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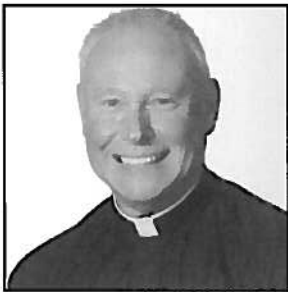
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## National Chaplain's Message

Fr. Stephen D. Gosnell,  
National Chaplain

Dear Sisters, Catholic Daughters,

The national officers and representatives met February 18–24th at a hotel near Baltimore-Washington/Thurgood Marshall International Airport. On Saturday evening, we celebrated Mass with Baltimore's **Archbishop William Lori** giving thanks for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI. I gave the Board a tour of the Cathedral of Mary our Queen beforehand; and afterwards, we all had a "photo op" with the Archbishop.

On Sunday, the Board attended a lecture at **The Catholic University of America**. Just before that, the Board celebrated Mass at **The Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. His Eminence, **Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington**, presided at the Mass which included the Rite of Election.

On Thursday evening of that week, the **Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, Vicar Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore**, visited with the members of the Board and spoke on religious liberty and freedom which are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. Bishop Rozanski pointed out that some today speak, rather, about religious worship which would be defined as to what goes on within a house of worship. Religious liberty and freedom, on the other hand, are concerned with what goes on outside a house of worship, how one or a community of persons express their beliefs in the public forum.

The Roman Catholic practice of religious freedom and liberty is endangered at this time by the mandate of the Human and Health Services Department of the federal

administration. The mandate would require all employers, including Roman Catholic institutions (e.g. parishes and hospitals), to provide contraceptive and other services which are contrary to Roman Catholic belief and practice.

After the **United States Catholic Conference** objected, HHS responded with the "accommodation," that is, that those services would be provided by a "third party," such as an insurance company. This would be only one step removed from the mandate. Since the employer pays part or all of an employee's insurance, the (Roman Catholic) employer would still be paying for and providing services contrary to Catholic belief and practice.

Unless a further "accommodation" is made, this will become federal law on August 1, 2013. This law will apply to all employers, that is, Catholic employers in any line of work.

Here in Maryland, a referendum during last fall's election, now allows for same-gender marriage. The law permits religious organizations to refuse to witness these unions, Roman Catholic businesses are not exempt. One who owns a wedding reception hall, other such wedding-related activities, even those who own "bed and breakfast" establishments are bound by law to serve these couples. In Annapolis, our state capital, a "horse and carriage" business, to transport newly-married couples, has closed rather than be required to go against the conscience of the owner.

The District of Columbia permitted same-sex marriage a few years ago. When same-gender couples began to apply to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington to adopt orphaned children, Catholic

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### Some Highlights:

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Charities opted to end providing children for adoption.

Bishop Rozanski gave another example of federal intrusion into the work of the Church: **Migration and Refugee Services** provides all kinds of assistance to people in third world countries. This service had been given federal dollars to administer these programs necessary to such impoverished individuals. However, the federal government began to require that Migration and Refugee Services begin to provide contraception services. When MRS refused, the American dollars were withheld. Who was harmed and hurt? The poor and the impoverished whom MRS was serving.

I found it interesting that this discussion was taking place in Maryland. For those who remember your early American History, Maryland was founded as a colony based on religious liberty and freedom of worship. After the ships, the Ark and the Dove, arrived in the Chesapeake Bay, the passengers came ashore and **Father White, S.J.**, celebrated the first Catholic Mass in the New World. A few decades later, such religious liberty and freedom of worship were denied to Roman Catholics who then had to hide their priests (called "priest holes") in their homes as the priests traveled from house to house to minister to the sheep of their flock.

Bishop Rozanski and I strongly encourage you to log in to the website of our Catholic Bishops at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more information. Also, check the website of your own diocese. Exercise your religious liberty and freedom by letting your Catholic voice be heard in the public policy forum. Contact your legislators, local and federal, and urge them not to interfere in our Roman Catholic beliefs and practice.

In addition to what I have written about, there were many hours spent in meetings, especially to plan the State Officers' gathering in Belleville in July. I look forward to meeting you there.

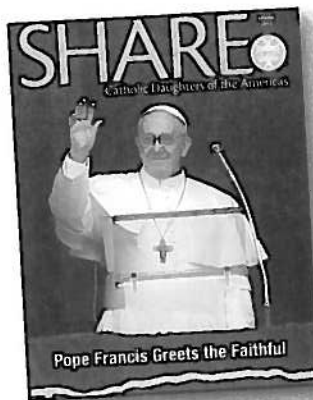
Fr. Stephen D. Gosnell

[sgosnell@archbalt.org](mailto:sgosnell@archbalt.org)

PS. The Board approved a Catholic Daughters of the Americas **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** to conclude the Year of Faith. I wrote about this in the winter edition of *Share* and hopefully you have received information from your State Regent. If you have not gotten the information and might be interested, feel welcome to contact me. E-mail address above.

