Year of Faith Calls for Reflection and Study
Supplement Your Income
With a Cardinal Glennon Gift Annuity

Five Reasons to Acquire a Gift Annuity
1. Attractive Rates*
2. Tax-Free Payments
3. Tax Deductions*
4. Fixed, Regular Payments
5. You Love Kids!

Single-Life Gift Annuity Rates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AGE</th>
<th>4%</th>
<th>6%</th>
<th>8%</th>
<th>10%</th>
<th>12%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>75</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>8.3%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>85</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>9.7%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11.5%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>95</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11.5%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Annuity rate and charitable deduction depend on your age at time of the gift.

Please send a gift annuity sample for a gift of:
☐ $20,000   ☐ $10,000   ☐ $5,000   ☐ $2,000   ☐ $   

Name

Date of Birth month/day/year

Address

City   State/Zip

Phone   Email

PLEASE RETURN TO:
Cardinal Glennon Children’s Foundation
3800 Park Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT:
1-800-269-0552
National Regent’s Message

Being ‘Uppity’ to Serve the Lord

Dear Sisters in faith and action,

A new year begins and new promises are made. I would like to suggest that as Catholic Daughters we become “uppity women.”

Wake “up” to your potential to become the best Catholic Daughter you can be.
Let “up” on what you think should be done and pitch in and get it done.
Dress “up” your life by giving your time, talent and your treasure to your local and state activities.
Loosen “up” your view on life and look for the good in all people not just your friends.
Give “up” criticizing and replace it with praise.
Get “up” to date with the new CDA bylaws, procedures and ceremonies.
Stand “up” for what is right not just what is popular.
Face “up” to what needs to be changed and then work on changing it.
Lift “up” your voice in prayer.
Open “up” to the love of God in your life.

Become “uppity” women who reach out to the people who need you the most: your families, your court and your state. Become “uppity” to the love of God and to the love for His people.

As your national regent, I experience the whole picture of the organization and its works. I recently attended in your name the Umilta Awards Dinner which took place in Washington, D.C. This is a celebration for the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. It is a dinner hosted by the rector of the seminary to raise funds to assist in the future training of priests for the dioceses in the United States. The Catholic Daughters were recognized by the rector and he repeatedly told me thank you for our monetary and prayer support. As dessert was being served, a young man came over and he said he wanted to thank the Catholic Daughters for the encouragement, financial support and the many gifts presented to him over his years in the seminary. He promised me that when he gets his first parish, he will definitely organize a court there. He told me he would not have made it through seminary without the CDA. Catholic Daughters were there to encourage and celebrate and he will be eternally grateful. Talk about a benefit for membership in the Order.

I was also an official observer at the plenary meeting of the United States Catholic bishops. At these meetings, the bishops address the issues most pertinent and timely to their people. I spoke with many of the bishops. In those areas where the CDA was present the bishops were most appreciative for the work of the organization. I also attended the breakfast meeting for the Catholic Campus Ministry Association. Their mission is to assist the Newman Centers on our college campuses. Here again, I was able to speak about our successful campus courts. I shared information with several youth ministers. I look forward to their calls and the institution of new courts.

Continued on page 6
Contents

14 What Good Does a Year of Faith Do?

16 Supporting the Power of Prayer

Departments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1</th>
<th>National Regent’s Message</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>CDA in Action</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>News &amp; Notes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>National Chaplain’s Message</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Focus on Youth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>People</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>From the Editor’s Desk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Anniversaries</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Submission of materials for publication in Share: All articles, stories, and items must be cleanly typed, double spaced on 8½ × 11 sheets. Include your name and address and phone number. Photos must be clear with complete identification typed and attached and are unable to be returned. Deadlines for final mailing of materials for publication are: Spring Issue—January 15; Summer Issue—April 20; Fall Issue—July 30; Winter Issue—September 30. Send all materials to The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023-4201. Due to limited space all material appearing in Share is evaluated for interest to readers, theme in keeping with the purpose of Share, educational, informational, and religious value to readers and date received. The publishers are not responsible for factual errors from information submitted by authors and readers.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has 75,000 members in 1,328 courts in the United States, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
National Chaplain’s Message

The Holy Land Beckons Faithful Christians

Dear Friends,

I hope that your celebration of Christmas was joyous and filled with happy memories. Federal and local elections are finally behind us and, as you read this, perhaps even the presidential inauguration has occurred.

Now our horizons can once again expand beyond our national boundaries. Over the last few years, we have witnessed the “Arab Spring,” the birth pangs of democracy across the Middle East. One area that should be near and dear to a Christian’s heart, Jews and Muslims as well, is the Holy Land.

It is a very complicated part of the world. There are two political entities: Israel and the Palestinian territories, comprised of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. There are two bloodlines: Hebrew and Arab. There are three religions: Jewish, Muslim, and Christian. Within Christianity, there are Roman Catholics and Orthodox, principally Greek, with a smattering of others.

Bethlehem, which was very much in our minds and our hymns during the Christmas season, is an Arab town, but one in which the Muslim Arabs have forced the Christian Arabs out. Many of the Christian Arabs have moved to Beit Sahur where Shepherd’s Field is, where the angels announced the Good News of our Savior’s birth to those keeping night watch over their sheep.

When King Herod began the slaughter of the Innocents, Joseph took Mary and their Holy Child to safety in Egypt which is considered part of the Holy Land. When it was safe, the Holy Family began their journey home to Nazareth, resting in a cave, reputedly the Prophet Elijah’s, atop Mount Carmel, overlooking the modern city of Haifa where the U. S. Navy keeps its Mediterranean fleet.

Nazareth today is mostly a Christian Arab city. From there, Joseph conducted his carpentry business, teaching his foster Son the trade; and from there Jesus began His itinerant ministry of proclaiming the Good News of our salvation.

Most of Jesus’ ministry was conducted in the north of Israel, around the beautiful Sea of Galilee, or Lake Tiberias. Jesus, along with His Mother Mary, attended the wedding at Cana. Capernaum was the home of Peter and Jesus made it His home-base. He taught in the synagogue there.

Atop the Mount of Beatitudes, Jesus delivered His Sermon on the Mount. At Tabgha, “He who was placed in the manger as food for the world,” multiplied the five loaves and two fish, feeding five thousand men, plus their families. Nearby is a church called Peter’s Primacy, bringing to mind the Risen Christ’s commission to Peter to shepherd the flock until His return in glory.

With His fishermen-disciples, the Son of Mary sailed the Sea of Galilee, stilling the storm and calming the waves. This is my favorite part of being there. Over the centuries, buildings and towns have come and gone, but the hillsides surrounding the sea are the same which Jesus saw.

On His way up to Jerusalem, Jesus was transfigured atop Mount Tabor. He passed through Jericho where He was entertained by Zaccheus.

In the Holy City, where Jesus died and rose, is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which includes Mount Calvary as well as the tomb. This church is cared for by the Roman Catholic Church and four Orthodox churches. The funny thing is that the key is held by an Arab Muslim family and has been for centuries.

Your national officers, the directors and I have begun discussing the possibility of a future pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The towns and places mentioned above are just some of the sights one sees on such a trip. No planning has begun, so no details are available; but if you think you might be interested, send me a short e-mail (sgosnell@archbalt.org) to that effect, and I will start keeping a list of interested persons. Until next time, may God bless you and yours; and please know that you are in my prayers.

