward to serving you. Just a reminder, when submitting checks for Mass cards, Rising Dawn subscriptions or donations to our National Projects and National Charities, please don't forget to make them payable to **New York State Court**. This is especially critical since the US Patriot Act was enabled in 2001 (after September 11, 2001). As a result, banks are very cautious about funds entering or leaving their institutions. A mislabeled payee on a check could lead to a returned check and any associated fees.

**"UNITY IS STRENGTH...WHEN THERE IS TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION, WONDERFUL THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED."
-MATTIE STEPANEK**

2018 Education Contest

JOANNE MARINO, STATE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION

Hello to My Sisters in Unity and Charity. I like to start by saying thank you to Mary Ziesig, our Immediate Past State Regent, I admire her dedication to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, truly a job well done. I also want to welcome our new State Regent Heather Rave and her Board.

Heather has asked me if I would remain as State Chairman of Education, and I have agreed to do so. Thank You Heather, I enjoy doing this job, it is a pleasure, not a chore, for me.

When you receive the Rising Dawn, summer will be almost over, and the children will be back in school. Let us think of new ways to entice young people to enter our education contests. Reach out to your community leaders and school principals to see if we can make this contest available to them. Advertise in other Church bulletins, to Catholic schools and in public places (grocery stores, tutoring centers, the public library, etc.) Reach out to your Junior Catholic Daughters to join in on this contest. This year I would like to see more courts participate in this. If you have a problem keeping a local Education Chairperson, maybe you can form a committee. Instead of having one person you can have three, (one for ads, a person to go and talk about the contest, someone to organize judges). Many hands make light work.

Let us start this new year with a positive and joyful outlook. The more we are involved in the community in unity and charity the more others will want to join us.

For their works accompany them

— Revelations 14:13

PATTI DRIVANOS, STATE CHAIRMAN OF QUALITY OF LIFE

September: we enjoy the last days of summer and many courts are back and refreshed after a summer hiatus and ready to begin planning their court projects. A part of our Circle of Love, Quality of Life deals with how we improve the lives of others—in our court, parish, community, nation and world.

Some courts are getting ready for their Fall Tea Socials. It is a great opportunity to relax, catch up with friends (and make new ones) and enjoy the fall harvest. A Junior Court had asked some Honor Flight veterans to come and share their experiences. What a great idea!

October honors our Blessed Mother and a focus on pro-life activities. One Court on Long Island held an event for post-abortive women which was very impactful. Sponsor a movie night/discussion with the youth group featuring "October Baby", a great teen movie about abortion. Listen to the Lighthouse CD talk by Abby Johnson "Why I left Planned Parenthood: from death to life." You could also research Rachel's Vineyard for additional ideas.

Our State Regent, Heather Rave, asked me to chair this committee for another two years. I have humbly and gratefully agreed because I enjoy hearing from you and learning what your courts are doing. This column is an opportunity for all of our courts to share what they do to improve the Quality of Life for those around them. Remember, imitation is the most sincere form of flattery and who could not use a little flattery?

Please share your projects and ideas with me so that I can share them with others around the state. Send your ideas and digital photos to Yayapatti@aol.com or mail your story to 218 Greencrest Drive, Scotchtown, NY 10941

Editors Note: Sorry only digital photos are accepted for **Rising Dawn** submissions, I do not have the capability to scan actual photographs!

Meditate and Pray

CONNIE BREINDEL, STATE CHAIRMAN OF SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

During a recent homily these words stuck with me: **Take time out to meditate and pray.** How many of us actually do this? I know, sometimes life gets in the way. We need to make it a point to make meditating and praying an important part of our life. The rosary is a wonderful way to accomplish this.

The month of October is a special time in the church. Even though it is during ordinary time in the liturgical calendar, it really isn't ordinary. October is designated as the month of the Rosary. October was chosen because of the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. St. Pius V established this feast day in 1573 in thanksgiving to Our Lady for victory in battle. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady appearing in Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. One of the messages that Our Lady gave the children instructed that the rosary be said every day to obtain peace.

Because the Blessed Mother Mary, the patroness of our great organization, encouraged praying the rosary daily, what better time to start than the month of the rosary? We should spend time this October praying the rosary; whether it is before your court's meeting, with your family or with a group of friends. CDA Sunday is also a great time to gather with your court and say the rosary.

