



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

This is my first Regent's Message to all of you and I'm so excited! I want to thank the members of our Court who sent in voting ballots for this year's election of our new Court Officers for the 2020-2022 term.

Most of us are familiar with the official motto of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Unity and Charity. Now especially during this pandemic crisis, we all should focus on being God's eyes and ears. We need to *see* the needs of others less fortunate and *listen* to those who are in despair. Even if we are self-isolating, in quarantine or in a nursing home, we can all pray and encourage those around us to pray for hope and healing.

The history of Court Oregon 118 goes back many years. However, the present journey we're on sees our current membership numbers diminishing. We simply cannot continue on this same path. We can all strive to welcome new members to our Court. We are all Catholic women, strong in faith and spirituality, and together we must gather more friendships and faith-filled women to help us in our mission of unity and charity. Let's all try to be creative and open to new ideas for fundraising and recruitment. Let others see your joy and commitment to CDA and give a warm and personal invitation to women whom you know could blossom more in their faith by joining our Court.

My final thoughts are this: please try to cover your faces when you attend Mass or go out shopping for groceries and other essentials. The more we all utilize this simple safeguard, the sooner this virus will hopefully grow weak and dissipate. Obviously, there are those who cannot wear the masks because it would impede normal breathing, so instead make an effort to stay at your homes as much as possible. I wish you all a healthy, safe and blessed summer. I look forward to seeing you at the next Catholic Daughter event.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Hurlimann, Regent
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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.



Mission Statement

“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.”

Prayer Corner



For our Court members

Marie Weber, Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys,
Eileen Laudani, Olga Saban, Ernestine O'Brien, Ruby
Meyer, Pat Vohs, Rosy Makyadath, Cathy Frei, Cathy
Kirby, and Ronnie Chouinard

Deceased CDA members

Mary Maira passed away February 14, 2020
Phyliss Porter passed away April 25, 2020

Family of CDA members

Peter – Son of Tess & Brother of Miriam Cersovski
Carina Myrand – Granddaughter of Jane Myrand
Don Cersovski – Husband of Tess Cersovski
Thomas – Husband of Ernestine O'Brien
Grace Englehardt – Sister of Tess Cersovski
Sarah – Granddaughter of Ernestine O'Brien
Darren – Husband of Cathy Kirby and
son-n-law of Anna Marie Blume
Julie Ann Daughtery – Daughter of Eileen Laudani
Fred – Husband of Julia Kelso

For others in need of our prayers

Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Archbishop
Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop Emeritus John G.
Vlazny, Bishop Steiner, Bishop Smith and Bishop Cary.
All Priests and religious men and women.
Everyone affected by natural disasters.
For all that are looking for employment.
All men and women serving our country.
All those suffering from medical / mental impairments.
All affected by Covid-19.
Send prayer requests to Julia Kelso.

Mass offered for Deceased Member



Phyliss Porter



July 26, 2020 at
9:00 am
St. Mary Parish

Phyliss was a member of Court
Oregon #118 for five years.

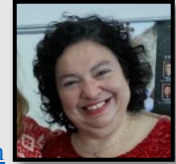
May she rest in Peace.

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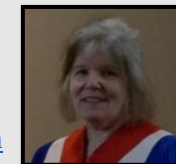
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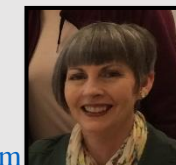
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STATE NEWS

Messages from State Regent Tess Cersovskij

*"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up,
as indeed you do."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, Please present my need before your loving Son Jesus.

(In your own words, make your special request here. Do not just mention a word. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His forever and ever.

Amen.

Cancelled!

2020 Oregon State Conference

CDA DAY AT THE GROTTO

Friday, August 14, 15, and 16, 2020.

**Due to the Coronavirus and
restrictions from the Governor of
Oregon.**

This event will not be rescheduled.

