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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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.

Regent's Message



Dear Sisters,

It is hard to believe but this is the beginning of our fourth year in existence!

Looking back, it doesn't seem that long ago until you begin to remember all we have accomplished. I think about how difficult it was to try things for the first time.

Remember our first Bingo – our first Victorian Tea – our first May Procession and our first Mother/Daughter Breakfast? We have certainly come a

long way. We have managed to maintain our membership and then some.

As a few members have failed to renew their membership dues, we have been able to replace those numbers and still continue to grow.

This is due entirely to the enthusiasm and untiring dedication of all of you joined together. This is so important and an essential foundation for success. It makes our court a catalyst by which

we have learned to function as a smoothly working unit.

You have every right to be proud of yourselves as Catholic Daughters. We are building for ourselves, a well deserved reputation in the state for our energy, strength and achievements.

I thank you!

Regent Harriett

The Chaplain's Corner



Dear Catholic Daughters:

Many people believe Jesus was primarily a religious wonder-worker who went about performing supernatural feats in order to demonstrate His power and prove His divinity. There are passages in the New Testament which suggest that Jesus performed miracles to convince people of His authority and uniqueness but these passages are in the decided minority. The more typical view of the Gospels is that Jesus did His best to keep His heal-

ing miracles a secret. The Gospel of Mathew, for example, indicates that Jesus did not perform miracles to impress the multitudes or to win a following (see Matthew 12:14-21). He went out of His way to avoid the limelight, even insisting that people who were healed should not talk about what had happened.

Why did Jesus hide His mighty works from the multitudes in this way? A careless reading of the

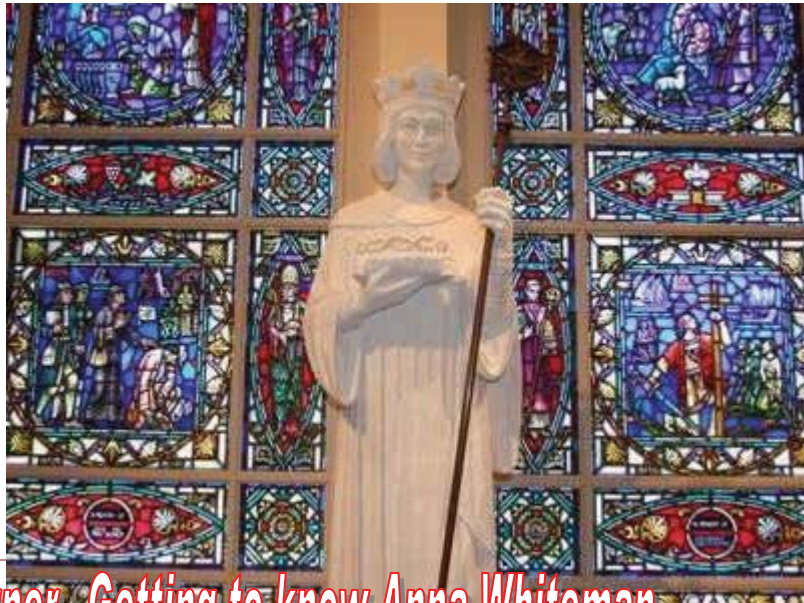
text might suggest that Jesus acted out of fear of the Pharisees in telling people to keep quiet. But surely their threat did not force Jesus "underground" with His message of love and healing. Rather, the reserve of Jesus is an accurate reflection of the way God always works in human history. The full power of God is always veiled in order to leave room for the response of faith. Overwhelming demonstrations of power might well draw people to God

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for the wrong reason and in the wrong way. Faith motivated by fear of God, or aimed at favors from God, is not faith at all. God's approach is always one of gentle persuasion rather than the way of coercive power.

Monsignor Luca



Biography Corner...Getting to know Anna Whiteman

My name is Anna Whiteman and I am the Recording Secretary for Court St. Louis. I am actually a member of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Parish in Woodstock, MD, where I am on the Parish Council and a Eucharist Minister.

I was enticed to join St. Louis' Court by our Worthy Regent with a promise of good companionship while perform-

ing worthy works to assist the Church in its mission.

I grew up in Washington, DC, and except for our overseas assignments, have lived in this area all my life. My husband and I moved to Ellicott City from Olney in 2005. We have three children, all married, and one grandchild in Atlanta. I look forward to meeting

more of you and working with you for Court St. Louis.