From the words of St. John Paul II **"Let us accept the Virgin's motherly request, pledging to recite the Rosary with faith for peace in families, nations, and throughout the world."** I know I will, will you?

Projects & Charities

ANNA LUCIA STATE CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PROJECTS

Fall greetings one and all! Summer started so late in our north country near the Canadian border, so I am wishing for a nice, long fall...like til December 23rd. Is that too much to ask?

It is with pleasure that I tell you, I have again been asked to chair National Projects and Charities for New York State, and I look forward to working with our courts once again.

Yet again, we have another change with our Projects/Charities, as a result of the June meeting of the National and State Boards. Smile Train that was a Project is now a Charity, and National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) that was a Charity is now one of the five Projects that courts are asked to donate \$20.00/year. Our next issue of Rising Dawn I will give you more specific info on this organization and you will see why it is so important to support it's works. The National newsletters that arrive quarterly usually have good information re NCOSE and I hope Regents are sharing that with the members.

Remember, the charity is not **Mother Teresa**, it is actually called **Missionaries of Charity**; the project known as **Fr. Peyton** is really called **Holy Cross Family Ministries**; and **Morality in Media (MIM)** has changed it's name to **National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)**. Of course, all checks are still made payable to **New York State Court**. Please write **one check** for the total and include a list of how the funds are to be allocated to each Charity and/or Project. Please send all donations be sent in **whole dollar amounts**, do not include change.

Reminder: It is important that you send all donations to me as NY State Chairman. I am **not** notified by the National Office if your court sends project/charity donations directly to them; at State Convention, your donation will not be listed; and NY State will not be credited with the donation for reports at the National Convention.

Enjoy the beautiful fall season. I hope your courts are all planning a CDA Sunday event for October 15th, WRAP week activities Oct 29th at your parishes and (hopefully) a Membership Drive. Keep up the good work and God bless you and yours.

Court Development

BARBARA DELLACROCE,
STATE CHAIRMAN OF COURT DEVELOPMENT

As summer comes to an end, it is that time when our meetings start up and fundraising kicks into full swing.

Visibility and public awareness are important concerns for our organization. We want to increase our visibility to get more women interested and involved.

A way to do this is to have a strong presence at local events. With the fall season approaching many communities will hold farmers markets, craft fairs, holiday celebrations and other events that attract a lot of people.

Check your towns schedule for upcoming events and contact the organizers. Often they are happy to host a table for a non-profit organization. Set up an eye catching display, have information about CDA available, report our successes and all the charitable work that we do.

This visibility can lead to women that are not only potential members but also to women from other communities that would be interested in developing a court in their own parish.

CARING & SHARING

KATHY KNOTT, STATE CHAIRMAN FOR JCDA

The young Christian women of America are uniting. Yes, National is reviewing the **Tools of the Trade** and JCDA members will once again connect in **Unity and Charity**.

Our 9 Junior Courts have enjoyed days of prayer, fun and games during the past year. Individually they have thought of some incredible service projects and financially successful events.

Now we can look forward to appointing representatives to consult with other JCDA girls throughout New York State and across the Nation. This has great promise for our girls to share their talents and ideas with others.

For now I need each one of you to help me put together a state-wide team of girls to share ideas and unite to make a difference in the lives of our teen members. This can effect scholarship grants for higher education. Our experiences can earn internships and career advances for our girls that have not been offered before. Who among your members, do you think shows leadership qualities and communication strengths to bond with a state team? Help make plans to have all our JCDA Courts gather again for prayer, convention and growth.

The **Message** they carry is the Word of the Lord in action. The **Service** they render magnifies the gifts God has given them. The **Community** has grown rich and strong with the girls in their midst.

Show the world; **Jesus Can Do Anything, Juniors Can Do Anything.**



Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

—Isaiah 43:18-19

WATKINS GLEN, NY

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

EILEEN PETERSON STATE CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892, for the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We are living in an America that feels divided on moral principles. God's laws cannot be changed and natural law does not become progressive law.

We in New York State must be united in protecting the precious gift of LIFE at all stages. There are more threats to LIFE in this legislative session: assisted suicide and the very dangerous Reproductive Health Act (RHA) known as the Abortion Expansion Act.