Rev. Stephen D. Gosnell, KHS
National Chaplain
Baltimore, Maryland
A Noble Treason
The Story of Sophie Scholl and the White Rose Revolt Against Hitler - Richard Hanser

Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans were handsome, bright university students in 1942 Germany. As members of the Hitler Youth, they had once been enthusiastic supporters of the German renewal promised by National Socialism. But as their realization of Nazi barbarism grew, so did their moral outrage. This book tells the heroic true story of their underground group at the University of Munich, The White Rose, that instigated, organized, and carried out the first overt resistance to Hitler’s regime, and the ultimate price they paid for their courageous witness. Illustrated.

“This enthralling book recounts in dramatic detail the conspiracy of the White Rose, and the unimaginably brave effort by the Scholls and their friends. A story that must never be forgotten.”
— James Hitchcock, St. Louis University

The Seven Big Myths About the Catholic Church
Distinguishing Fact from Fiction about Catholicism - Christopher Kaczor

The Catholic Church has long been the target of suspicion and hostility. But how much is based on ignorance and prejudice, and how much is the fruit of thoughtful consideration of the facts? Without excusing any wrongdoing, professor Kaczor separates fact from fiction and clarifies official Catholic teaching, demonstrating that much popular opinion about Catholicism is based on misunderstanding and misinformation. No one book can answer everyone’s questions about Catholicism, but this work effectively examines seven of the most controversial and common myths about the Catholic Church.

“Essential reading for the new evangelization.”
— Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles

“This book is myth-busting at its best about the things that matter most. Kaczor knows what he’s talking about—and so will you.”
— Patrick Coffin, Host, Catholic Answers Live

www.ignatius.com
P.O. Box 1339, Ft. Collins, CO 80522
1 (800) 651-1531

The Price to Pay - A Muslim Risks All to Follow Christ - Joseph Fadelle

During his military service, Muhammad (Fadelle), a young Muslim Iraqi from a leading Shiite family, discovers that his roommate is a Christian. Muhammad tries to convert his roommate, but he is the one who is converted. This is the incredible true story of Joseph Fadelle’s conversion to Catholicism, and how he risks everything—family, friends, inheritance, home, and his life—in order to follow Christ. In a dramatic and personal narrative style, Fadelle reveals the horrible persecution that he endured, even attempted murder from his own family, and the great sufferings endured by Christians living in a violent and hostile Muslim world.

“A spiritual meditation wrapped in a captivating thriller. Shows what it truly means to abandon everything for the Gospel. This book will transform your view of the Christian life.”
— Jay Richards, Author,
Indivisible: Restoring Faith, Family & Freedom

History of the Catholic Church - From the Apostolic Age to the Third Millennium - James Hitchcock

The history of the Catholic Church is long, complicated, and fascinating, and it is expertly and ably told by historian James Hitchcock, a professor of History for 30 years at St. Louis University. He brings before us the many characters — some noble, some notorious — who have left an indelible mark on Christianity, while never losing sight of the saints, who have given living testimony to the salvific power of Christ in every age. The teachings and redemptive works of Jesus as told in the Gospels are expressed by the Church in a coherent and consistent body of doctrine which cannot be found in any other Christian body. This ambitious work is comprehensive in its scope and incisive in its understanding, a valuable book for any lover of history.

“A masterwork: exhilarating in scope and a joy to read. An unforgettable account of the fullness and drama of the Christian story.”
— Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

Christianity, Islam and Atheism - The Struggle for the Soul of the West - William Kilpatrick
Kilpatrick (author, Psychological Seduction) presents a compelling case that Islam is a religion of conquest and subjugation, and that, in spite of 9/11 and thousands of other terrorist attacks around the world, many Western people still do not admit this truth because it conflicts with their belief in multiculturalism and its insistence on the equivalence of all religions. To meet the challenge from Islam, Christians need to know more about the striking differences between Islam and Christianity. While challenging both the multicultural and common-ground approaches, Kilpatrick also exposes the role played by atheists and secularists in advancing Islam’s totalitarian agenda. The civil liberties that Americans enjoy are the fruit of Christian civilization, Kilpatrick shows, and only a strong and vibrant Christianity will be able to defend them against a resurgent Islam.

“This book summons Christians to awaken their love for the true Jesus Christ of the Gospel, to learn sober truth about Christianity and Islam, and live their faith courageously in the face of Muslim aggression.”
— Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Host, EWTN Live

A Noble Treason
Sewn Hardcover, $17.95

The Seven Big Myths
Sewn Softcover, $17.95

Indivisible
Sewn Hardcover, $19.95

The Price to Pay
Sewn Hardcover, $29.95

Christianity, Islam and Atheism
Sewn Hardcover, $24.95

History of the Catholic Church
Sewn Hardcover, $19.95

www.ignatius.com
P.O. Box 1339, Ft. Collins, CO 80522
1 (800) 651-1531
Leadership is everyone’s responsibility

Become the Leader You Are Meant to Be

By Helene Shepard
First Vice National Regent

Leadership is not only for leaders, it is for everyone.

Therefore, read on, because this article is for you.

As Catholic Daughters in a local court, whether you are an officer or a member, you have the responsibility to exercise your leadership qualities. Do you want to develop the qualities and skills of a leader? This article will list some goals for leadership that you can set to help you.

I will inspire through example: Leadership is defined by action. As a leader you must take charge and do what is best for you and for those around you. Leadership is not about what you can gain personally as much as it is how proper leadership can benefit others. Always be aware of the impression you make when you take action.

I will always take initiative rather than wait for an opportunity: A leader should act first and seize opportunities. Always think about the future and what you can do right now to make it better. While others wait, leaders are always looking for opportunities. Set a proactive example for everybody else.

I will act with integrity: Good leaders are proud of what they believe in and stand up for their values. They will not pretend to be different from their true selves in order to impress others. Work out what you value most and be proud of it.

I will always favor optimism over pessimism: A great leader must see the opportunities that are available even in times of crisis. When people are worried, they will be looking to you for inspiration. You must see the glass as half full to get the best out of yourself and the people you lead. This might be the most important example of these goals for leadership.

I will create a two-year plan: As a leader you should be trying to shape your own future and identify potential problems/opportunities before they occur. Having a plan that you follow can add to your confidence and leadership ability. Goal setting is mandatory.

---

National Regent’s Message

Continued from page 1

Your executive officers as well as National Director Ruth Guidry and Louisiana Catholic Daughters under the leadership of Joyce Stein were present with hammer and nails to assist in the building of a home in New Orleans through Habitat for Humanity. The members of Louisiana worked hard to raise the money for the house. They are truly a great example of women living and working in unity and with a charitable heart.

Thank you to all the states and local courts for sending me their newsletters by e-mail as well as printed copy. I certainly enjoyed reading them. They are very informative and I am amazed at the wonderful and fun things you are doing. Keep up the good work.

Thank you to the states, local courts and individuals who contributed so generously to our call for our donations to the Disaster Relief Fund after Superstorm Sandy. Your generosity will enable us to help monetarily the dioceses most affected. It is not too late to send in a donation. Remember that whatever you give you will get back a hundred fold.

State conventions are on the horizon. State officers are busy organizing these events. There are excellent opportunities for you to see the statewide picture of the workings of your courts. Please make the extra time to attend your state convention. You can learn much, experience great times and develop and rekindle friendships. I thank all the state regents for their kind invitations to attend many state conventions. Needless to say, I have not found a way to bi-locate. My prayers will be with you as you gather and plan for your future.

Blessings and happiness to all in this new year.

Peace, love, joy,
Anne Nelson
National Regent
Need a New Year's resolution to strengthen you during this Year of Faith?

Let us help.

