National Regent’s Message

Helene Shepard, National Regent

Dear Catholic Daughters,

As this National Quarterly goes to press newly elected State Officers are being installed all over the nation.

To those of you who have been elected, thank you for accepting the challenge to serve joyfully for the glory of God: congratulations!

To those who have served these past two years and are passing the baton: we say thank you!

To those of you on all levels, who support the officers, we applaud your continued dedication—you are the most important group of the membership: thank you for your trust.

I have had the privilege of attending four state conventions, I also visited the Virgin Islands, and I saw officers and members in each place working together for the Glory of God.

No matter where I visited, I found we all say the same thing about our service: Do all for the glory of God. You may say, “Well, how do I actually put that into practice?”

It requires the right attitude and the right motivation. The right attitude is, I do it out of gratitude, not for the gratitude. The right motivation is, I do it to honor God, not to gain honor for myself.

How do you know if it’s going to bring glory to God? Any goal that causes you to love God more brings glory to God. Any goal you set that causes you to trust God more, brings glory to God. Any goal you set that causes you obey God, to love God, to serve God, that’s the goal that brings glory to God.

Many people are blind to God’s glory. However, as Catholic Daughters and as God’s people, we are to live in such a way that people start to see God’s presence and beauty in us. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, St. Paul says, Whether you eat or drink (What could be more ordinary than eating and drinking?) or whatever you do, (wow, so no matter what it is we do — everything — the most mundane, ordinary and unimportant stuff in our life) do it all for the glory of God.

As Catholic Daughters we should not be self-serving. If we are then we are not working for the glory of God.

Let us look to this time in our states as new beginnings, with new goals and visions and always keeping the words of St. Paul in front of us: Do all for the glory of God.

In Unity and Charity,

Helene

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Take it Easy

Fr. Jeffrey Maurer
National Clergy Consultant

Dear Daughters,

“Summertime and the living is easy” or so the song says.

As this goes to print May is already here and June is just above the horizon. And while June is often filled with school events, tests, graduations and moving up ceremonies it is also the time to start slowing down.

If this is the case for you that’s awesome! If it isn’t, please read what follows even more closely.

The third commandment is about refreshment in addition to worship. As folks involved in an organization like CDA we can often fill our calendar with events but I plead with you, for the summer, slow it down. The Lord Himself commands that we rest.

If you find you are spending almost all of your free time babysitting grandkids, if your kids’ sports calendar looks like the map of the invasion of Normandy, and if you can’t remember the last time you had time to yourself, then you are doing way too much.

Let this be a warning sign from above: God doesn’t call us to exhaustion but to fidelity. Often we can keep ourselves busy because it is filling a need or creating an impression of worth. This regularly happens to folks who are recently retired or those trying to avoid stuff.

Give yourself a weekly day of rest. Spend the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer actually resting and refreshing so that September finds you free, ready and willing to say “Yes!” to what your courts will be doing. May God bless you with His Peace and His Presence today and all summer long.

Sincerely in Unity & Charity,
Rev. Jeffrey J. Maurer

A Special Announcement From

SOAR!
Support Our Aging Religious

A new award for volunteer service will be presented at the annual dinner for SOAR! in New York City on September 28, 2017.

The Board of Directors of SOAR! recently announced that Helene Shepard is the inaugural recipient of the Dorothy Day Service Award.

Instituted by the Board of Directors of SOAR!, the Dorothy Day Award recognizes individuals for “volunteerism, leadership and advocacy work to promote the common good and for working to move beyond community service.” Helene is being honored for her faithful support of the mission of SOAR!, her service on the event planning committee, and her leadership of volunteers at the annual New York dinner.

Helene has long been admired by the SOAR! staff and board of directors for her generosity of spirit. Kathryn Caballero, Esq., chair of the board of SOAR!, commented that Helene is an inspiration to her as a professional woman of how to lead and motivate others with kindness. Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, president of SOAR! states, “Helene is a true servant leader. She leads by example from a foundation of faith—and that is a gift.”