All NYS Catholic Daughter Courts had one common theme in their participation in the Circle of Love Legislative Project and that was the protecting and defending the dignity and value of every human LIFE!

The following unity prayer, written by **Deacon Jim Stahlnecker**, is available on FREE prayer cards for your courts members by e-mailing deaconjimsi@aol.com. Please pray this with your courts:

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Dear Lady Queen of Peace, Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ; we humbly confess the sins and transgressions of our nation and beg you to intercede for us so that your Divine Son will mercifully grant to us a full measure of hope and pardon. May He bind up our nation's wounds and give us the balm of His mercy so that our nation will be healed. Where there is division may he grant us unity in order for us to become One Nation under God, once again. We beg you to bring forth the bounties of Heaven so that we may be preserved in peace and prosperity for generations to come.

O, Our Lady Queen of Peace graciously grant to all of us the peace that surpasses all understanding through the merits of your Son. Let the peace of God enter into our hearts, our families, our communities and our nation. We beg you to intercede for us granting that these petitions be fulfilled through your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

God Bless the Catholic Daughters of America and God Bless the United States of America!

July 29, 2017

State Regent Heather Rave
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Dear State Regent Heather Rave:

Thank you for the generous Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. I am very appreciative that I was selected as the recipient of this scholarship.

I have been fortunate enough to have been raised in a catholic home and been given such great opportunities to be involved in my community. Being President of our Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Rosalia, court #2598 and the Director of our local Vacation Bible School has helped me to learn the importance of message, service and community. I strive to continue this faithful journey and continue helping the community.

In the fall of 2017, I will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh and double majoring in Economics and International Business. Additionally, I intend to double minor in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. I have hopes of studying abroad to learn about new cultures and open my eyes to the world around me. One day I hope to own my own business and travel the world. I anticipate on graduating from SUNY Plattsburgh in the year 2021, followed by my Masters in Operations Management. Thanks to this generous scholarship, I am one step closer to achieving my dream.

Receiving the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship, I can worry less about the burden of bills and instead focus on my higher education in the business field. I am very eager to start college and begin my education in a field I feel so passionate about. Thank you very much for your generosity.

In Unity and Charity,



Lauren Lawliss

July 1, 2017

Heather Rave
NY State Regent
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
1711 Little Britain Road
Rock, Tavern, NY 12575

Dear Heather and all Officers and members of New York State CDA,

I was honored and very grateful to be one of the recipients of the NY State Scholarship announced at the State Convention in May. The money has already been sent to Adelphi University and will certainly help my parents and I with the tuition.

As I begin my studies in Computer Science at the end of August, I will continue to remember and be thankful for the blessing that CDA has been to my Grandma, my Aunt, my Mom and now to me.

Thank you again for your generosity, I hope to do you proud!

Sincerely,
Matthew Duran

The Proper Way to Treat Dignitaries and Guests

PATSY GAVIN, STATE CHAIRMAN OF PROTOCOL

Protocol are the rules of etiquette and ceremony. It promotes courtesy, diplomacy, adherence to order, respect and consideration.

With the fall season comes Memorial Masses, workshops, committee meetings and the start of the social season. Sometimes we are a little rusty as to the protocol when it comes to those special occasions. Maybe these little hints will help your next function run a little more smoothly.

Invitations: When inviting a guest(s), such as a nearby court, District Deputies, local, State or National Officers, be sure to include in the invitation what will be required of them. Will they be doing a reading, or participating in any way, at a Mass? If so include the reading(s) or any other pertinent instructions with the invitation. Also mention if they will be expected to say a few words or will they be the keynote or guest speaker at a reception, workshop, meeting or social.

Seating: Seating arrangements for guests should be done ahead of time, particularly the dais. Never tell an invited guest to "just sit anywhere"—this makes for a very uncomfortable guest. Check Tools of the Trade if you are unsure as to who sits where. Once the guests are seated the toastmistress/hostess should know their seating location, introductions are ready to begin.

