



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Dear Fr. Ron Nelson and CDA Sisters,

I pray you and your families had a safe, blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day. My husband and I and our three children spent the day together and we each had an assigned food to prepare for our big meal. Our youngest was thrilled as she carefully counted and placed dinner rolls onto the sheet pan so they could be warmed to a golden brown.

As I write this message, I'm remembering that Sunday, November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent. Thank God we have made it through this most unusual of years and I don't say that lightly. As the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, let us all take some quality time during Advent to reflect upon our blessings. If instead, we concentrate on the negative aspects of what's been happening all around us, then this season will not give us the lift of the Light of Christ we need so much.

Finally, even though 2020 has burdened our Court with significant barriers in pursuing our service to others in need, we should look forward to the New Year with a heartfelt and renewed commitment to personal spiritual growth. 2021 will hopefully bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, and keep us safe, healthy and united in solidarity with one another.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Sister in Unity and Charity,

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.”*

## *Monthly CDA Meeting UPDATE*

Court Oregon #118 December meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, December 19, 2020 time 10:00 to 12:00  
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.

Due to the covid-19 this meeting could be canceled. Please watch emails for updates.

## 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

Alice Barngrover – 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

### Deceased Family of CDA members

David Brother of Tess and Uncle of Miriam Cersovski

Carol (Northup) Jeanne McMann passed away Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

Daughter of Pat Vohs

Fred Kelso passed away Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Husband of Julia & Father of Janeane McClure

### 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.**

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of the  
faithfully departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace.*

*Amen*



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**“Let all you do, be done with love” 1Cor.16:14.**

At this time of great challenge for our world, people of faith are seeking the proper response. All are challenged, fear and confusion that dominate our lives. My life a year ago was totally different from what I live today. Is there an end to this crisis? We are a people of Hope and we hope for the best. God has a plan for us. During this time whatever we do, do it with love.

Wouldn't the world be a better place if we remembered this simple scripture. The image of a world free of hatred would be so peaceful. And yet, we know that isn't reality. Reality is that our world is one where we forget to show others the love we have been shown by God.

Paul reminds the Corinthian believers and us of our blessed hope in Christ and opens our understanding to the resurrection, certainly our own resurrection because Christ rose from the dead. Paul offers his concluding encouragement which is helpful for all who desire to live and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ our Savior. “be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong,” he urges, “and let everything that you do be done in love.” As we abide in Christ and He in us that we begin to learn God's love for us. It is as we die to our own self and live for Christ alone then we are fashioned and formed into the lovely image of Christ. When we permit the Holy Spirit to carry out His good works in and through our lives, then we can become a channel through whom His love can flow from us to others.

And the final chapter of Paul's letter, he exhorts the believers, “let all be done in love.” What a simple instruction to the Church of today, and yet what a profound depth of truth is contained in this statement. Love is the fulfilling of the Law and only as we allow the love of Christ to soak our being, as we die to self and walk in the spirit of Christ and truth, we can execute Christlike character in our lives. Everything we do, our attitude and action, our thoughts and our work, every word we speak, every decision we take and the choices we make need to be bathed in the Holy Spirit and washed in the fountain of God's love and covered by the unconditional love of Christ. Who willingly for the love of His people accepted cross, so that like Him, everything we do may be done through Him in LOVE.

When it comes to loving others, there are many, many ways to do so, but to start, pray for them. Praying for others daily is unconditional way of loving others just as God calls us to do. Think about the people that are present in your everyday life and ways that you could pray for them. Think about the people that you come across every so often, maybe a relative that you haven't seen in years or a friend you've drifted away from. Is there someone in your life you're feeling God placing on your heart? Maybe you have two or three people in mind? Sit down today and say a prayer for them.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Siby Punnoose



# 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

## FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

October 30, 2020

Forty-Ninth Biennial Oregon State Convention

From: Tess Cersovski, Oregon State Regent

It is my pleasure to issue this First Call to the Forty-Ninth Biennial Oregon State Convention.

Date: April 16-18, 2021

Place: Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church  
565 W Hermiston, OR 97838

Host: Court Our Lady of Angels #1692

Theme: May we shout for JOY! (Psalm 20:6) New American Bible

The Convention promises to be informative and productive. A detailed convention packet from the Convention Chairman, Kristi Smalley will be mailed out on January 8, 2021. The packet will contain registration and meal forms, hotel information, and specifics about convention activities.

