



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

October 2020

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Dear CDA Sisters,

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7. "The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Remember, every time you pray the rosary you are given the privilege and honor of pronouncing the holy name of Jesus more than 50 times."

By Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, taken from www.nwcatholic.org.

"I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you, Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives." -- Pope St. John Paul II

On Saturday, October 10th, we will gather together simultaneously with other members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas all over the world, for the Day of Recollection at 12:00 Noon (PST). During this time, we will be praying not only the blessed Rosary, but several prayers selected exclusively for this faithful event. I hope we are able to attract the maximum number of attendees we're allowed to have at St. Mary's Parish Center, with that being a mere 30 persons. This year 2020 has presented so many challenges and seemingly uncrossable bridges, but this Saturday, even if you cannot attend the Day of Recollection in person, please take time at 12:00 Noon, wherever you are, to stop and pray for your own intentions, reflections and love of God our Father, His only Son Jesus Christ, and our Beloved and Blessed Mother Mary.

Thank you all for being a treasured member of our Court and may God bless us with a growing membership as time goes by. Happy October, the month of the Rosary!

Your sister in Christ,

Lisa Hurlimann, Regent

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."

WEBSITE UPDATE

The website for Court Oregon #118 has been updated and has a fresh new look. Thank you to Sally Hovey, one of our newest members, for using her time and talents on our website. Take a look! www.cdacourtoregon118.com

Prayer Corner



For our Court members

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

Deceased CDA members

Ruby Meyer and Ronnie Chouinard

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.



Ruby Meyer

Funeral Mass
Thursday, October 15, 2020
12:15 at St. Mary Parish

Ruby was an active member
of Court Oregon #118
for 27 years and she will be
greatly missed.

May she rest in peace

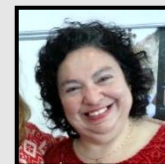
Cards of condolence may be sent to Ruby's daughter:
Kathleen Meyer 250 68th St., Springfield OR 97478

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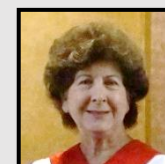
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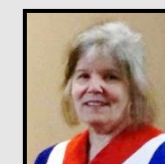
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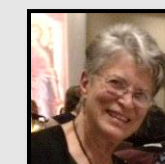
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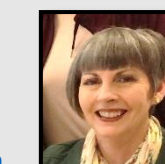
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MESSAGE FROM THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN
REV. JAMES HERRERA

1 October 2020

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this message finds you all well. It is the first of October as I am writing this message and as I look out my window there is a lot of fog. It is so hard to believe that we are into fall already. It is my favorite season of the year, the crisp cool mornings, the fog that hopefully during the day will burn off to reveal a sunny afternoon and the amazing views that we get as the leaves begin to change color as they get ready to drop to the ground.

September was certainly a month that came out of nowhere, literally for so many of our CDA sisters and many of our families and friends. On top of everything that we have been going through this year with our experiences with COVID-19, then our beautiful State was ravaged by wildfires. These fires certainly burned and destroyed so much of our land, but these fires also caused unspeakable destruction to many communities in our state, from Southern Oregon to the Santiam Canyon and even up to Molalla and Estacada and so many places in between. I have heard that we have had several of our CDA sisters that have lost their homes in Southern Oregon. It is just beyond words. We pray for all those that have been affected by these fires, not only in Oregon, but in all parts of our County, as well as our CDA sisters that have been affected by floods, hurricanes, inland hurricanes.

All of these events remind us that God is ultimately in control. No matter how far we advance as a state, nation, civilization, there are still many things that we have no control over. We cannot stop fires, flooding, hurricanes, or wind. We can certainly mitigate and reduce the damage that these events can cause, but ultimately nature will do what it is going to do.

The outpouring of charity that has taken place to assist those that have been affected by these natural disasters has been so inspiring. To see our communities come together to support those that have been displaced and lost everything certainly gives us hope that no matter what we face in our lives, we do not have to face it alone.

I know that Archbishop Sample has been making visits to the communities that have been affected by the fires here in Western Oregon. Celebrating mass and simply being with the people. Being their Shepherd, being Christ for these communities when they need Christ the most. We are grateful for Archbishop Sample, Bishop Cary and Bishop Smith for their care and support they give to their flocks.

Dear sisters, I ask that during this month of October that is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, that you offer prayers as you pray the rosary for all those that have been affected by these fires and those that continue to be affected by COVID-19.

It is my custom during the month of October to offer the rosary each day, praying for the various intentions of my friends and family, praying for the people in my parish and also as your CDA State Chaplain praying for each one of you and your families. Please feel free to email me at frjamesherrera@gmail.com if you have any specific intentions that you would like me to offer.