SAVE THE DATE:

CDA DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Queen of Angel Monastery

Mount Angel, Oregon

More details will be available after September 1st when the Sisters decide if we can meet at the retreat center. Due to the Coronavirus, I do have a second site in the Valley on hold so that the Day of Recollection is going to happen. We are waiting for the Holy Spirit to show us where. More details will be available during the summer months. The final agenda and place will be published the first week of September.

NATIONAL NEWS

The National Officers met in El Paso, Texas, to prepare the ballots for delegates to vote on the candidates for office. Normally, this voting would take place at Convention, but in lieu of that this step had to be taken.

National Director Connie Durante is running for National Treasurer.
State Regent Tess Cersovski is running for a position as National Director.
Local Court Regent Lisa Hurlimann is on the ballot for the Nominating Committee.

Mail in ballots have been received by Court Oregon #118. The two delegates from Court Oregon #118 are Susan Freeman and Julia Kelso. Court Regent Lisa Hurlimann has mailed in the ballots.

Two ways to stay informed and connected to Catholic Daughters are: visit the CDA National website and National Catholic Daughters Facebook page. Put in a request to be accepted on Facebook.

<https://www.catholicdaughters.org>

The message below is from the National CDA website.

Thoughts from our National Regent

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

I can't believe how quickly time passes. Even with the extraordinary circumstances we have been living through, we have experienced Lent and have rejoiced through Easter in what seems like record time. My special thanks to Father Ed Lamp, Connie Dronette, and all the wonderful Catholic Daughters who shared their personal spirituality with us on the CDA Facebook page. You have helped to keep us connected to God and to each other while we have been apart.

Thanks, as well, to the state and local officers who have encouraged members to stay united and to be creative to accomplish court goals, and thanks to the members who have entered into the spirit of the pioneering women of CDA! Courts have been having Zoom meetings, conference calls, and email voting so that they could keep up with the needs of the organization. They have held online fundraisers and have practiced social distancing while delivering court sponsored meals and fundraisers. I am so grateful to all who kept us moving when it was so easy to let everything slide.

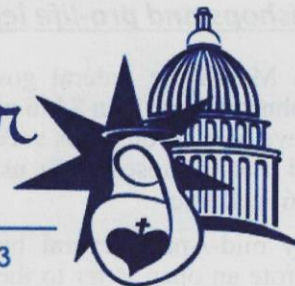
My one regret during this time is that the pandemic has caused me to have to stop traveling. I had hoped to attend some anniversaries and workshops this spring. I am sad that I will end my term without being able to do that. However, even though we are not physically seeing each other, you have all been in my prayers.

Finally, as Scripture tells us, "...all things work together for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) It has been hard to curtail our usual activities, but I believe God in His mercy brings good even out of the sequester. I hope the forced inactivity has brought you a time for rest and renewal, and that you are now ready to head into the future with renewed faith and hope.

I pray for your health and safety and for the safety of your families. I also pray for those who are ill and for those who have been lost to this virus. May God keep us all in his loving arms until we can be together again.

May the joy and blessings of the Risen Lord be with you. *Olga Samaniego, National Regent*





US Conference of Catholic Bishops provides election guidelines to preserve tax-exempt status

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued its 2020 election guidelines to parishes and Catholic organizations that have tax-exempt status. Although church organizations such as Catholic Daughters are prohibited from participating in political campaign activity, political activities are entirely appropriate for individual citizens.

Catholic organizations are encouraged to share Church teaching on life from conception to natural death, human rights, marriage, conscience protection, fetal stem cell research, ethical vaccine development, human trafficking, immigration, justice, peace and an array of other important issues.

Voter Participation: Church organizations may encourage members to participate in the electoral process: to register, to vote, to become informed on a broad range of issues, and to become active in the political life of the community. They can also sponsor non-partisan voter registration and "get out the vote" drives.