**Attendance:** All Oregon CDA members are invited and encouraged to attend the Oregon State Convention. In addition to delegate seating, there will be areas for non-delegates to observe convention proceedings and workshops that are open to all registered members. Spouses and guests are invited to attend all Liturgies and convention activities except the business meetings and workshops.

## 2020-2021 Penny Drive

Will be for a memorial in honor of Fr. Scott Vandehey who was our State Chaplain for 25 years.

### ADVENT 2020

Advent is the time of year that we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. There are many ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus. What are you doing this year?



#### The Four Themes of Advent

November 29: **Advent Week 1: Hope and Faith**

December 06: **Advent Week 2: Peace**

December 13: **Advent Week 3: Love**

December 20: **Advent Week 4: Joy**

### *Our Daily Advent Prayer*

O loving God,  
you desired to come  
and dwell with us.  
You have given us signs  
of your hidden presence  
in our world and in ourselves.  
Help us to recognize  
your imaginable nearness  
and to rejoice in the immensity  
of your gracious love.  
O Emmanuel, God-with-us,  
desire of the nations,  
Savior of all people:  
Come and set us free. Amen

NOW is the TIME  
Preparing the Way of the Lord  
Advent Reflections From  
Pope Francis

# National Regent's Message

Sherry Niles,  
National Regent

November 2020



My dear Catholic Daughters,

It is with a humble joy filled heart I can announce that the 2020-2022 National Board was installed during a beautiful Mass in Des Moines, Iowa. All Covid19 precautions were observed including masks, social distancing and a very limited number of attendees. Thanks to the outstanding Iowa State Court, including their spouses, the Mass and Reception were available online. I was honored that Past National Regents Claudia Bosch, Shirley Seyfried, Helene Shepard and Immediate Past National Regent Olga Samaniego could attend. Thank you for the beautiful cards and Masses I received from so many courts. May God continue to bless you.

Our first National Board meeting was held before the Installation Mass. It was a time of getting to know each other and making plans for the next two years. This is an outstanding board of Catholic Daughters who are excited to work together and make the best better. Please continue to pray for all of us. Prayers are so powerful and especially prayers from our sisters in Christ.

S.O.A.R (Support Our Aging Religious) was originally planned for September 17, 2020, but became a virtual event rather than an attended event. I was most honored to represent the Catholic Daughters during the virtual event. Thank you for your continued support for the women and men who have given their love and lives to Jesus.

The "Fun D" calendar have been sent to you. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to fulfill our Mission Statement. Hopefully, YOU will be a winner!

In the past several months, many of our sisters have experienced disasters in their states. California, Oregon, Louisiana, and Iowa have suffered from fires, hurricanes and unusual weather causing much harm to homes, schools, and businesses. Thanks to your generosity, checks were sent to the bishop of each diocese affected to help with the many losses suffered. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Included in this National Quarterly is information on the workshop for state and territorial officers, the March for Life on January 29, 2021, and a beautiful prayer service for Advent.

May you continue to share the gifts you have as we enter this advent season and the Christmas holidays.

God bless us, every one!

Sherry



## NATIONAL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM BARBARA JENSEN OREGON CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings to the State of Oregon! I am pleased to have been appointed as your new National Director. I understand that Connie Dronette was your past National Director and those will be hard shoes to fill!

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born and raised on a farm until my folks retired when I was 16. I live in a rural setting with lots of corn and cows! I was married in 1975 and have lived in a small community of 3500 people in the middle of Nebraska ever since. I joined the Catholic Daughters in 1977 at the urging of the wife of one of my husband's co-workers. My biggest fear at that time was what to make for refreshments when my turn came around! I am a plain down-to-earth type of person who has learned to Trust Jesus through the heartaches of life. I have three grown sons with two of them having families of their own. I have four grandchildren who I do not get to see often enough! I have served, at one time or another, in all the local court offices, working my way up through the ranks. I have been a state officer for the last ten years serving at each level except State Secretary. I am in my second year as State Regent for Nebraska. I am a greeter and Homebound Eucharistic Minister at my local church and substitute lector at the weekday Masses.

I thoroughly loved praying with all of you via the National Facebook page through their prayer services. I am looking forward to growing and learning with all of you! I will try my best to be available for any help or questions you may have along the way. Remember it is God's will, not ours—trust in Jesus, and pray along the way. Lean on, support, and love your CDA sisters in your court, in your state and across this great nation!

