



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

March 2020

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Dear Catholic Daughters,

The season of Lent is upon us. I pray your Lenten journey is successful in whatever you have chosen to do or not do. In this newsletter I have included the Lenten messages from our State Chaplain Rev. James Herrera and our CDA National Director Connie Dronette.

I would like to remind our members that at our March meeting our Court will elect a nominating committee. Their responsibility will be to look at our membership and consider possible candidates for office as we will be voting in a new slate of Officers in May.

In the March issue, of the CDA National Quarterly, our National Regent, Olaga Samaniego has a message in her letter concerning holding an officer position.

*"Soon it will be time to elect new officers. Please consider running for an officer's position. The Lord has given you gifts and talents that He expects you to use. Say, "Yes!" I can't promise you that it will be easy, but I can promise you that God is never outdone. If you offer time and your talent to serve God and His people, He will reward you in ways you can never imagine."*

I encourage all members to go on the National website and read the National Regents message in its entirety, along with many other great articles and information on CDA.

*In Unity and Charity,  
Julia Kelso, 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."*

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Oregon #118

Thursday, March 19, 2020

12:15 Mass offered for CDA members at St. Mary Parish

1:00 BROWN BAG Lunch ~ 1:30 Meeting.

St. Mary Parish Hall 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

All Catholic women are invited to attend, invite a friend.

\* Lenten sacrifice NO Potluck\*

## Prayer Corner



### For our Court members

*Tess Cersovski, 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*

### 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.*

***Send prayer requests to Regent Julia Kelso.***

## Court Officers

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

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### ***Masses offered for Deceased Member Mary Maira***

*12:15 Mass on March 4, 2020 at  
St Mary Catholic Church  
1062 Charnelton St. Eugene*

*8:00 am Mass on July 5, 2020 at  
St. Paul Parish  
1201 Satre St., Eugene*

**MESSAGE FROM  
THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN  
REV. JAMES HERRERA**

Lent 2020

Dear Catholic Daughters of the State of Oregon,

On Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 we begin once again our yearly journey through the season of Lent. Every year we have these forty days of retreat, a time in which we go out into the desert with Jesus to pray, fast and give alms. These spiritual exercises, along with many others, help us to look into our own hearts to see where we have fallen away from ideal way of living that God sets before us and to return fully to him.

Ash Wednesday is a reminder to us that one day we will return to dust. From dust we came and unto dust we shall return. This cross of ashes brings that final day to the foremost part of our minds, literally. The cross reminds us that we are going to die one day, this is not something that we often like to remember. When we die, we will have to face judgement by the one whose mark we have on our foreheads, the sign of the cross that was put there on our Baptism day and that was sealed by the bishop on our Confirmation.

Unlike the Advent, Lent is a season of PENANCE. We complete acts of penance because WE ARE SINNERS and we have sinned and now we heed the call to return to the Lord. Traditionally, we take up acts of prayers, fasting and almsgiving. I would encourage each of you ladies to write out those things that you are going to do during Lent. What extra prayers are you going to add to your daily routine. What are you going to fast from? Chocolate and coffee are good, but what about fasting from gossip or wasting time? What charity might we want to choose to give alms to, maybe the local foodbank at your parish or another group that does good work in your community?

Additionally, I would offer two other suggestions. The first is to pray the rosary every day, particularly the sorrowful mysteries, making that journey with Jesus during those last moments in life. Secondly, if possible, I would encourage you to go to daily mass as much as your schedule and local parish availability allow. During Lent it is my custom to offer mass every day in my parish, even my day off. And, I extend this through the Easter season as well. Now I know that option may not be available to you at your local parish, but I would encourage as much as you can to attend daily mass. It makes all the difference in the world.

I pray that you all have a blessed and holy Lent. Be assured of my prayers for you and your local CDA courts during these holy days!