Helene has served as an honorary member of the Board of Directors of SOAR! since her installation as National Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

For more information on the dinner go to: http://soar-usa.org/event/new-york-city-awards-dinner/

ON THE WEB SITE...

While Tools of the Trade instructs you to contact the National Office for a copy of the most current Chaplain’s Welcome Letter to be read at a reception of New Members, it is now available on the website at catholicdaughters.org right below the National Regent’s photo.

And, while we’re at it, the Tools of the Trade (Second Edition) is also now available for free on the website while the Third Edition is being worked on and updated by your National Board.

Be sure to check out the web site regularly for changes and updates and to see the various items available for sale at the CDA Store.

Congratulations to all Newly Elected State Regents and State Officers.

Please remember to submit the following to the National Office ASAP: State Officer List, State Chairman List, District Deputy List.
‘Tis the Season
...for State Conventions for all Catholic Daughters!

With each convention, new leadership is elected by the convention attendees. New leadership brings new ideas, new plans and new enthusiasm. For leaders to be successful, please consider the following CDA’S of Catholic Daughters Leadership as plans and decisions are made for the next two years.

Communication

Communicating with all members of the court is so important. As a new officer, communicating a plan or vision is necessary and helpful. Just presenting the plan is not enough. The officers can develop a wonderful plan to gain new members, but lack follow-through. Achieving results must also be a part of the plan. Present the plan, provide the steps, then follow up, follow up, follow up.

Daily Issues

Disputes happen in any organization, especially those who want to help women be the best they can be. Many issues and personalities are included in an organization. Follow up on the issues as soon as there is an awareness of a problem. If left to smolder, soon the smoke will change to a fire that will change to an inferno. Handle issues as they arise.

Analyze

As new programs and plans are considered, discuss them with the members. Encourage all members to contribute to the programs or plans. A critical step in getting members to help with something new is to give them all the information they will need to make this plan or program a success. This step will allow for an unbiased analysis of the change that may be planned and encourage new ideas.

Support

Leaders who have a sense of how other people feel build trust and inspire others to work together to complete the group goals. If you are a retiring state leader, offer your help to the new officers. Provide support but let the new leadership establish visions and goals. Share programs and positive activities that helped the membership grow both in numbers and spirituality. Be supportive and positive of any new ideas suggested by the new leadership. Pass on the documents, folders and books to the new officers. The latest edition of the bylaws of the order, the Tools of the Trade, standing rules and yearly budget are necessary equipment for new officers.

Congratulations to all new and returning officers. May God bless you as you continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus and Mary here on earth.

National Convention Rebus

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See Page 7 for the answer!

Attention

By now, all courts should have received their Semi-annual Dues Invoice, as well as their annual Liability Insurance Invoice. You have also, no doubt, noticed that the two bills appear on one invoice. Our software allows us to do this, thereby saving the paper and postage of two separate mailings. Be sure to retain the Liability Insurance Certificate in your court files, please DO NOT return it with your payment. Please pay these invoices promptly as our order relies upon these funds to operate.
2016-2018 CDA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Go, Go! BOGO!

**Goals:**
- Every member will participate in Go, Go! BOGO!
- Every state will institute five new courts!

**Contest Dates:** August 1, 2016, to June 1, 2018

**Local Court Prizes**
- $200 1st Place
- $150 2nd Place
- $100 3rd Place

*to the courts that brings in the most new members.*

First, Second, and Third place awarded in each division.

**Division One:** 1 – 75 members  
**Division Two:** 76-150 members  
**Division Three:** 151+ members

Largest percentage of increase will determine winners in each division.

**State Court Prizes**
- $500 1st Place  
- $350 2nd Place  
- $200 3rd Place

*to States that bring in the most new courts over the requisite 5.*

First, Second, and Third place awarded in each division.

**Division One:** 5 to 20 courts  
**Division Two:** 21-75 courts  
**Division Three:** 76+ courts

Tie breaker will be determined by total number of Charter Members welcomed in the state.

The Saint Faustina Membership Award will be presented at the National Convention to those members who are instrumental in fostering membership and court development.