New address for Fr. Gosnell:

112 East Second St., Frederick, MD 21701



## Do Your Priest, Bishop And Chaplain Receive *Share*?

If not, why not have him added to our list so that he doesn't miss out on all the news about our wonderful

order. Let him know we do more than bake cakes and say the rosary!

Clergy subscriptions to *Share* are only \$4! Pre-pay a 3 year subscription for \$10, for 5 years the cost is only \$17.

If you would like to have a copy sent your local library or school the cost for a one year subscription is just \$8.

Is there a college in your area? How about sending a subscription to the Campus Minister. It's a great way to promote CDA and all we do!

### State and Local Court Treasurers

## Check Your Checks!

- Please be sure to write all checks payable to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** or **CDA**. The bank will not accept checks written to "National Projects" or "Morality in Media," etc. We cannot just cross out the incorrect name and write in "CDA."
- Be sure all checks have 2 signatures.
- For Charities and Projects, you only need to send one check with a list of how much is designated to each project or charity.
- All dues must be paid with a separate check.
- Personal checks are not accepted at the National Office.



The second annual **Fortnight for Freedom** will consist of national and local efforts to educate Americans on challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad. Log on to [ussccb.org](http://ussccb.org) to find out what you can do to support religious freedom.

# National Regent's Message

Anne Nelson, National Regent



Dear sister in faith and action,

**Congratulations to our newly elected State Officers!** Thank you for taking up the mantle of leadership in your state. It is a great responsibility you have undertaken and with the support of your members you are certain to be a positive influence.

To the outgoing officers, my sincere thanks for your time and energy spent on behalf of the organization. Your role is not finished, but continues on a different road. I know that your support will be there to assist when needed and called upon. You have passed from one level to another and remain a treasured member of the order.

Now that conventions are concluded and new officers have been installed, plans for workshops and training are on the calendars. It is time for each member to step up and do her part. Each of us has a job in the order. We must become members with a purpose. We each have the responsibility to assist our officers as active members and chairman. The job of a CDA member is never finished.

**Our Habitat Build in New Orleans** is complete. The Louisiana house was dedicated and keys

turned over to the well-deserving owners in April. Thanks to the hard work of the CDA in the state. **National Regent Elect, Shirley Seyfried**, and I were present and had the honor of presenting the new home owners with gifts and prayers from the organization. Is your state planning a build? Contact Shirley for more details.

Our recent work on the **Habitat for Humanity** home led me to consider how we must all become **FAT**—not in weight, but in spirit.

As **FAT** members we are called to be **Faithful**. We must be faithful women. That means we are active and alive in our faith; vocal in support of our Pope and bishops; active in and to our Order and willing to support our officers on all levels; standing up for the good and right of our country.

We must become **Attentive**. We must first be attentive to our prayer life—it is vitamins for our soul—responsive to the needs of others through our active charity work; examples of good Christian women in word and in deed; leaders of good works.

We must be **Teachable**. We need to take time to educate ourselves.

Learn more about the Order, we have a history that can tell us so much; listen to the experiences of others, they can teach us so much; look for new ways and new ideas to help our organization grow.

If we, as Catholic Daughters, become **FAT** what an organization we will become! We must fully invest ourselves. No matter how many years we have been a member there is so much more out there. There is much to learn, much to give, much to do. Being **FAT** will help us. My hope is that we all take this to heart. We can do more, achieve more and grow.

We are excited about our new fundraiser, the **FUN“D” Calendar**. The fundraiser is very important to the viability of our organization. Your support is most important and much needed. I ask every member to purchase or sell their three calendars to family and friends. Each calendar provides over 270 chances to win. Please help the organization and all it stands for. If you need more copies, please contact the National Office. Let's make this a success together. It will help many people in countless ways.

As summer provides a break from the very busy schedule for CDA, let's not take a break from our commitment to Unity and Charity. Let's get **FAT** together.

Peace love, joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne B. Nelson".

Anne Nelson, National Regent

Save the Date for the  
**55th Biennial  
National Convention**  
July 16-20, 2014 Billings, Montana



I am  
the vine,  
you are the  
branches.