Shop www.HCFMstore.org for products to nurture the faith of the family and fulfill our founder's vision that The Family That Prays Together Stays Together. Products available in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

Get a 50% discount on all products! Use discount code SHARE when shopping online.

Family Rosary • Family Theater Productions
518 Washington Street • North Easton, MA 02356-1200
www.FamilyRosary.org • www.HCFMstore.org
800-299-PRAY (7729)

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.
Visibility of the Poor

On a recent trip to San Francisco for my nephew’s wedding, I was struck by how many poor and homeless people there were on the streets. Some were lying on sidewalks, some were bent over with age, carrying bags of their only possessions, and some were scavenging in trash cans. Some, their eyes wild or numb, were lined up with frayed back packs, waiting for entrance to a shelter for the night. Some ventured into upscale Union Square, as if they, too, had every right to look into the glittery shop windows.

I see homeless people every day in Washington, D.C., but this seemed to be a veritable high tide of the needy. The visibility of the poor was disturbing, and I think that is how it should be for those who care. We are all God’s children, all loved by Him, and when some of us suffer all of us suffer. A dismal economy, drug abuse and despair have only exacerbated the plight of the needy. I was told that San Francisco is a Mecca for the homeless because of the generally temperate weather, an array of services such as homeless shelters and feeding centers and a city-wide attitude of acceptance and tolerance. In what other city would you have the Folsom Street Fetish Fair, which occurred while I was there and drew an estimated 400,000 people?

We have just celebrated the birth of Jesus, who came to bring hope and salvation to everyone, especially the poor. Jesus loved the poor, and He wants us to care about them as He did. By humbling Himself to be born in a stable and by selflessly dying for us on a cross, Jesus demonstrated from birth that He had no use for the earthly riches of a king; His way was to lead men and women to build up riches of the spirit and help others. It is not that He hated the rich, for He loves each of us, but rather that He knew how riches could corrupt the heart and soul. In the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16–21), Jesus tells the story of a rich man who had such plentiful yields from his fields that his barns could not hold his crops. Instead of giving away what he could not use to the poor, the unwise man tore down his barns to build bigger ones for storage – intending to “eat, drink and be merry” as the years went by. But we know what happened: God told the rich fool that he would die that night, and all of his treasures would be as nothing to him.

On Oct. 11, 2012, Pope Benedict proclaimed the Year of Faith, to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the release of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Church is a brightly shining beacon for all who find hope and joy in Jesus’ Gospel message, and the Year of Faith calls all of us to be especially mindful of the poor and needy. “What you know so well is that, when you reach out a hand to help others, you receive as much as you give – perhaps more,” said Catholic Relief Services President and CEO Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, in writing about the Year of Faith. She added, “When your hand is grasped by those in need, you feel their dignity, you feel their strength, you feel their resilience, you feel their humanity. You feel the presence of God.”

The Year of Faith calls for a renewed commitment to a closer relationship with Jesus, so that we will care more deeply about what He cared about. We are meant to be disturbed when we see a fellow member of the human family sitting on the street in rags, hungry and dirty. As Woo put it, “You proclaim the love of Christ when you feed hungry people, when you give shelter to our homeless brothers and sisters, and when you uplift those who are struggling.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta took Jesus’ Gospel message to reach out to the poor to heart. She was a living example in our own time of what it means to serve the needy. She said, “We show our love for God by putting our love for Him into living action through serving the poorest of the poor.” Mother Teresa saw each of us as a channel of loving service through which God uses our dedication and consecration to Him.

When I returned from San Francisco, I talked to a devout Christian friend about the number of poverty-stricken people I had seen on the city streets, and how disturbed I was by their plight. She said, “Maybe that’s the reason you were meant to go there.” I went for my nephew’s wedding, which was beautiful and joyful, with a handsome groom and a fairy tale bride. But maybe I was also meant to see the darker side of humanity, a world of hunger, addiction, desperation, mental illness, dirt, desolation and abuse of all kinds.

And so I say again: the poor are meant to be visible. For if we see them, our hearts will strongly prod us to reach out a hand to help them.
Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas,

Contributions from your National Headquarters office and many local councils have enabled Morality In Media to lead a vigorous national effort against pornography and indecency for 50 years. We’ve increased the pressure immensely in the past two years and are beginning to see the tide turn. We need your continued financial help and volunteer support. Please join us today at: grassroots@pornharms.com

Sincerely,

Patrick Trueman, President & CEO
1100 G Street NW #1030, Washington, DC 20005
Illinois Court Sponsors Supply Drive

Court Oregon #1337, Oregon, Illinois, sponsored a parish-wide school supply drive for those experiencing economic hardship. This was the first drive held by the court and the response from the parish community was very encouraging. The court was able to help clients of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and residents of a local domestic violence shelter, Hope House in nearby Rochelle, Illinois.

School supplies collected to help those in need.

Iowa Court Regent Leads Rosary Rally

Members of Court Our Lady of Fatima #1492, Manning, Iowa, joined a Public Square Rosary Rally in Manning City Park sponsored by “America Needs Fatima.” The event was captained by Carleen Schwieso, court regent. Many Catholic Daughters assisted and people from three communities joined the rally.

Attendees hold a sign at the Rosary Rally.
Louisiana Court Receives Right to Life League Award

Court Bishop Desmond #1459, Alexandria, Louisiana, was awarded third prize for the number of cans the court delivered to The Right to Life League. Left to right are Donna Domzaiski of the Right to Life League, Mary Gail Randall, regent, Mrs. Adam Bergeron of the Education Foundation, Rose Marie Francis and Helen Britain, treasurer. Saving cans for the Right to Life League gives money to a Catholic organization that supports life and at the same time improves the environment by removing waste from landfills, streets and highways.

Maryland Court Follows Christ’s Command to Feed His Sheep

Three teams from Court St. Joseph #2300, Eldersburg, Maryland, take turns each month preparing and serving at the FEED MY SHEEP soup kitchen in Eldersburg. In the photo, court members proudly display the CDA “Unity and Charity” banner.

Catholic Students Join Texas Court to Support Mexican Mission School

Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, Texas, invited students of Shiner Catholic Schools and the parish religious education program to support the Mission School in Juarez, Mexico, a Texas State Project. Together, they raised $1,000. Texas State Regent Carolyn Malik traveled to El Paso where she was met by Second Vice National Regent Olga Samaniego to present the $1,000 check to Brother Angel, Mission School administrator.

Left to right are an associate from Juarez Mission School; Maria Loya, Court Our Lady of the Desert #2236 in El Paso; Linda Aguirre, district deputy; Brother Angel; Carolyn Malik; Melodie Brunt, Texas state treasurer; and Olga Samaniego.
Colorado Court Hosts Mass for Graduates

Each year Court Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini #1544, Leadville, Colorado, hosts a Baccalaureate Mass and reception to honor graduating seniors. The Mass, a traditional celebration of academic achievement, accomplishment and aspiration, was held before commencement and open to all members of the graduating class, their parents and families. This year, the court was proud to host 22 of 54 graduating Lake County seniors.

Twenty-two Lake County graduates stand in front of Annunciation Church in Leadville after the Baccalaureate Mass and reception.

Louisiana Juniors Join Senior Court for Healthcare Center Visit

Members of Court St. Rose de Lima #1194, Duplessis, Louisiana, try to visit the Gonzales Healthcare Center on a quarterly basis to bring sugar-free desserts and help residents mark their cards for Bingo. This year the senior court members invited the newly instituted junior court to join them as a way of helping the younger Catholic Daughters discover the rewards of helping others.