In Unity and Charity,

Fr. James Herrera

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

STATE NEWS

Messages from State Regent Tess Cersovski

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11

America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Rallies

Each year, beginning in 2007, America Needs Fatima holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities across the country. In 2017, there were 21,570 rallies and in 2018, there were 21,145 groups simultaneously praying for our country and the world across America!

These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to October 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Go to the website for more information and get the prayers for the Public Square Rosary Rally on October 10, 2020. <https://americanneedsfatima.org/>

State Projects

There currently are nine State Projects and it is being suggested that the number be brought down to five or four. The ones not making the list will be put on the list of State Charities. Our Court is being asked to vote on which ones we would like to remain on the State Project list. To read more on each of the following Projects you can visit the State CDA website at <https://www.oregoncda.us>

- Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Father Taaffe Foundation
- The Grotto
- Junior Catholic Daughters
- Magdalene Home
- Msgr. Murnane Scholarship Seminary Fund
- Providence Child Center
- Stand-Up Girl



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

National Regent's Message



Dear Sisters in Christ,

For the first time in my memory, the Catholic Daughters National Convention had to be cancelled! I missed the working together of all the members to make a convention happen. I missed the awesome liturgies. I missed the wisdom shared by the speakers at workshops and those who were highlighted speakers during our work sessions. I missed the hugs and smiles from my sisters in the Catholic Daughters. I missed the Fun Night that Texas had planned. I guess what I missed the most was seeing all the wonderful women who attend each National Convention so faithfully.

Thanks to the Texas State Officers Melodie Brunt, Rebecca Brown, Carolyn Richey, Terri Vacek, and Virginia Olsovsky, also Carolyn Malik, Convention Chairman and all the committees who worked so diligently to make the convention that didn't happen memorable. Thanks to our Immediate Past National Regent, Olga Samaniego. She is a joy and a special gift to Catholic Daughters. Olga made the difficult decision, with a heavy heart, to cancel the convention. God bless you, Everyone!

Reality has set in and I am humbled and so honored to serve as your National Regent for the next two years. Please pray for all the national officers and board members. May we follow our motto of Unity and Charity and do all with love. For the past 117 years, we have been the hands and feet of Jesus. Let us continue the great traditions and encourage that the Circle of Love be our platform upon which we grow. That is our program. Use it. Each spoke on that wheel can continue the great works of our organization. Our theme for the next two years is "Let all you do be done with love." Cor 16:14. As courts start to meet again, ask the Lord to reveal and then help you work together with love for every one of God's people. Then do what He is calling you to do. You are the salt of the earth, the best example of Christian womanhood available in our world.

I am pleased to announce that our new National Chaplain is the Most Reverend R Walker Nickless, Bishop of Sioux City and our National Clergy Consultant is Reverend Father Siby Punnoose, who is the pastor of my local parish. I sincerely thank these two holy men for accepting this appointment and their willingness to share their time and wisdom with us.

The names of the new board members are listed in this National Quarterly. Each one is a faith-filled woman who brings a special gift to this term. They are a special gift to Catholic Daughters with their excitement and enthusiasm. Invite them to your functions. Contact them with questions. They are only a phone call away.

Whether we will physically be in the same location or meeting remotely via Zoom or with some other virtual program, know that I am praying for you and ask you to pray for the members of your new board make good and wise decisions guided by the Holy Spirit and love for each other.

May God bless us, every one!

Sherry Nilles

NATIONAL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM CONNIE DRONETTE CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR

October 2020

My dear sisters in Christ,

It appears our world has been torn apart. We were all trying to cope with the virus, when my home state of Louisiana was hit with Hurricane Laura and your beautiful Oregon was hit with wildfires. I am praying that your homes were spared and those of you who were affected are recovering. As I began to reflect on what all of this means, I wondered what God is trying to say to us. Many would say that it is Mother Nature and doesn't have anything to do with God, but I disagree. Throughout the centuries, God has spoken to His people through wind and fire. Is it a plea to turn to Him with a renewed spirit?

I think of how this has impacted our CDA courts. Many meetings, conferences, and even the National Convention have been cancelled. The business of CDA is important but even more important is the prayer and fellowship that we share. I miss my CDA sisters in my court and all those around the country that I was looking forward to seeing. I am so thankful that technology has afforded us the opportunity to continue meeting through Zoom, teleconferences, etc. When the pandemic first started and my school closed, I began leading prayer services on the National Facebook Page. I met some awesome ladies, and new friendships began, many from your beautiful state. If you haven't joined the National Facebook page, now is the time!

I continue to pray for you as we wait for our lives to return to normal, whatever that may look like. I ask that you pray for the National Officers and Board as we gather to make plans for the next two years on September 27 – October 3, 2020. The Mass of Installation will be broadcasted on the National Facebook page on Saturday, October 3, 2020. You are invited to join us on Facebook. May God bless all of you and your families.