John 15:5

# 2013-2015 State Officers

**Congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected State Officers. The National Board eagerly looks forward to working with you.**

If you have not already done so, please send your completed officer list, State Financial Review and Signature Page, State Chairmen List and District Deputies List to the National Office. If you do not have DDs please send a note with the other papers. Please print all information so we can properly record it in the data base. Please be sure to add apartment or unit numbers to the address, as well as email address (if applicable) and telephone numbers.

## State Officers' Conference July 11-14, 2013

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, will once again be the site for the State Officers' Conference.

It's never too early to make your reservations! Don't miss the opportunity to work with leaders from all parts of our nation, while honing your own leadership skills. You will pray, work and learn together in a fast paced and fun filled environment. The National Board, and many others, are currently hard at work on a workshop with a new look and a new approach designed to help you get the most out of your time with us. Act now before the opportunity passes you by.

## Semi-Annual Reports

A number of **Financial Review Reports** are still outstanding; these Reports were due in to the National Office by May 1, 2013. Please check to be sure your court has submitted its Report - if it has not yet been sent, Please have it in as soon as possible.



## 2013 Newsletter Contest

Vickie Feist, National Director

Thank You Ladies for participating in the 2013 Newsletter Contest. The variety of styles and formats make for great reading. The national awards, as well as a few changes to the contest, will be unveiled at the **State Officer Workshop** in Belleville, IL, in July!

If your court isn't currently using a court newsletter, I would strongly encourage you to start one because it is a fantastic tool to keep members engaged who can't get to meetings and a wonderful way to help your new members to learn about and become involved in your court. Be watching for the 2014 forms in the September **National Quarterly!**

## Have you seen what's new?

The National Office is offering some new products:

- Recruitment Posters**
- Circle of Love Posters**
- Court Banners**
- Event Banners**
- Circle of Love Pins**

As well as newly printed and updated brochures:

**Unity & Charity**  
**You Are Invited to Join**  
(English & Spanish)

See the attached flyers and/or check out the store at [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org) to keep up to date on new items available for you and your members.

## Liability Insurance

All Courts received the annual Certificate of Liability Insurance along with their invoice in March. As noted in the past, we now have umbrella coverage for all Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts. Each Court is responsible for their share of this coverage by paying the flat rate charged to them for their membership as of September 30, 2012. Please send your payment to the National Office if you have not already done so. Any court wishing to opt out of this coverage must send proof of coverage under another policy with Catholic Daughters added as an additional insured on the policy. Please send the proof to the National Office. The coverage is from April 6, 2013 through April 6, 2014.

## National & State Dues

Dues statements for the period October 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013 were mailed at the beginning of May (payable upon receipt) a vote of the court is not required to pay National nor State dues. Please be certain that both your National and State dues are paid promptly.

### A Summer Prayer

Long warm days,  
The pace of life slows.  
A time for picnics and rest  
in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in  
the cooling shade of your presence  
Slow down my restless heart and  
fill me with gentle compassion for  
all your people. Amen.

[www.appleseeds.org](http://www.appleseeds.org)

## It's not too late!

Even if you missed the Early Bird Drawing on May 30th, you still have 271 chances to win in our

# FUND RAISER

You can enroll in this special fundraiser, with weekday prize drawings and bonus drawings for holidays and other special days, as often as you wish and at any time during the year.

## The sooner you join, the more chances to win!

We need your support to reach our goal. Right now we are only about 1/4 of the way there.

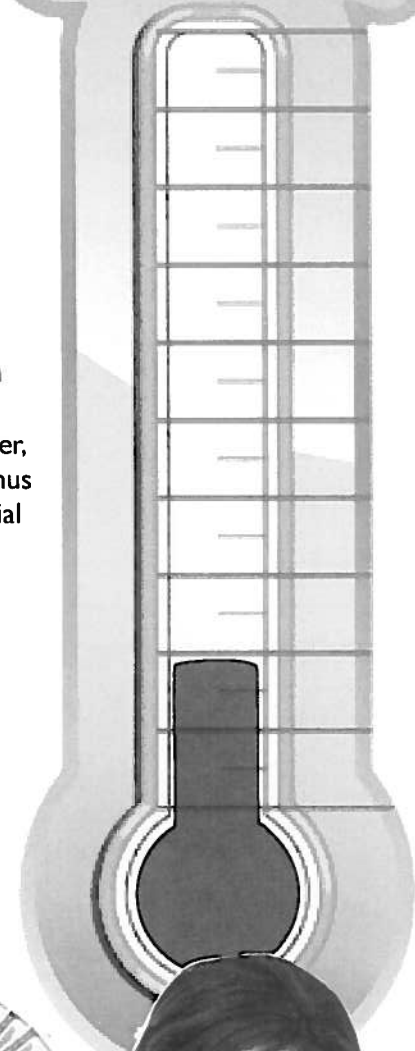
Funds from this effort will aid the organization in so many ways.