Introductions: We sometimes assume that all present know who the Guests are and what Office they hold. An informative introduction will help. As the sayings go I have heard the name or it's nice to put a face to the name. When introducing your guest(s) here are a few things you might want to consider:

- Be sure to know (and correctly pronounce) their name; title (State Regent, Regent, District Deputy, member of Court XXX) For example: "Welcome Mrs. Jane Doe, Regent of Court XXX, from Oz."
- If you have invited officers and members from nearby Courts be sure that they are acknowledged. "We are happy to have the members of Court XXX from XXX with us tonight."

Get the Word Out

BARBARA DREW, STATE CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

I want to thank our new State Regent, Heather, and the Board for appointing me again as the Chairperson for Public Relations the Newsletter Contest. I truly enjoy reading the newsletters that are sent to me and I try and share as much as I can with other Courts. It is always good to get new ideas Thank you for sending your newsletters to me and if you don't send them to me, please consider starting.

I want to touch base about the Newsletter Contest and remind you the information will come out in the September National Newsletter. The guidelines and all the other important information will be explained there, so check it out. The New York State deadline will be February 15, 2108. All newsletters should be mailed directly to me. I understand the deadline is early, but there is much to be done when the newsletters get to me. Regents, please share the deadline and requirements with your newsletter editors. Please also remember that all requirements need to be followed. Thanks again and I look forward to getting many submissions this year.

As most Courts have had a break over this hot summer and are just about to begin setting up the calendar for the new year, it would be nice to share dates of upcoming events with other courts in your area. I know myself as a D.D., I try to attend as many court functions when I am available. It is a great practice to get into, sharing with our sisters of the faith.

Starting in the fall, also the Past Regent Chapters will be having their Memorial Masses to remember our members who gave all for the good of our organization and went home to God this past year. Try to attend these wonderful memorial. Here in the Archdiocese, our Memorial Mass is on November 11th at St. Mary's in Washingtonville, NY, with our State Chaplin, Rev. Father Matthew C. Newcomb, as the celebrant. Look in this issue of The Rising Dawn for information about the other masses planned around the state.

As I end my message, I want to share with all our members that we are very blessed to have our National Regent, Helene, and our State Regent, Heather, both from the Archdiocese. Please ladies get out and support all the functions you can to make New York State a shining star following the theme from the state convention, "Follow Me... As Women of Faith" and focus on spirituality and service.

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.

Editor's Note: With sincere apologies, we are once again providing the 2017 Education Contest winners. It seems that the 2016 Winners were published in the June Rising Dawn...sorry...and congratulations to this year's winners!

Art

Division 1

- 1st Place** Massimo Bonda-Rlva
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville
- 2nd Place** Lucy Springer
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport
- 3rd Place** Kimberly Collins
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Division II

- 1st Place** Yolanda Penfield
Ct. Ave Maria #832, Kings Park
- 2nd Place** Eric Rosati
Ct. Immaculata #444, Mineola
- 3rd Place** Clare VanLieshout
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Division III

- 1st Place** Anika Flscher
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport
- 2nd Place** Shannon Klotz
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis
- 3rd Place** Annika Moline
Ct. McLaughlin #422, Saratoga Springs

Division IV

- 1st Place** Ana Maria Esguerra
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville
- 2nd Place** Debby Brown
Ct. St. Rosalie #1783, Hampton Bays
- 3rd Place** Melissa King
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Essay

Division I

- 1st Place** Lillian Gormley
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida
- 2nd Place** Taras Kosciolk
Ct. Rosemary #681, Middletown
- 3rd Place** Mackenzie Hurst
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

Division II

- 1st Place** Massimo Posillico
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, No. Merrick
- 2nd Place** Ryan Dougan
Ct. St. Anne #1077, Garden City
- 3rd Place** Daniel Tighe
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville

Division III

- 1st Place** Lily Domes
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida
- 2nd Place** Elizabeth Meisenzohl
Ct. Nativity of Our Lady #931, Brockport
- 3rd Place** Delani Ennis
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis

Poetry

Division I

- 1st Place** Sierra Decker
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville
- 2nd Place** Shannon Donnelly
Ct. Anna Theresa #1074, St. James
- 3rd Place** Brian Murray
Ct. Morning Star #899, Kings Park

Division II

- 1st Place** Jaclyn Doucette
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville
- 2nd Place** Ashli DeMaria
Ct. Stella Maris #822, Freeport
- 3rd Place** Randy Williamson
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Division III