Anna Whiteman

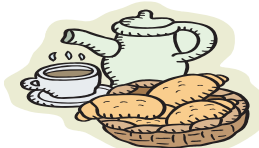
Court St. Louis Committee Reports

3rd Annual Women's Communion Breakfast

The third annual Women's Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Louis was held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 in the Social Hall following the 8 a.m. Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for the women of the parish to get to know one another and have a social time over breakfast. A main objective of the Catholic Daughters is to enhance women's spiritual life through Christ and His Church. What better way to

do this than for the Catholic Daughters to provide an opportunity for the women of the parish to increase their social network and support systems as they grow in their spiritual life. Our speaker was our pastoral associate Marianne Faulstich.

Marianne spoke on the topic of "Life is a Journey". Marianne shared with us her own lifelong journey to arrive at a depth of closeness with the Lord that she had never imagined for herself.



Marianne let us know again and again that Jesus really truly does love each and every one of us. It was a truly inspiring presentation and made us all aware of the opportunities we have in everyday life to increase our own relationship with the Good Lord.

Geri Madden



Court St. Louis Committee Reports

SOIREEES

We had so much fun this summer getting to know our Sisters at our two Soirees. Our first one was held on July 15th with 23 Sisters and two guests attending (the guests are now fellow Sisters). We played an interview game and then we shared, what we learned about each other. We had a lot of laughs. Many Sisters brought snacks to share.

Our second Soiree was held on August 19th with 20 Sisters and three new guests (two are now fellow Sisters). We played an-

other game finding out more about each other and sharing in the great refreshments that were donated.

Thanks to Daria McGehee for coming up with the idea of having a get together in the summer. Thanks to everyone for attending and for all of your help and input.

We had three Sisters take the pledge last month. We welcome Janice Vanisko, Sally

Regnier and Terry Materazzi. We have five additional Sisters that have joined us and are to take the pledge next month.

Let's make this year a year of "Reaching Out" to each other and to our friends inviting them to join us. I ask all Catholic Daughters to carry an application in their purse. You never know when you meet someone that is interested.

Everything in His Name,

Theresa Enright

Membership Chairman



Janice Vanisko, Terry Materazzi and Sally Regnier

A Special Tribute



Dot Pocklington moved back to her native Louisiana on June 29th of this year to live near her sister and her brother. When our Court first formed I was called and asked to give her a ride to the meetings because she could no longer drive safely at night. I didn't know Dot then, but it was an easy thing to do since she only lived a couple of blocks from me. Little did I know how that small act of kindness would impact my life and yours.

Dot donated the American flag we use at every meeting. And at most every meeting she would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

She joined the fundraising group right away and was a dynamic member with unending ideas and more energy than most of us. We are still reminded of her in our current fundraisers as we use the items she bequeathed us as she packed for her move-

paper to wrap door prizes, silk plants to decorate the Social Hall and lobby, a tablecloth and a basket with flowers for the Tea and many items she had purchased for door prizes and raffles for upcoming events.

Last April, Dot and I were shopping in Giant Food and in deep discussion over purchases for the Historical Wedding Gown luncheon when another lady asked us if we were sisters! What a compliment to both of us! And how true, our friendship had grown that close over the years.

Right now Dot is up to her eyeballs in dust and debris, paint choices, and other decisions as her master bedroom is renovated. My room there is next and then the kitchen. Dot calls every other week to touch base and Bernie and I will be going to visit her in March. When a person is blessed enough to

find a sister this late in life, she hangs on to her and never lets go.

“Our legacy in life we cannot retrieve—
Our mark is surely made—
—by the footprints we leave”

We all miss Dot, but she'll continue to inspire us as our Court continues to grow and do its best to help others.

Kathy Pasis



Dot and Regent Harriett

2009 Holiday Card Drive for the Troops

Fashion Show

We were able to fill two complete tables (20) for the annual Fashion Show for the Little Sisters of the Poor. This annual event is held at Turf Valley each year and for the second year in a row it is being sponsored by Cold Water Creek. It was held on Wednesday, October 7th. Maybe next year we might be able to fill three tables....

Regent Harriett

This is something new that our Court has not participated in before. It is a means in which we can make the holidays a bit brighter for our troops. Last year, 130 military members and their units were sent over 102,207 cards (450 boxes).

Remember each card will be read by many service members. No envelopes are needed and no postage is necessary. All cards will be screened for security/sensitive matter. Cards should be signed and any messages of good wishes or support are welcome.

This is being sponsored by the South Washington County Military Support Group in Keedysville. There is a list

available of allowable food, games and personal items that can be shipped.