Award winners will be nominated by their State Regents or National Representatives.

How will you BOGO? For more info: olgasamaniego@hotmail.com
Has your court entered this term’s BOGO! Contest? It’s very easy to enter. All you have to do is welcome new women into your court. The contest runs from August 1, 2016 to June 1, 2018. Winning courts in three categories will be announced at the 2018 National Convention. You don’t have to keep track of your numbers or fill out entry forms; winners will be determined by the national office. Just make sure you send in your new members’ application before June 1, 2018. The most effective way of recruiting is by personal invitation. If every member of the court will invite one new member to join, it is possible to double your membership this term. Four courts were able to double their membership last term, and your court can, too. There is one catch—when you invite a prospective member to join your court, make sure your court is active and attractive. New members must have a reason for joining CDA, so give them one (or several). Give them the opportunity to use their gifts and talents by serving God’s people. Each court should be reviewing the Circle of Love Manual frequently. It offers ideas for court involvement in seven areas. There is no reason for a court to become stale or stagnant. Each court must decide which areas of the Circle the court wishes to undertake; however, each court should be deeply involved in Spiritual Enhancement. All members, old and new, have the same desire of the heart—to come closer to God. If your court is providing opportunities for spiritual growth as well as opportunities to serve, any woman who visits the court will want to become a part of all that is happening.

State Regents, please remember that you have an opportunity to have your state shine at the convention as well. We are again rewarding states that open the most new courts. Opportunities to open courts are everywhere. Step out in faith and approach the pastors of churches without courts. A great place to start is with parishes that have active Knights of Columbus councils, the pastors will be familiar with the concept of a national organization operating within the parish. If you need priests’ packets, please contact me, and I will be happy to send you the materials you will need to make initial contacts. I am also happy to help with the institution process in any way that I can. Please do not hesitate to call or email me. I wish you all great joy in service and wonderful success in the BOGO! Contest. God’s peace be with you!

New Courts

Please welcome and pray for the officers and members of our newest courts. May they enjoy many years of Unity & Charity in our great Order. Feel free to send them a note of congratulations.

Court San Miguel
#2730
Socorro, New Mexico
Regent: Virginia Vivian
1115 Highway 60
Socorro, NM 87801

Court Christ the Good Shepherd
#2731
Spring, Texas
Regent: Gloria Riley
23214 Triple Spur Ln
Spring, TX 77373

Court Luz De Vida
#2732
Spring, Texas
Regent: Mary Puntereri
1228 Kachina Ln
Haslet, TX 76052

Court Daughters of St. Joseph the Worker
#2733
Spring, Texas
Regent: Candace Armijo
1702 E 21st St
San Bernardino, CA 92404
Regents: please ask your Financial Secretaries to contact the National Office immediately with any address changes or corrections for all members of your court. This helps us to save us on postage of undelivered mail and to ensure that you receive Share magazine, and all other correspondence, in a timely manner.

Share is sent from a mailing house. All addresses are read electronically by the post office and if we have too many errors, we get charged a fine. The National Change of Address (NCOA) database identifies not only people that may have moved, but all address errors. While the staff has been hard at work correcting misspellings and other errors, and have gotten the mailing list errors from NCOA down from 2600+ to just over 1000, there is still work to do.

The Post Office is very precise as to the way addresses must be typed:

- S Main St as opposed to South Main Street or Mount Pleasant Rd as opposed to Mt. Pleas. Rd.
- County Roads, State Highways, US Highways and Rural Routes cause problems if not written correctly.
- We cannot list both a street address and a box number, a proper address can contain only one or the other…no matter how small your town is.
- Addresses require a “street suffix.” Mail to 123 Robinson is incorrect if the house is at 123 Robinson Ave Please make sure all addresses are submitted with Ave, St, Pl, Blvd, Ln, or whichever the suffix might be.
- Names of Elder Care facilities are not necessary (Freeport Long Term Care, for example), nor are sub-division names (like Emerald Lakes). However, Puerto Rico addresses often contain a condominium or urbanization name.