Nebraska Court Awards $500 Scholarship

Court Mary Immaculate #2182, Omaha, Nebraska, awarded a $500 scholarship and photo album to eighth grade student Caitlin McFadden. The scholarship is to assist Caitlin with tuition to a Catholic High School. Regent Gail Mlinarik, right, presents the scholarship award to Caitlin.
Pennsylvania Court Announces Essay Contest Winners

Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson, Pennsylvania, presented awards to three winners of its annual Monsignor John Little Memorial Essay Contest for St. Aloysius’ CCD students. In the photo, left to right, are Regent Lucy Cogan, Abby Harvey, first place; Jacob Guzic, second place; Hunter Krug, third place; and Court Chaplain Rev. John D. Byrnes. Photo: Justin Eger.

Texas Court Honors National Education Contest Winners

Court St. Ann #369, Victoria, Texas, honored Tori Chapa of Nazareth Academy for winning Division I, third place, Art, and Alexandrea Corpuz of Our Lady of Victory for winning Division II, third place, Art, in the 2012 National Education Contest. Left to right are Sister Mary Jean Bludau of Nazareth Academy, Tori Chapa, Regent Kathy Ormsby, Sister Laura Toman of Our Lady of Victory and Alexandrea Corpuz.

New Junior Court Instituted in Virginia

Junior Court Our Lady of Perpetual Help #2206, Yorktown, Virginia, was instituted on October 20, 2012 following 5:00 PM Mass at St. Jerome parish. Eighteen girls and young women ages six to 16 registered for membership. Rev. Henry M. Diesta was installed as chaplain at the first meeting on November 10, 2012. The new juniors are Elodie Awate, Vanessa Awate, Katherine Curtis, Megan Curtis, Isabella Delzingaro, Jessica Eanes, Kayla Gangitano, Cathryn Hamed, Rachel Harned, Amelia Holt, Regina Klimchock, Alea Mickelberg, Nicole Rivera, Hannah Underwood, Alison Wells, Annika Wells, Faith Wells and Sara Wells. In the photo, Junior Court Chaplain Rev. Henry Diesta stands with members of the new junior court.
What Good Does a Year of Faith Do?

By Archbishop William E. Lori
Archdiocese of Baltimore

It is widely known that Pope Benedict XVI called the Church to observe a “Year of Faith” beginning on October 11, 2012.

This coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This Year of Faith will continue until the Solemnity of Christ the King in November 2013.

“Well and good,” someone said to me, “but what good does that do?” My interlocutor pressed his point. “Didn’t we have a ‘Year of the Family’ in the 1980’s? And what about the ‘Year of Priests’ in 2009?” He also recalled that Pope Paul VI had declared a Year of Faith in 1967. “Did any of those make any difference?” he insisted. His down-to-earth questions prompted me to reflect a little more on the purpose of having a Year of Faith and on why we should observe it wholeheartedly.

So, sitting in chapel, I asked for the grace to reflect on the real opportunities that the Year of Faith presents to all of us. One of the first things that occurred to me is that a Year of Faith is not a gimmick. No one, least of all the Holy Father, imagines the Year of Faith as a clever way to market and sell the faith to those who are no longer convinced of either its truth or its importance. And no one really imagines that a Year of Faith will eradicate decades of skepticism, doubt, unbelief and indifference.

As I reflected, I returned to the idea that the Year of Faith takes place during an important anniversary year, the 50th of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. If my persistent interlocutor were here, he’d say, “Well, not everyone’s pleased with what happened after the Second Vatican Council. Maybe it’s just as well to leave well enough alone.” Were he to say this, he’d no doubt reflect what more than a few people are thinking. But is that the right way to look at things?

History teaches that it’s not uncommon for there to be a period of upheaval in the wake of an ecumenical council and the years following the council seem to illustrate that general rule. Yet, as Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict have taught us, we should be deeply grateful for the Second Vatican Council and for the Catechism of the Catholic Church, both of which brim with the truth and beauty of the faith even as they help us look to what lies ahead. And, by the way, is joy not a fruit of the Holy Spirit? If we continue to open our hearts to the faith in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will indeed experience joy – as individuals and as a community of faith.

So let’s return to the question of how to celebrate this anniversary. Let’s consider this question in the context of wedding anniversaries. A married man once complained to me that he had gone to great lengths to plan a nice anniversary for his wife in hopes of improving his marriage, to no avail. I suggested that it wasn’t his plans and gifts that would make his marriage better. What was needed was a meeting of minds and hearts – his and his wife’s. I suggested they needed to pray together; to make a good confession; to talk over what was going right and where things were going wrong, and then, to resolve to begin again. I knew from other happily married couples that these faithful practices are “secrets” to a happy Catholic marriage.

Lest we forget, this isn’t a column about how to celebrate a marriage anniversary (though it could be). No, it’s about the Year of Faith. It’s about what good a Year of Faith will do for us, for our parishes and for our archdiocese. And it will do a lot of good if, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we use it well. It won’t be our plans and programs that will carry the day, but our openness to the Holy Spirit who leads us to the truth of Christ as it comes to us through Scripture, the teachings of the Church and our life of worship. It is the same Holy Spirit who pours into our hearts the love of God which binds us together as a Church – one Lord, one faith, one baptism. And it is our oneness of faith, hope and charity which
makes the Gospel in every age alive and vibrant and, we pray, attractive to those who have no faith, as well as to those who are hostile or indifferent to it. Like a well-observed wedding anniversary, the Year of Faith is a time for a renewed meeting of minds and hearts around that which is utterly fundamental in our lives of faith. It is a time for a new beginning that will take us to new heights of holiness and evangelization.

May God bless us and keep us in His truth and love.

Archbishop William E. Lori is the 16th Archbishop of Baltimore. This article is reprinted and adapted with permission. Copyright © 2012, the Catholic Review (www.CatholicReview.org).
Holy Cross Family Ministries is one of the Catholic Daughters’ five National Projects and has always been very special to members. At the recent Biennial National Convention in Omaha, the Catholic Daughters presented a check for $31,000 to Holy Cross Family Ministries to help the organization continue its prayer-enhancing work.

That work is summarized by Holy Cross Family Ministries Director of External Relations Susan Wallace: “Holy Cross Family Ministries continues the mission of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, by bringing families together in prayer. We reach families through face-to-face events, as well as through the media – television, radio, internet and billboards. We work to fulfill Father Peyton’s now-famous words and vision: ‘The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.’ ”

Susan, who oversees marketing and public relations, left the Ocean Spray Cranberries company 12 years ago so she could work in a job that allowed her to more fully express her Catholic faith. She found Holy Cross Family Ministries was the right fit for her.

“Holy Cross provided me with the perfect opportunity,” Susan explains. “I left a job I loved in the corporate sector for this position where I could combine my professional skills and my faith in a concrete way,” Susan explains. “Holy Cross Family Ministries is the right fit for me.”

When asked why Holy Cross Family Ministries advertises in Share, Susan said, “First, the Catholic Daughters have a long-standing relationship with our ministry. Second, the Catholic Daughters are women of faith who consistently bring their families together in prayer, and we want to support their efforts.”

And it really is a two-way street. When accepting the check from the Catholic Daughters at the Biennial Convention, Beth Mahoney said that she was having dinner with the convention’s Massachusetts delegation (Holy Cross Family Ministries is in North Easton, Massachusetts) that evening and would become a Catholic Daughter.