Lenten blessings,

Fr. James Herrera  
CDA State Chaplain



### Seminarian list for 2019-2020

#### For Court Oregon #118

Tristan Dillon, Oakland, Mt. Angel, Pastoral year  
Anthony Hoangphan, Portland, Mt. Angel, Theo. 3  
Bonaventure Okoro, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Theo. 4  
Marcos Ricardo Alvarado, Portland, Mt. Angel, College 1  
Darrell Edward Falconburg, Boise, Pre-Theo 2

Send a note to a Seminarian. Abbey Address:  
Mount Angel Abbey  
1 Abbey Dr.  
Benedict, OR 97373

Dalton Rogers, Pastoral year  
Send mail to: 1516 Center Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635

Please pray for our Court's adopted Seminarians as well as vocations to the religious life.

Mark your calendar for the next Cookie Day  
May 1, 2020

2019-2020 State

**Penny Drive** to benefit

*The Grotto in Portland*



Donations are collected at all CDA meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to donate to this Penny Drive, mail your donation to:

Local Court Financial Secretary,  
Fria Rogers  
175 S. Garden Way, Apt 328  
Eugene, Or 97401

Thank you for your support.

### STATE PROJECTS

Fr. Taaffe Foundation  
Monsignor Edmund Murnane Scholarship  
Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Seminarian Fund: (for education of future Oregon priests)  
1. Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon (Vocation Office)  
2. Diocese of Baker (Vocation Office)  
3. Mount Angel Seminary (for Monk formation)  
Providence Child Center  
The Grotto  
Oregon Veterans' Homes:  
(Wish lists items are purchased for each home)  
1. The Dalles – Oregon Veterans' Home  
2. Lebanon – Edward C. Allworth Veteran's Home  
Magdalene Home  
StandUpGirl.com Foundation

### OREGON STATE CHARITIES

1. Adopt-A-Seminarian (Seminarians assigned to your court)
2. Seminary Emergency Fund (Mount Angel Seminary)
3. Very Rev. J. Hayes Memorial Scholarship  
(Basket raffle at State Convention/Conference)

### 2020 Oregon State Conference

Will be the same weekend as CDA  
DAY AT THE GROTTO on the  
weekend of August 14, 15, and 16,  
2020. Please mark your calendars!

### 2020 CDA Day of Recollection

Will stay on the second Saturday of  
October on October 10, 2020.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### 2020 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The multinational pro-life prayer event is being coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization and is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Participants are asked to pray at least one Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. To register your CDA Court's rosary count, visit the St. Michael the Archangel Organization website at: [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org)



### MESSAGE FROM CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR CONNIE DRONETTE

My Dear Oregon Sisters in Christ,

During Lent, the church gives us the opportunity to live out the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. How can we use this time to become the woman God wants us to be? Jesus spoke about ***prayer, fasting, and almsgiving***. Choose one way in each of these that will help you grow closer in your relationship with Jesus.

What could you do in your prayer life that would strengthen your walk with Jesus? Chose something that you can commit six weeks to. I will be reading the book Consecration to Jesus Through Mary and The Way of Perfection by St. Theresa of Avila.

I dare to say that some of us give up something that might make us comfortable, but do we truly sacrifice? What does it mean to truly sacrifice? For me, it means giving up something that makes me change the habits of my everyday life. For the past four years, I have given up social media. It has become easy to do. This is when I need to change it up a bit. Since I can't fast from work, I took a good look at what I do after work. I watch too much TV. So, this Lent, I am fasting from TV. Will it be a sacrifice? You bet. This will give me the time to devote to spiritual reading. Look at your life. What would be a true sacrifice for you?

Almsgiving sounds like such an ancient concept. It simply means to give to the poor. We are called to give not only from our surplus, but until it becomes a sacrifice. I have a clear vase that I will place on my prayer table. I give a ride to a co-worker who doesn't own a car every day. She always gives me money at the end of the week. I tell her that it is not necessary, but it makes her feel good. I usually treat us out to dinner on Friday or Saturday night with the money. I have decided to place that money in the vase and donate it to a charity that God places on my heart.