Also, if an application is submitted with an address on Penna Rd., we do not know that is supposed to be Pennsylvania Rd until we receive an error notification from the post office; please be sure all applications have street names written out.

If you are unsure, or your members have not been receiving their copies of Share magazine, please check with your local post office and let us know the proper format for your address. For further information on postal addressing standards, go to http://pe.usps.gov/text/pub28/welcome.htm.

As always, thank you for your cooperation!

Thank You & Good Luck to Administrative Assistant Theresa Duran

Theresa Duran, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director at the National Office, will be leaving to pursue another position. She will be working as a graphic artist, a field in which she is very talented, and will be spared the daily stress of the LI - NYC commute.

Theresa has made a great impact on updating the “look” of our National Quarterly newsletter, as you can see from this issue. We are grateful that all our CDA brochures have been redesigned and are in tip top shape. She also managed our CDA Store keeping items up to date and all her ads had her unique stamp on them. There was hardly a CDA event at which Theresa wasn’t working in some capacity or other.

Although she will be moving to a new career, Theresa is a loyal and cherished member of CDA and we look forward to seeing her at future events.

We wish her every blessing and that she will “Go with God” as she moves into the next chapter of her life.

State and Territorial Officers’ Conference

The State and Territorial Officers’ Conference will be held on July 13-15, 2017 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The National Board would really appreciate seeing every State officer at the conference. We feel this is not only a great learning experience for both new and returning members of the State Board, but it is also a chance for you to bond as a new board and get to know each other as you begin to work together. Look for complete details in a future mailing to State Regents.
Prayers needed

Please keep the families of the following and all recently deceased CDA members in your prayers:

Daniel Trainor, husband of Massachusetts State Regent Maureen Trainor, who went home to Our Lord on February 24, 2017. Messages of love and comfort may be sent to Maureen at 77 Laurel Ave., Bradford MA 01835.

John Cowle, brother-in-law of Past National Regent M. Joan McKenna, entered the gates of Heaven on April 24, 2017. Condolences may be sent to Joan at 25 Edith Rd., Framingham MA 01701.

Past Massachusetts State Regent Marie Treggiari departed this life on March 13, 2017. Condolences may be sent to Mr & Mrs James Treggiari, 74 Beech St, Franklin, MA. 02038.

Also please lift in prayer all those members and friends of CDA who are in need of physical and spiritual healing, especially:

Past National Regent Rayola McLaughlin who is recovering from a heart attack she had in March.

Past National Regent M. Joan McKenna who has been under the weather and could use our support.

National Director Arline Rich who had her appendix removed in February.

I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for His appearance.

—2 Timothy 4:7-8

Important items enclosed with this issue

Operation Morningstar Newsletter
End of Year Prayer Service
CDA Store
Pilgrimage to Ireland

Please keep encouraging your courts to give generously!

Our National Projects & Charities have benefited from your tremendous generosity!

Human Life International
Pro-Life Pastoral Handbook Project
$2000

Covenant House

$5000

Catholic Relief Services
Operation Rice Bowl
$6900

Misericordia

$1000

Smile Train

$5000
(3x matching grant)

Thank you for your continued support!
End of Year Ceremony in Honor of our Patroness

Leader: This evening, as our CDA year closes, we say thank you to our Patroness, The Blessed Virgin Mary, for her intercession and for her continued inspiration.

All: Sing a verse and the chorus of a Marian song, for example, “Immaculate Mary.”

Reader 1 Mary Most Pure, you have taught us to keep our eyes on your Son, and you have helped us to pray. You have joined us in prayer, and you have helped us to remain faithful to our commitment to service. On behalf of our court, I thank you for being our example of faith and faithfulness. (Place a flower in the vase or place a votive candle in front of the statue.)

Reader 2 Mother of Mercy, you have taught us to be secure in the Father’s love. You followed where the Father led, and you trusted that His words to you would be fulfilled. Even when times were hard and your heart was broken, still you trusted. On behalf of our court, I thank you for teaching us to trust in the Lord always. (Place a flower in the vase or a votive candle in front of the statue.)