“Advertising in Share is very important to our advertising efforts,” Susan continued. “We know the Daughters will not only use our products, but also help us spread devotion to the Rosary. This is so important! We see an immediate ‘lift’ whenever we place an advertisement in Share. Our customer service folks notice it each time and let me know…”it is always very encouraging to see such a quick response.”

Susan adds, “All of us at Holy Cross Family Ministries are grateful for the Catholic Daughters’ philanthropic support, your prayer support, your support of our products, and for our ongoing friendships and collaboration. Thank you, from the bottom of my, and our, hearts.”
about MAMI during the conference. MAMI is located in the same area as Our Lady of the Snows where the State Officers’ Conference is held every other year.

You’re in for a treat at next year’s State Officers’ Conference, when, at the request of National Regent Anne Nelson, Mark will lead a tour of area churches, with which he is very familiar.

Mark, who is responsible for the writing, donor selection, advertising and donor services functions, is on his “second stint” at MAMI, having worked there from 2000-2002 and having returned in 2008. Mark was motivated to work for MAMI because “First, I’m inspired by the Oblates themselves. They serve the people of God in so many ways – from parish and retreat ministry to feeding and clothing some of the poorest people in the world. Second, I love the challenge of communicating the message of the Oblates to their many friends, motivating them to share in the ministries of the Oblates through their prayers and donations.”

Mark also teaches classes at Saint Louis University. Previously, he worked in city government in the St. Louis area and as executive director of a small neighborhood organization.

Kathy joined MAMI four years ago because “I wanted to work close to home and to my young son who was in day care. This has been a godsend of a job. I am less stressed and work just 40 hours a week. I have the best co-workers. They make it a great place to work. It makes me feel good that I am giving back to this world by fund-raising for poor and needy people that the Oblates minister to, that I have a hand in helping them.”

Previously, Kathy was working in marketing communications at a large worldwide chemical company in St. Louis, Missouri.

When asked why MAMI has advertised in Share for so long, Mark said, “I wasn’t here when MAMI first started to advertise in Share, but we’ve continued our relationship because of our compatibility with the mission and spirit of the Catholic Daughters. We’re both committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action.”

Kathy adds, “Since I’ve only been here four years, I don’t know the specifics of why MAMI advertised in Share, but I would guess that it was because your readers are Catholic, devotional women. These great Catholic Daughter attributes fit the profile of our wonderful donors.”

Mark and Kathy are grateful for the encouragement of the Catholic Daughters. Speaking for both, Mark said, “Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate – and thank you for the wonderful work you do for God and the Church.”
Do you remember that special teacher in past years who went that extra mile for you, the one who wouldn’t let you quit?

Or do you remember the family member who belonged to that funny organization (the daughters or something), who practically sat on you to enter a contest? Not to mention the fact that you won something and everyone made a special deal out of it. You didn’t want to admit it back then, but you were so proud of yourself. Grandma would say, like a “puffed up bullfrog.”

That is what our Catholic Daughters Education Contests and Scholarships are about: getting involved and helping those students in both public and private schools. Education has been a part of our Circle of Love Program and, before that, Heart Speaks to Heart Program, in the Catholic Daughters. That is what we as women do best: teach and mentor children.

We offer Education Contest Programs, grades 4 to 12, in Art, Computer Art, Essay, and Poetry. Additionally, we offer contests in Music and Photography for students in grades 6-12. We have added an Adult Contest for our own members. We also have a Scholarship Program for graduate students. We commend our courts for getting involved and hope more courts will make this a part of their program for the 2013 school year.

Are you one of those “puffed up bullfrogs” out there, or maybe you want to be? Get busy! Volunteer to be the education chairman for this coming 2013 school year. You will be so grateful you did. When you see the faces of the winners, you will be one of those “puffed up bullfrogs.”

Have You Moved? Is Your Mailing Label Incorrect?
If so, please notify your court’s financial secretary and the CDA National Headquarters. Send the mailing label showing your old address along with your new address to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 West 71st St., New York, N.Y. 10023

DID YOU KNOW that the cost for every Share Magazine that is returned to us due to an incorrect address is $.94 (.50 return postage due plus an additional .44 to find out what the correct address is)? It is imperative that all changes of address are sent to us when they occur. If you are a snowbird, perhaps you could ask your local post office to hold the Share magazine along with all your other periodical mail for your return.

This would save CDA more than $4,100.00 per year.

Name __________________________ Address __________________________
City __________________________ State _______ Zip _______

Attach mailing label here.
Let us sit at the feet of Jesus

Celebrating the Year of Faith

By Olga Samaniego
Second Vice National Regent

What a gift we have been given. Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed a Year of Faith beginning on October 11, 2012, and concluding on November 24, 2013, the feast of Christ the King.

While all the work CDA undertakes for the people of God is important and cannot be set aside, I hope that the leadership of each court is making a special effort to encourage their members to take time to reflect, to pray, and to come closer to God. Pope Benedict has invited us all to take a short rest from being Martha in order to embrace being Mary and to sit for a while at the feet of Jesus. Faith is a miraculous gift, but it is given to human beings who are in many ways fragile and vulnerable.

When we face hardships, tragedies, or even just the busyness of everyday life, that gift of faith can be overcome by fear, anxiety, and sometimes even bitterness. It can get to the point where a woman feels that her faith is dead. The truth is that God never leaves us. If we give Him access, He will reenergize and reignite the embers of that fire of faith that once burned brightly. This proclamation by our Holy Father calls us to open the doors of our heart to allow God to begin His work of renewal and rebirth. It is not too late to begin celebrating the Year of Faith. God will do all the work; we just need to give Him permission to get started.

Life is busy, but we can all find little unexpected times during the day when we can turn our hearts to God. We can pray while we’re driving, or running errands, or while waiting in line. We might even turn off the TV or the computer for an hour each night so that we can spend time with the Scriptures. I hope each Spiritual Enhancement Chairman will find a way to somehow incorporate the study of Scripture into the life of the court. It might be that you ask your spiritual advisor to give a series of talks on a particular theme. Maybe you can choose a particular passage for members to study, and maybe they can share their reflections with the court. However you do it, the study of Scripture is vital to this year of faith. St. Paul tells us in Romans 10:17, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” Hearing the word of God builds our faith. That’s why we are encouraged to attend Mass as frequently as possible so that we can be nourished by the Eucharist and by the Word. By embracing the Eucharist and the Bible, this year will be a powerful year for CDA and for each one of us. 😊

Getting the Marriage Conversation Right: A Guide for Effective Dialogue teaches you how to promote and defend traditional marriage in non-religious terms. It’s a great “how to” guide to answer those tough questions you’ve struggled with. Author William B. May shows you how to navigate the pitfalls and avoid making this a gay vs. Christian issue. May brings into the legal definition of marriage the rights of children, and provides sensible guidelines on how to avoid common traps that hinder communications for advocating public policy about marriage.
New Jersey Court Celebrates 95 Years

Court St. Mary of the Lake #310, Lakewood, New Jersey, marked its 95th anniversary with Mass celebrated by Chaplain Rev. Michael O’Connor followed by a luncheon at the Lakewood Country Club. Sister Mary Cordis of Georgian Court University presented an informative talk on Mary. Those attending included visiting members from state and local courts.

Catholic Daughter members, officers and Knights of Columbus join Rev. Michael O’Connor (in white) outside the parish during the court’s 95th anniversary celebration.