**Please encourage your members to donate and submit their entries today!**

For additional entry forms, please contact the National Office.

Winners will be posted on **[catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org)** and checks will be distributed from the National Office at the end of each month.

# GOAL!



# Prayers Needed

Please lift in prayer those in need of healing, especially:

National Director

Arlene Rich, who is recovering from surgery.

Cards may be sent to her at:

16 Lincoln Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117

National Director

Margaret Bingham who is recovering from a heart attack.

She may be reached at:

428 South St,  
Springfield, VT 05156

Past National Officer

Theresa Kocher, who is also recovering from surgery. You can send good wishes to Theresa at:

1601 S Campbell Trail  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

*Bless, O God, our sister who is ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard. Comfort her in her healing, and ease her suffering. No healing is too hard for the Lord, if it be Your will; we therefore pray that You bless our friend with Your loving care, renew her strength, and heal what ails her in Your loving name. Thank You, Lord. Amen*

## Jewelry • Supplies • Apparel Recruitment Tools • Posters

Continue to pass along the word of our store on the CDA website, [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org), to all your members; however, only an State or court officer is permitted to place an order online with the authorization of the Regent.

Remember, any order over \$50 must be submitted by mail with a court check in the amount of at least half the balance, but the web site can still be a handy tool for browsing and discovering all of the wonderful things available to your court and your members.



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for donations made in the wake of Superstorm Sandy

and most recently to

**The Diocese of Austin, Texas**

in response to the disaster in West, Texas.

**Thank you for continuing to live our motto of Unity & Charity.**

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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"OPERATION MORNINGSTAR"

## Bishops urge continued prayer in 'Year of Faith'

The United States bishops are urging Catholics to pray and sacrifice for life, marriage, and religious liberty. "It's meant to be simple," said Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco. "Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty are not only foundational to Catholic social teaching but also fundamental to the good of society."

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, "The well-being of society requires that life, marriage, and religious liberty are promoted and protected. Serious threats to each of these goods, however, have raised unprecedented challenges to the Church and to the nation. Two immediate flashpoints are the following:

"First is the **Health and Human Services Mandate**, which requires almost all employers, including Catholic employers, to pay for employees' contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs regardless of conscientious objections. This is a clear affront to America's first freedom, religious liberty, as well as to the inherent dignity of every human person.

"Second, current trends in both government and culture are moving toward **redefining marriage** as the union of any two persons, ignoring marriage's fundamental meaning and purpose as the universal institution that unites a man and a woman with each other and with the children born from their union. These challenges call for increased **awareness and formation**, as well as **spiritual stamina and fortitude** among the faithful, so that we may all be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope and charity."

### 5 Ways to Participate:

- 1) Attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour each month,
- 2) Pray a daily Rosary,
- 3) Add daily prayers for this purpose,
- 4) Fast and abstain from meat on all Fridays,
- 5) Participate in local events as part of a Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 to July 4.

## Abortion realities face Americans as never before

- Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia. This abortion doctor snipped living babies' spinal columns, treated black women differently from white, spread sexually transmitted diseases through dirty instruments, and let untrained staff overmedicate patients until one woman died. An article in *The Atlantic*, "Why Dr. Kermit Gosnell's trial should be a front page story," reveals much from the grand jury report. It can be found here:  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2013/04/why-dr-kermit-gosnells-trial-should-be-a-front-page-story/274944/>  
A 20-minute video, *3801 Lancaster*, can be watched here: <http://3801lancaster.com/>
- *Inhuman: Undercover in America's late-term abortion industry*. This video from Live Action documents several different abortion providers discussing how they will end the babies' lives in late-term abortions. In 2002 Congress passed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act to prevent doctors from killing infants born alive during abortions, but the procedure is still widespread. Watch the video here:  
<http://www.liveaction.org/inhuman/>
- Sometimes it's important to understand what the arguments are on the side of the issues. "So what if abortion ends life?" is an article in *Salon* magazine by Mary Elizabeth Williams. In it, she admits the unborn child is alive, but calls the child a burden to be sacrificed at the whim of the woman. She concludes by saying, "And I would put the life of a mother over the life of a fetus every single time — even if I still need to acknowledge my conviction that the fetus is indeed a life. A life worth sacrificing." It is so very sad to see where moral relativism leads.  
[http://www.salon.com/2013/01/23/so\\_what\\_if\\_a\\_bortion\\_ends\\_life/](http://www.salon.com/2013/01/23/so_what_if_a_bortion_ends_life/)