Reader 3 Mother of the Word Incarnate, in this modern world you have taught us the value of obedience. Your answer to the Father was always, “Yes.” Even when we weren’t quite sure what the “yes” would entail, you were still willing to obey. On behalf of the court, I thank you for teaching us to be obedient. (Place a flower in the vase or a votive candle in front of the statue.)

Reader 4 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you have taught us to look for possibilities. You were the first to understand that with your Son all things are possible. From the time of the wedding feast at Cana, you showed us to present all needs to Him and then you waited in faith. On behalf of the court, I thank you for helping us to expect miracles and to look for answers to prayer. (Place a flower in the vase or a votive candle in front of the statue.)

Reader 5 Mary Most Holy, you have taught us to work. You have shown us the dignity in serving God’s people. You have shown us that we have been given gifts and talents. By serving your Son and those around Him, you fulfilled your purpose, and you have shown us that we need to fulfill ours. On behalf of the court, I thank you for teaching us to be women who do God’s will. (Place a flower in the vase or a votive candle in front of the statue.)

All: Queen of Heaven and Earth, we dedicate ourselves to you. As we end this CDA year, we ask that you intercede for us. Pray for our safety that we will all come together again in the fall, and that we will be rested and eager to serve. Pray also that we will be given inspiration and direction so that we can use our time and our talent wisely. Finally, we ask that you inspire other women to join us to live lives of service. Pray for us that we may by our example help others to know, to love, and to serve God.

All: Sing the final verse and chorus of the Marian song.
Cardinal Dolan Calls Pro-Abortion DNC Pledge Extreme, Disturbing, Intolerant

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, reacted to the announcement by the Democratic National Committee's chair pledging support only for pro-abortion candidates. Calling the pledge "very disturbing," Cardinal Dolan urged party members to "challenge their leadership to recant this intolerant position."

Here is his full statement: "The recent pledge by the Democratic National Committee chair to support only candidates who embrace the radical unrestricted abortion license is very disturbing. The Democratic Party platform already endorses abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy, even forcing taxpayers to fund it; and now the DNC says that to be a Democrat--indeed to be an American--requires supporting that extreme agenda.

"True solidarity with pregnant women and their children transcends all party lines. Abortion doesn't empower women. Indeed, women deserve better than abortion.

"In the name of diversity and inclusion, pro-life and pro-'choice' Democrats, alike, should challenge their leadership to recant this intolerant position."


Quick Reflection from the

More than a committed relationship

"Marriage is the free choice of a man and a woman to make themselves irreplaceable to each other. The word has the appropriate finality about it and therefore is obviously life-long. If a man and woman really choose to make themselves irreplaceable to each other, the choice is obviously irrevocable or the spouses were never irreplaceable at all. Irrevocability is another important part of marriage reality that people seldom think of today. Another dimension of marriage reality related to irreplaceability, which recognizes the uniqueness of a particular person, is non-substitutability. No one can be substituted for a spouse as if he or she was your spouse.

"The reality of irreplaceability is seen most clearly through the eyes of the child. We each carry the flesh of our mother and father for all eternity. More than just a biological artifact, there is a sense of loss if we are deprived of the love and relationship with our mother and father and the unity between them. These common desires and longings can be called an experience of God’s plan for creation.

"In reality, the child is irreplaceable to both the mom and the dad, and the mom and dad are irreplaceable to the child. This makes it obvious: the mom and dad are therefore irreplaceable to each other through their children. Viewed in terms of this reality, it is also obvious that it was the choice to marry that has prepared the man and woman to receive this new person into a circle of irreplaceability."

Read more Quick Reflections at TakeBackMarriage.org/content/speak-heart
What Really Happens When Assisted Suicide Becomes the Law of the Land?

Belgium’s 15-year experiment with euthanasia has gone terribly wrong.