Yours in Christ,  
Barb Jensen  
National Director

### Kenya and Peru Courts

At a recent board meeting, the National Board discussed the future of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas courts in Kenya and Peru court. While we are proud that Catholic Daughters has extended its outreach beyond North America, an international presence, as you can imagine, has presented itself with a number of financial and operational challenges and difficulties. At the July 18, 2020, board meeting and upon careful deliberation, the National Board regretfully decided that Catholic Daughters no longer has the capacity to continue to support the courts in Kenya and Peru. We are unable to provide the necessary training and support that the Kenya and Peru courts need and deserve to accomplish their mission. In addition, we are unable to provide the requisite insurance coverage, both for the court's protection and Catholic Daughters' protection which leaves both parties vulnerable to liabilities in the future. Communicating with the women in Kenya and Peru has also proven to be a barrier.

This decision was not easy, but we believe it is the best one to ensure the future success of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

## LOCAL COURT NEWS



### **Memorial Mass for KC and CDA deceased Members**

On November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm a memorial Mass was offered at St. Mary Parish for deceased KC and CDA members who had passed away this past year. Court Chaplain Rev. Ron Nelson officiated.

### **Court Oregon #118 Adopted Seminarians for 2020-2021**

<i>Triston Dalton</i>	<i>Oakland</i>	<i>Mt. Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Dalton Rogers</i>	<i>Fresno</i>	<i>Mt Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Marcos Alvarado Trasmonte</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Mt Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Matthew Knight</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Pastoral Year- St. Mary Parish 1062 Charnelton St, Eugene</i>

*The Seminarians appreciate mail. Send your words of encouragement or a special prayer request to:  
Seminarians at Mt. Angel  
Mt. Angel Seminary  
1 Abbey Drive  
St. Benedict, OR 97373*

### *The Fall "No Bake ~ Bake Sale"*

Did you miss your opportunity to make a donation for our Court's fundraiser? It's never too late.

Send your donation to the Financial Secretary:  
Judy Spearin  
2467 Borders Dr.  
Eugene, OR 97404

### **BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE**

*Lord our God,  
We praise you for the light of creation:  
The sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.  
We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the prophets,  
and the wisdom of the scriptures.  
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:  
He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince  
Of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of  
your love.*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us  
As we light this tree.  
May the light and cheer it give  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
Come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



# Winners of the 2020 National CDA Education Contest.

Theme "Living in Harmony with Others"

## Local and State

Division I (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Essay

First Place Greta VanDenWymelenberg grade 5 also won *Second Place at State Level*