Texas Court Celebrates 99th Anniversary

Members of Court Louise #209, Fort Worth, Texas, celebrated their 99th anniversary by honoring outgoing and incoming officers during a luncheon at The Woman’s Club in Fort Worth. Special guests were Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of the Fort Worth Diocese and five Sisters of St. Mary of Namur in Belgium. In the photo, left to right, are Sister Rosemary Stanton, Sister Bernice Knapek, Sister Francesca Walterscheid, Bishop Vann and Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann. Not pictured, but attending, was Sister Louise Smith, archivist for the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur.

Vermont Court Holds Dual Celebration

Court St. Anne #1069 in Springfield, Vermont, celebrated a combined National Catholic Daughters Day and 85th anniversary on Sunday, October 21 at St. Mary’s Church in Springfield. Members attended Mass in the morning and a reception for the women of the parish in the afternoon. The reception included a short history of the National and Vermont State Catholic Daughters as well as local Court St. Anne history. Books of early meeting minutes and decades of scrapbooks containing newspaper articles and photos chronicling the work and activities of Court St. Anne were on display. The reception concluded with a description of a typical monthly meeting.

In front of their court charter, front row, left to right, are Treasurer Jane Kelly and Financial Secretary Margaret Nickerson. Back row, Ann Shevenell, Vice Regent Deb Schulze, National Director Margaret Bingham and Mary-Jane Roberts.
Free cleft surgery which takes as little as 45 minutes and costs as little as $250, can give desperate children not just a new smile—but a new life.

“...one of the most productive charities—dollar for deed—in the world.”
—The New York Times

Your support can provide free treatment for poor children with clefts.

☐ $250 Surgery. ☐ $125 Half surgery. ☐ $ 50 Medications. ☐ $

Mr./Mrs.-Ma., ________________ Zip ________________
Address ____________________________________________ State ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________ eMail ____________________________
Credit Card # ____________________________ Expires ________________
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover Signature ____________________________
☐ My check is enclosed.

Smile Train, P.O. Box 96211, Washington, DC 20090-6211

Donate online: www.smiletrain.org or call: 1-800-932-9541

According to the U.S. Government, women should take sufficient levels of folic acid (400 micrograms/day) during pregnancy to help prevent neural tube defects and reduce the risk for cleft lip and palate. When folic acid is taken one month before conception and throughout the first trimester, it has been proven to reduce the risk for neural tube defects by 50 to 70 per cent. Be sure to receive proper prenatal care, quit smoking and drinking alcohol and follow your health care provider’s guidelines for foods to avoid during pregnancy. Foods to avoid may include raw or undercooked seafood, beef, pork or poultry; delicatessen meats; fish that contain high levels of mercury; smoked seafood; fish exposed to industrial pollutants; raw shellfish or eggs; soft cheeses; unpasteurized milk; pâté; caffeine; and unwashed vegetables. For more information, visit www.SmileTrain.org. Smile Train is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit recognized by the IRS, and all donations to Smile Train are tax-deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. © 2013 Smile Train.
Arizona Institutes New Court

Arizona State Regent Susan Moné instituted Court Daughters of St. Anthony #2651, Casa Grande, Arizona, with 52 charter members. A Mass at St. Anthony’s Church was celebrated by Rev. John Arnold, pastor, assisted by Deacon Robert Rupno, who was installed as court chaplain. Father John had appointed a team of women to study several women’s organizations to decide which would be best for the parish and the team chose the Catholic Daughters. At the reception that followed, Susan presented the new court with a special statue of St. Anthony. The statue had belonged to Susan’s uncle who was a priest for 65 years and was supported by the Catholic Daughters.

New York Court Holds Annual Tea Social

Members of Court Of The Assumption #690, Maybrook, New York, recently held their annual Tea Social. All the women, including teens, were invited to share fellowship while recapturing the Victorian days of the 1800s. Hats were optional. Tea sandwiches, scones, and cookies were prepared by members and enjoyed by all. In the photo are court members Doris Mowen and Cecile Coburn.

Guam Court Contributes to Seminary

Court Maria Rainan Y Familia #2450, Tamuning, Guam, visited Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Guam to present a financial donation. In the photo, left to right, are Dora Salazar, Toni Castro, Terri Cruz, Patricia Bora, regent, Vice Rector Rev. Julio Cesar Sanchez (accepting the check), Carmen Kasperbauer, Lourdes Camacho and Terri Swift. Standing in back is Sue Jayasuriya, seminary administrator.

Crowning of Mary in Iowa

Court Queenship of Mary #1806, Waucoma, Iowa, celebrated its 17th annual Crowning of Mary at St. Mary’s Church in Waucoma. Participating in the Liturgy were Iowa State Regent Rose Holschlag, CDA members, and seniors and first communicants of 2012. Rev. Marvin C. Salz, court chaplain, celebrated the Mass. Catherine Balk has been chairman of the May Crowning Liturgy for 17 years.
Courts in Louisiana Honor Catholic Daughters Day

City-Parish President of Lafayette, Louisiana, L.J. “Joey” Durel, Jr. proclaimed Sunday, October 21, 2012 as “Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.” The four courts in Lafayette celebrated the announcement: Court Immaculata #503; Court Alice Boucher #1537; Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1613; and Court St. Jules #1997. In the photo, left to right, are Cheryl Luke, regent of Court Immaculata; Susan Durio, regent of Court Alice Boucher; Mrs. Thelma LeMaire, district deputy; Joey Durel, holding the proclamation; Margo Millett, district deputy; and Fran Patton, regent of Court St. Jules. Not pictured: Aldine Doucette, regent of Court Our Lady of the Rosary.

New Court Instituted in Louisiana

A Mass of Institution for Court St. Martin de Porres #2659, Lake Charles, was held at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Court Our Lady Queen of Heaven #1785, Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the mother court. The court served as honor guard and provided the CDA banner for the new court. Rev. Keith Pellerin, pastor at St. Martin de Porres Church, is court chaplain. Following the Mass, Court Our Lady Queen of Heaven hosted a reception with cake and refreshments.

New York Court Members Visit Kateri Shrine

Court Mother Admirable #592, Dannemora, New York, sponsored a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The trip was organized by court member Bertha Pombrio. The day began with an 11:30 AM Blessed Kateri Memorial Mass at the Coliseum at Our Lady of Martyrs and ended with a visit to the National Kateri Shrine in Fonda, New York. Blessed Kateri was canonized in Rome by Pope Benedict on October 21, 2012.

Pilgrims stand outside the National Kateri Shrine.
Texas Court Celebrates National Catholic Daughters Day

Court Regina Coeli #1959, Houston, Texas, celebrated National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day with a Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church followed by a light brunch served to members and their spouses at the parish center. Once a month, the court gathers in prayer to celebrate Corporate Communion Mass to honor both living and deceased members.

Early to right, are Delia Flores, Charlene Gwodz, treasurer, Connie Garcia, vice regent, Margaret Simon and Delores Hagan. Second row, Marguerite Mikeska, Dorothy Mikes, Seraphine Kolar, Eva Silva, Cecilia Patlovany, Lisa Morris, financial secretary, Louise Musachia, Laly Sarabia, Ruth Silva, Alice Rincon, Edith Pearson, Celia Herrera, Virginia Garza, Mary Reed, regent and Aurora Gallardo.

Texas Court Holds Prayer Blessing Ceremony

Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282, La Grange, Texas, held a prayer blessing ceremony before its September 10th meeting. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Dan Kahlich. In the photo, front, left to right, are Father Kahlich, Verlene Kuntschik, Mary Muras, Joyce Muras, Alice Zezula, Mary Jane Muras, Sherry Dittrich, Margaret Hoffman, Lori Kallus and Lillian Kallus. Back, Clara Smith, Brenda Fietsam, Pat Richter, Dorothy Holub and Margaret Berton.