Please take time to pray and listen to what God is calling you to this Lent. I continue to pray for you and your families.

Your Servant in Christ,

Connie Dronette  
National Director

## LOCAL COURT NEWS

### RADA CUTLERY

**YES!!!** Our Court is still selling RADA Cutlery, which is one of our Courts 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 Courts 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 [www.cdacourtoregon118.com](http://www.cdacourtoregon118.com)



*Thank you to all the ladies who baked or*



*volunteered at  
our annual  
Sweet Heart  
Bake Sale.*

*Olga Saban helping out while members attend mass.*

### FIRST WAY ~ BABY SHOWER

Pat Halvorsen ~Chairperson

Court Oregon #118 will be collecting baby clothes, blankets, diapers (all sizes), wipes and anything related to Loving and caring for infants. These items will be collected during the months of:

**March ~ April ~ May**

Following our May meeting all items will be taken to First Way. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may mail your check with "First Way" written on the memo line and mail to the Courts Financial Secretary:

Friah Rogers

175 S. Garden Way, Apt 328  
Eugene, Or 97401

First Way is grateful for the support of CDA.

## Fifth Sunday Breakfast ~ March 29, 2020

Catholic Daughters will assist the Knights of Columbus with set up of table settings, food preparations, cooking, and serving and clean up on this Fifth Sunday. Please come and help with this community event. What a great opportunity for Catholic Daughters to work with the Knights.



### High Tea Basket Raffle

**Catholic Daughters to sell Basket Raffle Tickets after all morning Masses on March 29, 2020**

**Help will be needed with the breakfast or selling Raffle Tickets**





## LOCAL COURT NEWS

### *Birthdays* *March*

6 – Laura Cox\*  
20 – Cecilia Han\*  
22 – Rosy Makyadath\*  
27 – Martha Lynch\*  
31 – Oguilvia Skelton\*



### *April*

2 – Jackie Cabalka\*  
8 – Anna Marie Blume\*  
10 – Rosa Gonzales\*  
13 – Juanita Thorstad\*  
14 – Stacy Lee Vinolus\*  
18 – Corrine Palmer  
25 – Eileen Laudani\*  
30 – Donna Slonecker\*



### **CIRCLE OF LOVE** and **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### *Quality of Life*

Lynda Atto ~ Human Trafficking  
Corrine Clifford ~ Health and Wellness

#### *Youth*

Lisa Hurlimann

#### *Legislation*

Vacant

#### *Education*

Christie Beltran ~ Education Contest

#### *Spiritual Enhancement*

Lisa Hurlimann ~ Spiritual Chair  
Seminarian Chair's  
Oguilvia Skelton & Kathleen O'Connell

#### *Leadership*

Rosy Makyadath ~ Membership  
Jane Myrand & Pat Halvorsen  
Refreshment

#### *Family*

Pat Halvorsen ~ First Way

#### *Court Parliamentarian*

Tess Cersovski

#### *Webmaster*

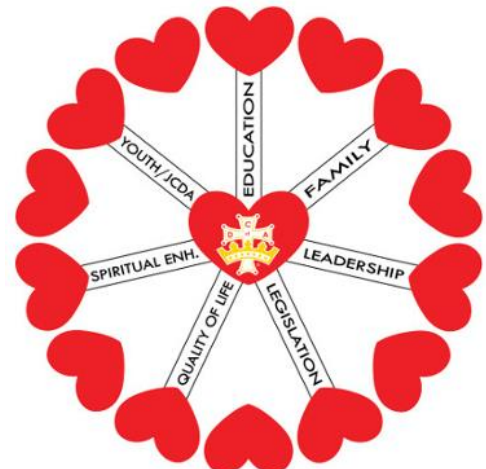
Miriam Cersovski

### **CIRCLE OF LOVE ~ *Quality of Life***

#### **Human Trafficking Vigil**

This monthly vigil is held on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-2:00 pm (only 30 minutes) and held on Gateway Street, Springfield near the main entrance to the Gateway Mall just south of the LTD bus transit station. Signs are provided and all are welcome.