- 1st Place** Elizabeth Prestia
Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419, Washingtonville
- 2nd Place** Kyle Haight
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis
- 3rd Place** Grace Collins
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Division IV

- 1st Place** Gina Ponessa
Ct. Mc Laughlin #422, Saratoga Springs
- 2nd Place** June C. Garger
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville
- 3rd Place** Gloria Legottaglie
Ct. Ave Maria #832, Kings Park

Computer Art

Division I

- 1st Place** Joseph Griffin
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport
- 2nd Place** Ava Zino
Ct. St. Anne #1077, Garden City
- 3rd Place**

Division II

- 1st Place** Marisa Fernandez
Ct. St. Anne #1077, Garden City
- 2nd Place** Matteo Mendoza
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport
- 3rd Place** Giuseppe Zago
Ct. Queen of Angels #869, Hicksville

Division III

- 1st Place** Nathan Miller
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida

Music

Division II

- 1st Place** Evan Carrol
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, No. Merrick

Photography

Division II

- 1st Place** Sarah Pennise
Ct. Our Lady #1250, Oneida
- 2nd Place** Daytona Ranieri
Ct. Morning Star #899, Northport
- 3rd Place** Jennifer McAndrew
Ct. Bishop Kellenberg #1756, No. Merrick

Division III

- 1st Place** Debra Massuccio
Ct. Ave Maria #832, Kings Park
- 2nd Place** Delani Ennis
Ct. Madonna #114, Port Jervis

Division IV

- 1st Place** Jasmine Choi
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Do not forget that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have resolved to wear red (or patriotic colors) every Friday to honor our military. According to marineparent.com "This act of solidarity is intended to let American service members know that their sacrifices are recognized and appreciated, and that a grateful nation hasn't forgotten what those service members do for us on a daily basis."

For more information, visit: marineparents.com/redfriday.asp

AROUND THE STATE

Court St. Paul #71, Celebrates 100 Years of Unity & Charity

On June 10th Court St. Paul # 71, Mechanicville, held a celebration in honor of our 110th Anniversary.

Court St. Paul was instituted in on Sunday, May 26, 1907. That ceremony was conducted by the officers of now disbanded Court Mary #31, Hoosick Falls, in the presence of the local Knights of Columbus Council #208.

For the past 110 years, Court St. Paul has continued to honor more than a century's worth of traditions, service, unity and charity to the communities of Mechanicville, Stillwater, Schaghticoke, Malta, Waterford and Clifton Park. We strive to bring good works not only to the people in our local communities, but the world.

Many of our long standing projects are our handmade and sewn

sock dolls made by our "doll ladies" and homemade rosaries that are provided to children from local parishes and churches receiving their first communion, while several hundred rosaries are sent to missions and churches all over the world. Each year we "adopt" children from local community centers and help provide them with Christmas gifts, we collect food for area food pantries, as well as necessary troop supplies to support Military Mom In Action. We enjoy making no-sew fleece blankets for **Uncle Sean's Hugs** blanket project that gives blankets off the **Marine Corps' Toy for**

Tots train and through **Project Linus**. We sponsor 2 high school scholarships each year. Our latest project has been what loving call **Stuff the Van with School Supplies**.

At the Anniversary, new members Amy Daley and Elizabeth Wendel were welcomed



Left to right starting on top row: Teresa Laurenzo, Regent; Patricia Chase, Vice Regent; Darlene Sullivan, Treasurer; Kathryn Sheehy; Financial Secretary; Sharon Wichelns, Recording Secretary; Emma Lou Smith, Second Vice State Regent; Helene Shepard, National Regent; Heather Rave, State Regent; and Mary Farrell, District Deputy.

by State Regent Heather and the whole court renewed our pledge of membership.

We received proclamations from the New York State Assembly by Carrie Woerner and New York State Senate by Kathy Machione.

The guest speaker was **Helene Shepard, National Regent**. Past Regents and 50 plus years members were recognized by current Regent Teresa Laurenzo.

Court St. Paul # 71 is the oldest Court in New York State and is the 10th oldest court in the nation. After 110 years we are still a very dedicated and strong court with 57 members, who are proud of each and every one of our accomplishments.