Ballot Measures: Supporting or opposing ballot measures, including referenda, initiatives, constitutional amendments, and similar procedures is allowed and is not political campaign activity. Church organizations can take positions on such measures and work to support or oppose them.

Voter Education: Church organizations can and should engage in non-partisan voter education. They may distribute the results of candidate polls or surveys as long as they meet these three criteria:

- 1) are consistent with church teaching,
- 2) cover a wide range of issues important to voters,
- 3) exhibit no bias for or against any candidate or party.

Non-Partisanship: The Church does not and will not engage in partisan politics.

Specific guidelines:

Do not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or groups of candidates, or take any action that reasonably could be construed as endorsing or opposing anyone or any group.

Do not authorize distribution of partisan political materials or biased voter education materials (those that support or oppose—or exhibit bias for or against—any candidate or party) on church property, in publications, on websites, or at activities.

Do not invite or permit only selected candidates to address your members. If inviting candidates, it is important that all candidates be invited.

DO:

Address the moral and human dimensions of issues.

Share church teaching.

Apply Catholic values to legislation and issues.

Conduct a non-partisan voter registration drive on church property.

Distribute unbiased candidate questionnaires covering issues of concern to Catholic teaching.

Support or oppose ballot measures

DON'T:

Endorse or oppose candidates for political office.

Distribute partisan campaign literature.

Arrange for groups to work for a candidate.

Invite only selected candidates to your meeting.

Conduct voter registration slanted toward one party.

Distribute a biased candidate survey.

The entire document is available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/dos-and-donts-guidelines-during-election-season.cfm>

Bishops and pro-life leaders urge that coronavirus vaccine be free of aborted baby cell lines

In March the federal government gave Johnson & Johnson more than \$456 million in funding to quickly develop a coronavirus vaccine. Life Site News reported that the research is using an aborted baby (PER C6) cell line.

By mid-April, several bishops and pro-life leaders wrote an open letter to the Trump administration and the Food and Drug Administration commissioner asking them to ensure that newly developing coronavirus vaccines will be “free from any connection to abortion.”

The letter says, “To be clear, we strongly support efforts to develop an effective, safe, and widely available vaccine as quickly as possible. However, we also strongly urge our federal government to ensure that fundamental moral principles are followed in the development of such vaccines, most importantly, the principle that human life is sacred and should never be exploited.”

Be Not Afraid offers help and healing to women with challenging prenatal diagnoses

Be Not Afraid (BeNotAfraid.net) is a private, non-profit organization headquartered in North Carolina that provides wrap-around care to parents carrying to term following a difficult prenatal diagnosis. The group provides for the emotional and tangible needs of parents at diagnosis, during pregnancy, at birth and during the postpartum period for up to one year.

Following the ethical teaching of the Catholic Church, the group believes that every baby is a gift. No matter the diagnosis, they support parents in advocating for basic care, and in obtaining the treatment they think appropriate for their child.

A prenatal diagnosis leaves parents shocked and bereaved. Often they are traumatized by the way the health care provider informed them of the baby's diagnosis and by the offer of abortion. Be Not Afraid provides bereavement support, practical guidance, information, and referrals so parents understand what is normal, what is possible and what might be helpful as they carry to term.

Online training is available so these practical plans may be implemented anywhere.

A new ethics document authored by Be Not Afraid, in consultation with the National Catholic Bioethics Center, discusses the care of newborns who receive poor prenatal diagnoses. As the document notes,

The letter noted that “among the dozens of vaccines currently in development, some are being produced using old cell lines that were created from the cells of aborted babies.” The letter mentions recent federal funding granted to vaccine developers who are using “ethically problematic cell lines.”

Furthermore, the signers wrote, “there is no need to use ethically problematic cell lines to produce a COVID vaccine, or any vaccine, as other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available and are regularly being used.”

The letter states, “It is critically important that Americans have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically: no American should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this potentially deadly virus and violating his or her conscience.”