Donations for mailing costs, phone costs, and holiday candy are needed and appreciated.

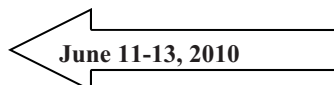
It begins October 1st through November 20th.

Regent Harriett



Court St. Louis Retreats

Save the date



Since the retreat dates for the 2009-10 year have been set, it's time to mark your calendar.

Our three day retreat will be held June 11-13 at Priestfield Retreat Center.

A reminder to all members. If the cost of attending a retreat is a problem,

please let a member of the board know. That is what family is for.

Regent Harriett

"Our three day retreat will be held June 11-13 at Priestfield Retreat Center."

The sisters of Court St. Louis enjoyed a one day retreat at the Friary on October 31st. Court photographer Sally Fleshman has graciously provided us with a

photo. See page 7



State CDA News

State CDA Conference

The State Fall Conference was held on Saturday, September 26th in Hagerstown. Pat and Harriett were able to attend to represent our court. It was hosted by the three Cumberland Valley Courts: Court Hagerstown, Court Holy Family of St. Joseph's and Court St. James.

There were over 90 women present and it was a great opportunity to renew

acquaintances and meet new sisters. As you know, we are no longer the "baby" court in the state and the new court (from St. Mary's County) was there with six members in attendance.

Regent Harriett

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National CDA Day

The National Board designated Sunday, October 18th, as CDA Day with the theme “For in Him we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

Maryland State Court celebrated mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Bernadine Church in Baltimore.

Regent Harriett



November 15	Victorian Tea	10 - 5:00 pm	Social Hall
November 15 – Setup Social Hall			
November 18	Adopt-A-Family		
December 16	Christmas Party		Social Hall
January 27, 2010	Women of the Bible		Social Hall
February 23	Patriotic Rosary with K of C		
February 26	Lent – Simple Meal		Social Hall
March 19	Lent – Simple Meal		Social Hall
April 5	Easter Egg Hunt		
April	State Tea		
May 2	May Procession		Church/Social Hall
May 21	Basket Bingo		
June 6	Priest Appreciation		Turf Valley
June 11-13 Center	3-Day Retreat		Priestfield Retreat
June 19/20	Father’s Day Recognition distributed		

→ Date to Remember: November 18th next Court meeting

Mass Cards

Court St. Louis has Mass cards available for purchase. All proceeds go towards the CDA Scholarship Fund. We have birthday, get well and sympathy cards available at \$2, 3, and 5 respectively.

To purchase Mass cards contact Eileen Queenin, 301-468-0616 or email Eileen @ districtnag@verizon.net

Court CDA Membership

We welcome Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities, to join St. Louis' CDA.

There are ten monthly meetings a year held in St. Louis' Social Hall, 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD. The meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month @7:30 p.m. We gather at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in socializing before the meeting.

For further information or to obtain a Court application contact: Theresa Enright at 410 489-4360 or email Theresabf@comcast.net or CourtStLouis@comcast.net



Visit www.catholicdaughters.org for more information about the CDA.

Court #2579 Mission Statement

As recipients of God's many blessings, we, as Court St. Louis #2579 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, endeavor to use these gifts to support our faith through love by promoting justice, encouraging equality, and supporting human dignity for all.

Court St. Louis Birthdays



Happy Birthday Sisters!

Want your birthday listed in our newsletter...email your name and birthday month and day to MJ Neubauer

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November 17	Christel vanderBerg
November 20	Harriett Teixeira
December 27	Cathy Stefano
December 23	Gail Pittore
December 28	Debbie Mangus
January 6	Maria Rodriguez
January 21	Barbara Beach
January 26	Mary Lea Bain



We're on the web

www.stlouisparish.org/fellowship/catholicdaughters.html



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SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAIN'T ROSE OF LIMA, THE PATRONESS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FIRST SAINT BORN IN THE AMERICAS, WAS SO REMARKABLY AND PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL, SHE WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STOP WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO STARE AT HER! AFRAID THAT HER BEAUTY MIGHT BE A TEMPTATION TO SOMEONE, SHE CONSTANTLY RUBBED HER FACE WITH PEPPER AND LYE SO HER COMPLEXION WOULD NOT BE SO ATTRACTIVE.



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Photo of Court St. Louis sisters on October 31st at the one-day retreat at the Friary.



We wish you a happy,
healthy and blessed
Thanksgiving.