New Jersey Court Donates to Covenant House

Court St. Bonaventure #1656, Lavallette, New Jersey, welcomed Jasmine Carlisle, a representative from Covenant House in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Regent Judy Gardella presented a check on behalf of the court to Ms. Carlisle. There was a display of bed linens and clothing. Covenant House, a haven for homeless and runaway teenagers, is one of the Catholic Daughter National Charities.

Left to right are Vice Regent Ruth Delayo, Regent Judy Gardella and Covenant House representative Jasmine Carlisle. Photo: Joan Romano.

Smile Train Launches New Campaign

Smile Train recently announced the launch of a new campaign entitled “A Season of Smiles.” The campaign will offer more opportunities for giving children born with a cleft palate the chance to live a full, happy, and productive life. The campaign, which began in 1999, is intended to help Smile Train reach its goal of providing 1,000,000 smiles. The Catholic Daughters have been very generous to Smile Train, one of the national projects. In the photo is Smile Train Executive Director Priscilla Ma in India with twin girls who had their clefts repaired by Smile Train’s partner surgeons in India.
As we become older, health care issues take on a new importance, especially when we realize a health care crisis could result in the need for long term care. Almost everyone would prefer to receive care at home, or in an assisted care facility, rather than having to go into a nursing home.

Now, with proper protection from this recommended Long Term Care Insurance Plan, you could have coverage that may provide an alternative to entering a nursing home, or at least shorten your stay.

Whether you are looking ahead for coverage for yourself or for a family member, doesn't it make sense to explore the wide range of options available to Catholic Daughters and their families under this long term care insurance underwritten by General Electric Capital Assurance Company (in New York, GE Capital Life Assurance Company of New York).

**ACT TODAY!**

Since your acceptance for the coverage is based on your health when you apply, the better your health now, the better your chance of being accepted. A future health condition could make you ineligible at a time when you really need the protection.

Your rates are based on your attained age at time of application and will not increase because of your age or any changes to your health (however, General Electric Capital Assurance Company reserves the right to change premiums based on class and state). So why wait when you can apply now!

To receive complete information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas-recommended Long Term Care Insurance Plan for you or a loved one, return the coupon below. A licensed GE Capital Assurance representative will contact you. The Catholic Daughters organization is reimbursed for its services necessary for the program which is strictly used for the benefit of their membership. This ad is filed pending approval in the following states: CA, FL, LA, MI, MT, NC, OK, TX.

---

Name

Address

City/State/ZIP

Telephone Number (_______)

Your Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Yr)

Spouse's Name (if applicable)

Spouse's Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Yr)

MAIL TO: Catholic Daughters Insurance Plan Administrator, 14325 Willard Road, Suite 203, Chantilly, VA 20151-2199
California Court Celebrates Priest’s Ordination

Court San Luis Obispo #1162, San Luis Obispo, California, honored newly ordained Rev. Joshua Clifton with a reception attended by more than 400 people on Saturday, May 19. Father Joshua was born and raised in San Luis Obispo. Left to right, are Nancy Doody, Christine LaBuda, Regent Rose Amaral, Father Clifton, Amy Baptiste, Linda Hall and Cari Keane.

California Court Installs Officers and Receives New Members

Court St. Malachy #2360, Tehachapi, California, received 13 new members and installed new officers on Saturday, July 21, 2012. Left to right are Financial Secretary Cathy Hardy, Treasurer Mary Runyan, Recording Secretary Donna Hansen, Regent Maria Russell, Vice Regent Julie Buchanan and District Deputy Linda Alanso. Court Chaplain Rev. Michael Cox stands in back.

Illinois Court Installs New Officers

Court Our Lady of Fatima #2555, Pawnee, Illinois, installed new officers on June 19, 2012. From left to right are Treasurer Monica Keran, Secretary Margaret Teodori, Regent Bonnie Wagner, Vice Regent Doris Morehouse, Financial Secretary Marilyn Fitzpatrick and District Deputy Della Santos.
Speaker Attracts Record Attendance at Iowa Court Meeting

Court St. Rose of Lima #6, Carroll, Iowa, had a record attendance of 93 women from Carroll and 10 surrounding towns at its September 6th meeting. The special occasion was a presentation by Sister Myra Weitl of the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Myra shared stories of tutoring grade school students at the EXCEL Learning Center in Calhoun City, Mississippi, where she taught for 17 years.

Left to right, are Pat Sanders, Sister Myra and Twilla Hoffman.

Nebraska Court’s Prayers Answered

Jeanne Gatz of Court Mary Immaculate #2182, Omaha, Nebraska, stands with her husband, Dr. Edward Gatz, behind a poster of the 2009 canonization of St. Jeanne Jugan of the Little Sisters of the Poor which took place at the Vatican in Rome. Jeanne and others prayed to Blessed Jean Jugan that her husband would be cured of cancer of the esophagus. Dr. Gatz was miraculously cured, which influenced Blessed Jeanne’s canonization. Jeanne and her husband spoke to the court about their “indescribable experience during the process.”

Texas Court Receives 19 New Members

Court Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268, Ennis, Texas, received 19 new members in a ceremony that included a formal procession, spiritual readings and inspirational songs. Inductees were encouraged “to be all that they could be as Catholic Daughters” and then took their solemn CDA pledge. The new members are Kim Brazier, Catherine Falkenbach, Vicki Fisher, Janet Graham, Maggie Holy, Sharon Hughes, Regina Jurik, Marcy Krieger, Diane Liska, Jeannie Liska, Theresa Martinez, Lorane Marusak, Willy Matus, Patty Miller, Patsy Spaniel, Ginny Svehlak, Billie Tay, Dolores Vrana and Karen Waedekin. This brings the court membership to 178 members.

New members hold their white roses during the ceremony.
Washington Court Receives Eight New Members During Officer Installation

Court St. Rita #957, Everett, Washington, received eight new members during their Installation of Officers, bringing the court’s membership to 77. Mass was celebrated by Chaplain Rev. Hans Olson, while the ceremonies were conducted by Washington State District Deputies Marge Pool and Joan Szalda.

New members, standing, front row, left to right, are Roxanna Ellenwood, Anna Park, Grace Alsterberg, Evelyn Corcoran, Dolores Geary, Lori McCabe and Stacie Hutchins. Not pictured is new member Carmen Ortiz.

Arizona Catholic Daughter Celebrates 90th Birthday

Joyce Hubacek of Court Queen of Peace #2359, Green Valley, Arizona, celebrated her 90th birthday on September 14, 2012. She was honored at a court meeting and presented with a Catholic Daughters birthday cake.

Holding her birthday cake, Joyce, center is joined by Arizona First Vice State Regent Maureen O’Reilly-O’Shea and court officers Cathy Brassell, Bette Acitelli and JudyAnn Keller.

California Catholic Daughter Celebrates 99th Birthday

When Lillian Eckerman of Court San Luis Obispo #1162, San Luis Obispo, California, joined the Catholic Daughters on February 1, 1939 she probably didn’t imagine that 73 years later she would be celebrating her 99th birthday with her court. At the birthday party, seated, left to right, are Elsa Jerusalem, Trudy Nungaray, Lillian Eckerman and Regent Rose Amaral. Standing is Newsletter Editor Cari Keane.
People

**Share Editor Publishes in Guideposts Collection**

*Share* editor Peggy Eastman has a short story in a new book by the editors of *Guideposts* magazine. The book, *A Joyful Heart: Experiencing the Light of God’s Love*, is a collection of stories that celebrate the lighter, joyful side of life. It is part of *Guideposts*’ Heavenly Humor Collection.