Read the full letter at http://www.usccb.org/_cs_upload/about/pro-life-activities/305489_1.pdf

terms like “fatal fetal anomaly” or “incompatible with life” are not clinical or medical terms.

While the current trend is to encourage parents to plan for “comfort care” or hospice care after their baby is born, this new document recommends a fundamental paradigm shift that actually involves stabilizing the baby medically after birth in order to evaluate him or her accurately.

According to the document, “Prenatal referrals for palliative care and/or perinatal hospice care with the mindset of limiting medical options for a newborn at birth should **not be made** unless it is known with moral certainty that the prenatal diagnosis is (1) accurate, and (2) that it will directly cause perinatal death with or without life-sustaining treatment and care routinely offered to newborns. ...[M]edical decisions, which are moral decisions, must be made with all available knowledge. In the majority of cases, the most accurate information regarding the diagnosis, prognosis, and possible treatment options for a baby with a prenatal diagnosis can only be gained with a full medical evaluation of the child by appropriate medical specialists after he/she is born.”

The group says 100 percent of the parents served by Be Not Afraid would refer others to them.

Written by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair; Approved: Olga Samaniego, National Regent

LOCAL COURT NEWS

Birthdays

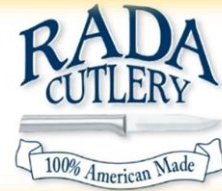
July

10 – Scarlet Frunz
14 – Marie Weber*
21 – Sharon VanLoan*
24 – Cathy Frei*
31 – Lisa Hurlimann*



August

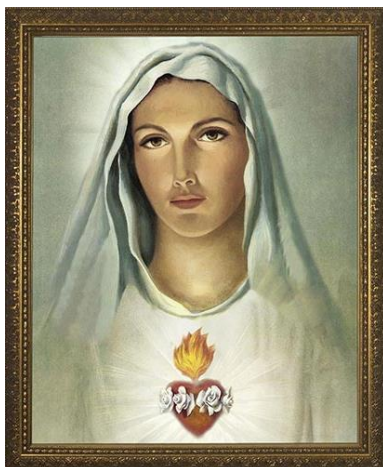
10 – Gayle Frunz
15 – Pat Halvorsen*
19 – Marie Collins*
24 – Lynda Atto*
25 – Christie Jensen*



YES!!! Our Court is still selling RADA Cutlery, which is one of our Court's ongoing fundraisers. Keep RADA in mind for holidays, birthdays, and weddings or for any of your gift giving needs. There are two ways to see and order all the wonderful products of RADA. (1) Visit our Court's website and just click on the RADA link to see the items. (2) You can obtain a catalogue from Barbara or Julia and place your order through us. Our Court receives 40% of all sales. Please consider shopping RADA as your next gift option. To obtain a catalogue or to order on the website contact:

Barbara Gunn 541-686-6690
or
Julia Kelso 541-344-6851

Court website:
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O Most Holy Mary,
Virgin Mother of God, Queen of
Heaven and Earth, in accordance
with thy wish made known at
Fatima, I consecrate myself today to
thine Immaculate Heart. To thee I
entrust all that I have, all that I am,
to thy blessed charge and special
keeping and into thine
Immaculate Heart.





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*Calendar of Events: **Due to the Coronavirus CDA events may be canceled***
July No meeting in July or August
August Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the current uptick in cases our Annual Court Picnic has been CANCELED.

We will keep you posted if any changes occur. Please watch for the September Newsletter for upcoming announcements. Our installation of New Officers and Reception of New Members is being planned for Saturday, September 19, 2020.

*****Dues Notice*****

*During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic our Court is trying to be very mindful of Court expenses. Our Court's fundraising has been severely curtailed. So we are asking that if you have **not paid** your dues please send them to our new Financial Secretary, Judy Spearin (address page 2). This would save the Court the cost of sending out further notices.*

A friendly reminder postage stamp donations are always appreciated.

Thank you

Have a safe summer.