Your servant sister,
Connie Dronette
National Sec.-Treas.

Announcement that was sent out by email on September 25, 2020.

CDA is Pleased to Endorse this NEW Membership Benefit!

"We have carefully evaluated IHC Specialty Benefits, and we are pleased to endorse this national leader in the Health Coverage arena. The Licensed Agents at IHCSB provide exceptional personal service when it comes to helping our valued CDA Members evaluate a vast array of health coverage options. Plans can be custom-tailored to your specific coverage and budget needs. I encourage you to call today and find out the best options for you and your family."

In Good Health,
Sherry Nilles, CDA National Regent

For more information or a free rate quote call 1-844-916-2841

LOCAL COURT NEWS

Birthdays

October

12 – Lynn Gori*
14 – Heather Meenaghan*
27 – Clodagh Thompson*
28 – Fria Rogers*



November

8 – Barbara Gunn*
10 - Jane Myrand*
10 - Pat Vohs*
20 – Judy Spearin*
21 – Marie Badagnani*



Court Oregon #118 Name Badge

If you would like to have your personalized name badge, now is the time to place your order. The Name Badge order will be turned in following the October 17th meeting. If you can not make it to the meeting and would like a name badge please email or call Julia 541-344-6851 cdacourtoregon118@gmail.com or call Barbara 541-541-686-6690

September Meeting Highlights

Donations made to:

- O'Hara, St. Paul & Marist
- Catholic Community Services
- Seminary Emergency Fund

Budget for 2020-2021 was approved. Budget will be sent out to the membership in November.

November Meeting Topic

Currently the State Court has nine "Projects" that all Courts contribute to. Our Court will vote on which ones will stay as Projects and which will be moved to Charities.

It's the Fall "No Bake ~ Bake Sale"

We are not able to have a real "Bake Sale" at this time, with the Covid-19 present in our lives. So Ladies you can take a break. No shopping for those grocery items, no mixing and baking in the kitchen. This is the treat, sit down for a cup of tea or coffee and take a break. Instead of making your donation of cookies, cakes and pies make a cash donation to your Court which will go towards the many charitable donations we make throughout the year. Please send your donations to the Financial Secretary:

Judy Spearin 2467 Borders Dr. Eugene, OR 97404



Celebrating 100 years of the 19th Amendment!

We as Catholic Daughters are living in extraordinary times unlike any we have ever experienced. Staying alive, keeping our families and loved ones safe in this time of the coronavirus pandemic is challenging. For some, inability to physically attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive the greatest treasure on the face of the earth, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, has caused great sorrow. There are many churches that have been live streaming the Mass and there are networks that carry many religious programs like EWTN. If you are financially able to contribute to your church, the need is great.

One would not know that there is something we can celebrate! Women were given the right to vote on August 18, 1920 and this was a 72 year struggle led by wonderful women like Susan B. Anthony who believed in the inherent dignity of every human person. It is vitally important for us as United States of America citizens to perform our civic duty and vote. Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas exhorted Catholics to vote “with a well formed conscience” for candidates who “respect LIFE, morality, marriage, family and our basic freedoms”.

There is a beautiful prayer to *Our Blessed Mother* written by Monsignor William Blacett entitled:

A PRAYER TO MARY AT ELECTION TIME

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,
we entrust the United States of America to your loving care
and beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son.

Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation,
we cry to you from the depths of our hearts
And seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our
people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life
And to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion
And threaten the sanctity of family life.

Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law
is the foundation on which this nation was founded,
and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights
to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture
of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray:

***Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was
left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come,
before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the
word Incarnate despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer us. Amen***

We are women of great hope for it is your prayers and your love for your neighbor as yourself that is transforming communities and building that wonderful culture of LIFE.

God Bless You!

In Unity and Charity,

Eileen Peterson Catholic Daughters National Legislative Chair

Join us for these upcoming events

October 10 ~ Day of Recollection to be held at St. Mary Parish Hall 12 noon to 3:00
We will follow the “America Needs Fatima ~ Prayer Program for the Rosary Rally” followed by a
Prayer Service provided by our National Spiritual Chair Connie Durante.
Seating is limited to 30 and open to all Catholic women. Please RSVP to Lisa Hurlimann at
court118cda@gmail.com or call her at (206) 504-0426 (texts or voice messages accepted).

October 15~ Funeral Mass for Ruby Meyer
St Mary Parish at 12:15

October 17th, Saturday ~ Regular Meeting
10:00 am - 12:00

Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
1144 Charnelton St.

Please wear a mask and six foot social distancing will be encouraged.
All Catholic women 18 and up are invited to attend.

October 18th CDA Sunday

October 23rd ~ Mass offered for CDA members, living and deceased
12:15 Mass at St Mary Parish



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