Approved: Anne Nelson, National Regent

## **Abortionists agree – abortion is killing**

by Sarah Terzo (Article is taken from Live Action News. <http://liveactionnews.org/abortionists-agree-abortion-is-killing/>)

“A fetus isn’t a baby.” “A woman has a right to choose.” These are often the most common statements a pro-lifer hears when discussing abortion with pro-choice people. “It isn’t a baby until it’s born.” “Abortion isn’t killing.” The rank-and-file of the pro-choice movement usually deny that an unborn baby is a human being with a right to life. Occasionally you will find someone who argues that the fetus is a baby, but the woman has a right to abort him or her anyway – but usually you’ll hear pro-choice people denying the humanity of the unborn. One word that’s always avoided in pro-choice publications is “baby.” “Fetus” or “product of conception” or “tissue” is how the aborted baby is described. It isn’t a life, they say.

But the people who know the most about abortion are the clinic workers and doctors who perform them. And many of them have come out saying things that would make even the most hardcore pro-choicers cringe.

In one article in the *American Medical News* that was probably never meant for pro-life eyes, abortion providers from around the country discussed the emotional difficulties of performing abortions. One doctor said, “I have angry feelings at myself for feeling good about grasping the calvaria [head], for feeling good about doing a technically good procedure that destroys a fetus, kills a baby.”

Baby? Perhaps this doctor didn’t get the memo. Pro-choice activists know never to refer to the “fetus” as a baby. You won’t hear NARAL Pro-Choice America or the National Organization for Women using the term “baby” to describe a child being aborted.

Another abortion doctor uses honest terms to describe his job: “A late termination is actually not very nice and there is no way of getting away from it, I don’t feel I am doing it for any other reason than for the best of both the mother and the baby.”

Again the word “baby.” Could it be that these abortionists are fully aware that the “fetuses” they are aborting are in fact living babies?

If there is any doubt that at least some abortion providers know that abortion is killing a baby, it is put to rest by British abortionist Judith Arcana: “It is morally and ethically wrong to do abortions

without acknowledging what it means to do them. I performed abortions, I have had an abortion and I am in favor of women having abortions when we choose to do so. But we should never disregard the fact that being pregnant means there is a baby growing inside of a woman, a baby whose life is ended. We ought not to pretend this is not happening.”

This straightforward admission must have caused some consternation to pro-choice activists who read Arcana’s article. Few are willing to admit to the reality of abortion.

One unnamed abortionist said the following in a book that profiled doctors from different fields: “Nobody wants to perform abortions after ten weeks because by then you see the features of the baby, hands, feet. It’s really barbaric. Abortions are very draining, exhausting, and heartrending. There are a lot of tears. ... I do them because I take the attitude that women are going to terminate babies and deserve the same kind of treatment as women who carry babies ... I’ve done a couple thousand, and it turned into a significant financial boon, but I also feel I’ve provided an important service. The only way I can do an abortion is to consider only the woman as my patient and block out the baby[.]”

In this short paragraph, the doctor mentions the word “baby” four times.

It is clear that many abortion providers know that they are ending life. They see the babies kicking and moving on the ultrasound screen and then see them later, in pieces, in the back room of the clinic.

Another clinic worker said the following: I see more of murder the further along they get. Although inside me I know it’s murder from the beginning...”

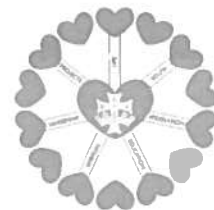
In an article in the *Dallas Morning News*, abortion clinic administrator Charlotte Taft made the following statement: “We were hiding ... some pieces of the truth about abortion that were threatening. [Abortion] is a kind of killing, and most women seeking abortion know that.”

There is no way to know whether or not these doctors and clinic administrators are representative of all abortion providers. But it is clear that many, if not most, abortion providers know that they kill. It is also clear that the average pro-choice person, who argues in support of allowing these men and women to continue practicing, has no awareness of the truth that so many abortion providers know – that abortion kills babies.





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| 4. Apostleship of the Sea   | 9. Labouré Society |
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# POST 2

## WHO WE WERE...

## Who we are!



Have you checked out CDA lately?

We still wear robes, we still support vocations, we still bake cakes, but The Catholic Daughters of the Americas® also foster Pro-Life efforts, get behind The Smile Train, build homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, empower young women to live a Christian life and influence the communities we live in for the better.



# POST 3