Kathryn Higgins receives her 80 service pin, she is the oldest active member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and her pin was presented by Helene Shepard, National Regent and her service award by Heather Rave, State Regent.



Celebrating the Gift of Motherhood in Queens

For the past 25 years, **Court Our Lady of Charity #2355, Flushing, Queens**, has been holding a **Baby Shower** during May or June. They celebrate at least two families each year. The families are identified by the parish staff and invited to the court's event. Members prepare a luncheon, each brings one or two gifts, and they invite the mothers to bring family members with them.

During the shower, members offer a rosary for the health of the mother and delivery of a healthy baby. The court also keeps in touch with the mother and welcome the baby to a meeting during the following months. This



activity is in support of the family and parenthood but has proven very rewarding for all members who participate.

The Baby Shower is not only a beautiful way to show Christ's love to mothers and children, it is a wonderful way for the court members to become involved in the community and make themselves known to young women in the parish.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT 9TH	DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PAST REGENT'S MEMORIAL MASS
SEPT 15TH-17TH	STATE CHAIRMAN & DD WORKSHOP PALLOTINE CENTER, MONROE, NY
SEPT 28TH	SOAR DINNER NYC NATIONAL REGENT HELENE SHEPARD WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE INAUGURAL DOROTHY DAY SERVICE AWARD
SEPT 30TH	DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG PAST REGENT'S MEMORIAL MASS
OCT 14TH	DIOCESE OF ALBANY PAST REGENT'S MEMORIAL MASS
OCT 14TH	DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE PAST REGENT'S MEMORIAL MASS
OCT 15TH	CDA SUNDAY COURT SANTA MARIA #295, MEDINA 100TH ANNIVERSARY
NOV. 6TH	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DECEMBER RISING DAWN
NOV 11TH	ARCHDIOCESE PAST REGENT'S MEMORIAL MASS

We'd love to see more of what is going on around New York State with some stories of successful fundraisers, unique events and momentous occasions. Please send all submissions to State Regent Heather Rave and email a copy to the editor Theresa Duran at tduran@optonline.net. Include all necessary names, titles and information along with the complete name, number and location of the court so we can share to inspire others! Our next deadline is October 15, 2017.

State Chairmen & District Deputy Workshop

September 15-16, 2017 • Pallotti Center, Monroe

All State Chairmen and District Deputies have already been invited to participate in an informative training session led by the New York State Board. State plans, job descriptions, and sharing of ideas will be intertwined with fun and fellowship as we let our lights shine with joy and gladness!

Be sure to let Heather know if you can attend.

The Times, They Are A-Changin'

Since most people today have e mail and can access web sites easily, we have been playing with the idea of making **The Rising Dawn** a digital newsletter. Going digital will also save the State a lot of money in printing and postage.

This means that a full-color pdf file of **The Rising Dawn** would be e mailed to Regents, District Deputies and State Chairmen instead of sending a printed black and white copy in the mail. A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on the web site at CDANYS.org, available to all members and visitors to the site.

This can only be done if all courts in NY State are able to receive and employ such a newsletter.

Please drop us a line (preferably e mail), and let us know if you are open to this idea. While majority will rule, we will always mail a hard copy newsletter to anyone who requests it.

Please contact **Heather** and/or **Theresa** at the addresses on the front cover to share your feelings on this issue.

Ballot Question for NY State Constitutional Convention

EILEEN PETERSON STATE CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATION

On November 7, 2017, New Yorkers will vote on whether or not to hold a State Constitutional Convention.

Under our NYS Constitution, every 20 years on Election Day, New Yorkers are asked to answer this ballot question: "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" This question will be on the back of the ballot, remember to turn it over and vote.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- If it passes, three delegates per State Senate district and 15 at-large delegates (204 in total) would be elected at the next general election, in November 2018.
- Delegates can include members of the Legislature or other elected officials, as well as political party leaders—and they can hold both positions, collecting both salaries.
- The convention would meet in Albany in 2019 for an unspecified duration, and then publish its suggested amendments.
- Any proposed changes are submitted to voters for approval separately or as a group for another public referendum no sooner than six weeks after the convention adjourns.

Read up on this issue and be informed!

God Bless You and God Bless New York State and the United States of America!