Poetry

First Place Luke Copley grade 4 also won *Second Place at State Level*

Second Place Karsyn Stapleton grade 5

Third Place Garret Heer grade 5

Art

First Place Morgan Yasenchak grade 5 also won *Second Place at State Level*

Second Place Alexa Cura grade 5

Third Place Halle White grade 4

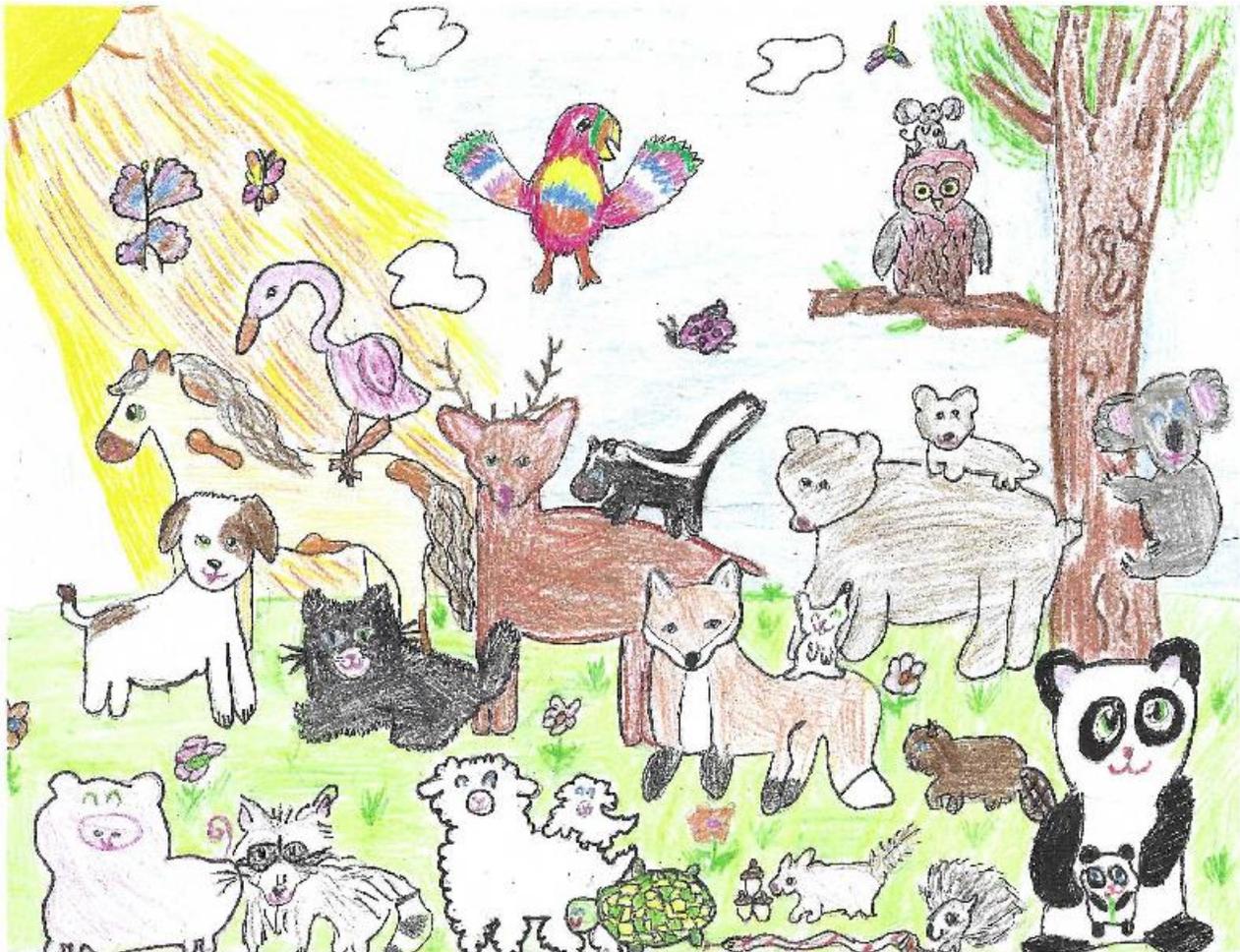
Division II (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Essay

First Place Jack Brotherton grade 7 also won *Third Place at State Level*

Second Place Gwyneth Westover grade 7

Third Place Luke Manning grade 7



Art by Morgan Yasenchak

## Living in Harmony with Others By Jack Brotherton

Even though sometimes it can seem hard, living in harmony with others is easier than you think. One easy way to live in harmony with others is by giving back to people in the community. For example, seek out opportunities to volunteer in community-wide events to help those that are less fortunate. Clothing drives and canned food collection drives are two easy ways to participate in community-wide events. Also another easy way to live in harmony is by addressing the disharmony that may exist in your life. For example, with all the technology that exists today, it can be really hard to feel connected with other people. Feeling disconnected can make differences in opinion and conflict around the world seem like problems that can never be solved. Start by taking steps to actively build relationships with your family and friends, this will get you off to a good start. You can hang out with your friends and spend quality time with your family to make your connections with these people stronger. Build on this good start by attending group events and actively try to build new relations and connections with people in the community. To live in harmony you should ignore the negative things that are going on in the world and focus on the positive things in your life. For some people, this means not watching the news because they find it depressing. For other people, it means avoiding certain topics with friends and family, such as politics or religion, if those topics cause friction. But living in harmony with other does not mean that everyone has to always get along. If you have a disagreement, solve it by talking it out instead of using violence. Actively discourage violence and support other solutions. Living in harmony with others may mean that you need to try new activities that take you out of your comfort zone. Avoid doing things that are a waste of time and isolate you from other people, like playing video games or watching TV. Instead, spend that time volunteering at a soup kitchen or attending church. Another easy way to live in harmony with others is to manage your money and give some of it to charitable organizations. Living in harmony with others requires everyone to be open with people that they are close with and try to express feelings, instead of hiding them. Make sure to be a good listener and pay attention if someone is hurting inside. These are just some of the many ways to live in harmony with others, some you may already do without thinking, others may require you to be more mindful of your actions. Whether it is second nature or takes effort, taking steps to living in harmony with others is worth your attention.



# RADA CUTLERY



Rada has wonderful kitchen knives and a wide variety of kitchen utensils. They also have many other items from cookbooks, mixes and some cute postcards to send to a grandchild. So many wonderful gift ideas for the Holidays!



**THANK YOU** for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery – well known for quality products, **ALL MADE IN THE USA**. Every purchase you make using the following shopping link **helps us reach our goal!**

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