**Dates for \*2020\*** April 5 ~ May 3 ~ June 7 ~ July 5  
August 2 ~ Sept 6 ~ Oct 4 ~ Nov 1 ~ Dec 6



# "A Garden Tea Party"

The Catholic Daughters  
of the Americas  
Court Oregon #118



Cordially invites you to join us for an  
Elegant Afternoon High Tea  
Saturday, April 25, 2020

2p.m. to 4p.m.

\*\*\* Doors open at 1:00p.m. \*\*\*

St. Mary's Parish Center  
1062 Charnelton Street, Eugene, Oregon



\$20.00 Adults, \$15.00 Seniors,

\$10.00 Children 12 & under

For more information contact: Julia Kelso 541-344-6851

*Our Court will need table hostesses and volunteers for food preparations the day before and the morning of the High Tea. This is a wonderful Court event and only made possible by Court members volunteering.  
To volunteer call Julia Kelso 541-344-6851*



ALL ARE WELCOME!



# St. Patrick's Dinner Celebration

**TUESDAY EVENING,**

**MARCH 17, 2020**

For reservations, call  
Paul Noonan, (541) 915-3342,  
or Stephen Edmondson,  
(541) 747-7023

\$25 per person,  
\$8 for kids age 10  
or under



**Columbus Club  
1144 Charnelton St.  
Eugene, Oregon**

Columbus Club is just  
half a block south of  
St. Mary Catholic Church

*Dinner—a true Irish dinner featuring corned beef  
and cabbage with all the trimmings.*

*Doors open at 6:00. Dinner served at 7:00.  
Make your reservation today. Seating is  
limited. First come, first served.*

*Music and dancing with the very popular Heart  
Tones ensemble.*

**Best  
corned beef  
and cabbage  
in town!**



*Join  
in on  
the  
fun*



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**Julia Kelso, Regent**

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#### *Calendar of Events*

- March 8** *Seminarian Benefit Dinner*
- 19** **CDA Mass 12:15 at St Mary 1:00 *Brown Bag Lunch* and meeting**  
*St Joseph Feast Day*
- 29** *Fifth Sunday Breakfast CDA to assist Knights of Columbus after all morning masses.*  
*CDA to sell High Tea Basket Raffle Tickets after morning Masses at St Mary Parish*
- April 5** *Palm Sunday*
- 12** *Easter Sunday*
- 16** **Thursday CDA Social and Service project 10:00-12:00 in the Elizabeth Seaton Room**  
*in St Mary Parish Hall. 12:15 Mass offered for all CDA members at St Mary Parish.*
- 18** **CDA Saturday Morning Social, Prayer and Meeting 10:00-12:00 at St Mary Parish.**
- 19** *CDA to sell High Tea Basket Raffle Tickets*
- 29** **CDA HIGH TEA "A Garden Tea Party"**
- May 1-3** *Pray a rosary for "One Million Rosaries for the Unborn"*
- 10** *Mothers Day*
- 21** *Feast of the Ascension*  
**Thursday CDA Social and Service project 10:00-12:00 in the Elizabeth Seaton Room**  
*in St Mary Parish Hall. 12:15 Mass offered for all CDA members at St Mary Parish.*
- 23** **CDA Saturday Morning Social, Prayer and Meeting 10:00-12:00 at St Mary Parish.**
- 25** *Memorial Day*
- June 7** *Priest Appreciation Sunday*
- 18** **Thursday CDA Social and Service project 10:00-12:00 in the Elizabeth Seaton Room**
- 20** **CDA Saturday Morning Social, Prayer and Meeting 10:00-12:00 at St Mary Parish**
- 21** *Sunday Fathers Day*