These words are the premise of The Euthanasia Deception: We Are All Vulnerable, a profoundly moving documentary that shares personal accounts of Belgium’s demise since it legalized assisted suicide. With the movement to implement assisted suicide gaining traction in the United States and elsewhere, it is important to equip Catholic Daughters with information as to what actually happens in a society that devalues people in medical crises.

Richard Weikart, professor at California State University, describes the film as “a thought-provoking, emotionally-gripping film that will impact hearts and minds. It effectively dismantles the fallacies of euthanasia proponents’ appeals to compassion and autonomy.”

The film’s synopsis on the website VulnerableFilm.com says, “This film is a dire warning for the rest of the world. The Euthanasia Deception is a one-hour documentary featuring powerful testimonies from Belgium and beyond—of those devastated by the false ideology of ‘mercy killing’.

“The film sets out to expose three main deceptions of doctor-assisted dying: First, that euthanasia and assisted suicide are a form of compassion. The second is the myth of autonomy: that decisions made between doctor and patient operate in a vacuum. And finally, that government ‘safeguards’ can truly protect the vulnerable.

“Testimonies include Professor Tom Mortier, whose depressed mother was euthanized without his knowledge; Hendrick, whose granddad’s death was ‘hastened’ without request—years before his time; “James”, who regrets family pressure to euthanize his mother; Lionel, who is routinely asked by Belgian strangers why he will not euthanize his severely disabled daughter; Mark, an MS survivor, grateful there was no law allowing him to kill himself when he was diagnosed; and Kristina, a nurse who shares her remorseful experience with assisted death.

“With expert analysis from both medical and legal professions, the film reveals the serious, long-term implications of assisted dying laws, and proves that all of us become vulnerable when end-of-life care is handed over to lawmakers.

“The release of The Euthanasia Deception marks the launch of CaringNotKilling.com a new, global resistance movement which utilizes the power of film and social media to combat misinformation being presented by mainstream media. The movement resists the acceptance of euthanasia while providing jurisdictions with data to resist its legalization. It is also dedicated to providing support and assistance through Compassionate Community Care services—to help people who need advice concerning medical treatment issues or need protection from euthanasia and assisted suicide.”

Rent the film for $3 or purchase it for $30 at VulnerableFilm.com.

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.”

– Pope John Paul II

The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100.
The CDA Store will be closed from Friday, May 19th - Friday, June 2nd for our annual inventory count.

The online store will not be accessible and order received in the mail will not be processed until after that period. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Check the store tab on catholicdaughters.org often to see what’s new.

Anyone can order. Free Shipping. Pay online with PayPal® or send check for total to 10 W. 71st St., NY, NY 10023
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas’ Officers and Directors present:

The Shrines & Abbeys of Ireland

A 13-Day Pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle
Led by Fr. Jeffrey Mauer, National Clergy Consultant

October 22- November 3, 2017

Are you interested in joining National Regent Helene Shepard and National Clergy Consultant Fr. Jeffrey Mauer on this inspirational tour?

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Contact LeAnn Brand at 410-897-2538 or LeAnn@lpjp.org

Latin Patriarchate Pilgrimages

The pilgrimage leaves JFK Airport in New York on Sunday, October 22nd and lands in Dublin where prayerful adventure awaits.

After a few days in the Irish capital—highlighted by trips to Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church, St. Mary’s Pro Cathedral, and Trinity College—we travel to Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. On the journey, we will visit St. Peter’s Church in Drogheda and the famous Monasterboice.

Then, we will travel north to Belfast while listening to many Irish tales and experiencing the IMAX movie, In the Footsteps of Saint Patrick. While in Belfast, we will visit Titanic Belfast near the site that the ill-fated ship was built.

Next, we travel to Letterkenny, Donegal, Mayo and Galway visiting St. Eunan’s Cathedral, the Slieve League Cliffs, St. Columba’s Church, the Fr. Peyton Memorial Centre, the Shrine to Our Lady of Knock and so much more!

Our 12th Day has us bidding farewell to Galway as we return to Dublin for a lovely evening and a good night’s sleep before our return flight to New York on Friday, November 3rd.