Peggy’s story, “Bus Trouble,” which appears on page 24, describes the kindness of two strangers who picked up her apples on a bus when they fell out of her shopping bag and rolled around on the floor of the bus like miniature bowling balls.

**Maryland Catholic Daughter Celebrates Centennial Birthday**

Mabel Smouse of Court Oakland #2209, Oakland, Maryland, celebrated her hundredth birthday on July 25, 2012. A Catholic Daughter for 32 years, Mabel has been consistently active in the Maryland court and at local events.

**New Jersey Catholic Daughter Honored for 75 Years of Service**

Beatrice Murday-Menard of Court St. Elizabeth #1486, Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey, celebrated her 75th anniversary as a Catholic Daughter. She has been very active, teaching CCD at St. Elizabeth’s, celebrating “Birthday Month” at Geraldine Thompson Home in Allenwood and making monthly visits to Liberty Nursing Home in Tinton Falls, where she leads the Rosary and they sing familiar hymns. Beatrice also feeds the hungry, acquires toys and clothing for the needy and does numerous other charitable works.

**Michigan Daughter Celebrates 100th Birthday**

Josephine Lasser, a 50-year member of Court Muskegon #599, Muskegon, Michigan, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 11, 2012.

**New York Catholic Daughter Celebrates 99 Years**

Florence Hubert of Court Father Raphael #1542, Callicoon, New York, celebrated her 99th birthday this year. Florence is a charter member of the court, which was formed 62 years ago.

**New York Catholic Daughter Celebrates 95th Birthday**

More than 60 years ago Irene Bilow chartered a Catholic Daughter court in Deposit, New York. She is still an active member of Court of the Holy Family #1498 in Deposit, which has 28 members. Recently she celebrated her 95th birthday.
New York Catholic Daughter Honored for 75 Years in CDA

Elizabeth Reed of Court Patricia #195, Newburgh, New York, was presented with a plaque from her court honoring her 75 years of service and dedication to the Catholic Daughters. Elizabeth, who joined the Catholic Daughters in 1937 at the age of 21, recently celebrated her 96th birthday.

Front row, left to right, are Helene Kerin, vice regent; Elizabeth Reed; and Pat Mack, recording secretary. Back row, Donna Brown, financial secretary; Michelle Jannotti, treasurer; and Katherine Valenzano, regent.

New York Catholic Daughter Celebrates 100th Birthday

On September 4, 2012, Court St. Anne #1077, Stewart Manor, New York, celebrated Ann Colraine’s 100th birthday. First Vice Regent Lynn Stout, Chaplain Rev. Rudy Persongco and District Deputy Sandy Leonard joined in the celebration as Ann was given flowers and a special birthday cake. Monsignor Tom Harroll, pastor of St. Anne’s Church in Garden City, New York, and Bob MacStoker, a longtime friend of the court, was also present to help the Catholic Daughters wish Ann a very happy birthday.


Texas Catholic Daughter Celebrates 95th Birthday

Allene Boyle, founding member of Court Lady of the Desert #2236, El Paso, Texas, celebrated her 95th birthday with her seven children, 14 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and friends on July 14, 2012 at St. Raphael’s Parish in El Paso. In her 27 years as a Catholic Daughter, Allene was vice regent and received many volunteer awards including the Society of Military Widows Volunteer of the Year, El Paso’s Unsung Heroines, the Older El Pasoans Hall of Fame and El Paso’s Coalition.

Allene Boyle, with the El Paso Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, who honored her on her 95th birthday.
Texas Court Honors Five Long-lived Members

Court Annunciation #1962, LaGrange, Texas, recognized five members who had reached the age of 100 and beyond. They were thanked for their many years of dedication to the court’s programs and projects. In the photo, left to right, are Marie Luecke, 102; Lillie Sulak, 100; Anna Janssen, 100; and Albina Hubel, 104. In the second photo is Lucille Rideout, 100, who was unable to be with the group when the first photo was taken. The photo was taken on Lucille’s birthday.

Texas Catholic Daughter Receives Charter Pin

On May 9, 2012, members of Court Anna Poth #1178 Poth, Texas, presented a charter pin to Alfreda Poth. Alfreda was received into Court St. Genevieve, Falls City, Texas, on May 18, 1930. She transferred to Court Anna Poth on April 9, 1931. A retired school teacher, Alfreda is 102 years of age.

Left to right are Ruth Vontur, Vice Regent Joyce Labus, Financial Secretary Beverly Brown, Lucy Garza and Regent Gerri Garza. Kneeling is Patricia Flieller; seated is Alfreda Poth.
Help for infertile Catholic couples

An Answer to Their Prayers?

By Michelle Oldham

Catholic Couples all over the world pray the Prayer to St. Gerard below as part of their struggle with the issue of infertility.

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonder-worker of our day, I call on you and seek your help. You, who on earth did always fulfill God's design, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeded, to make me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

These couples have very few options that are consistent with Catholic teaching and, many times, they don’t know where to turn. However, an emerging science of women’s health care is changing all that.

NaPro Technology (Natural Procreative Technology) has been in development for more than 30 years. It uses the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System, which is a form of natural family planning (NFP). Much like NFP, the Creighton Model teaches women to monitor certain biological signs, and to use this information in order to track periods of fertility and infertility. This information allows the couple to make shared decisions regarding the best time to achieve conception.

One of the main advantages to NaPro is that it is a normal and healthy process. Unlike many other artificial family planning methods, it does not treat fertility as a disease. The NaPro technology is based on respect for human life, human dignity and the integrity of marriage. It actually addresses the underlying cause of infertility and, because of that, usually results in a healthier pregnancy.

Studies have shown that NaPro is more effective than in vitro fertilization (IVF) at achieving pregnancy. The effectiveness of the system has been studied extensively and some studies have shown that NaPro is nearly three times more successful than IVF.

However, achieving pregnancy is not the only use for NaPro. It is also being used to diagnose and address a variety of other issues. These include pre-menstrual syndrome, irregular bleeding, ovarian cysts, infections, and many other women's issues. NaPro provides a natural alternative to dealing with these issues, which have so often been treated with artificial means in the past.

The technology that NaPro is based on was developed by Thomas Hilgers, MD. He is the founder and director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, which is located in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Hilgers not only practices as an obstetrician-gynecologist, he is also a professor at Creighton University. He has written numerous articles about the subject and has appeared on the EWTN television network.

Dr. Hilgers and his program are reaching out to women's health care providers all over the world in order to train them in using the NaPro technology. Many believe that this new approach to women's health care offers superior treatment for women and can impact many lives. The technology offers solutions to infertility and allows couples to address the issue, not only physically and emotionally, but also spiritually.

More information about the NaPro technology and the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System may be found online on numerous websites. Some of the best include drhilgers.com; popepaulvi.com; and creightonmodel.com. Dr. Hilgers and his team provide solid medical information and hope to women and couples struggling with infertility. Hopefully this information can be an answer to some of their prayers.
Discover lasting joy, peace, and strength this Lenten season

**Choosing Joy: The Secret to Living a Fully Christian Life**

Today's pressures and challenges make it tough for Catholics to feel content. *Choosing Joy* aims to change that — and change your life in the process — as it helps you discover the key to this most attractive but seemingly elusive gift. Overcome your obstacles and focus your heart, mind, and strength on God so that you can receive the happiness and peace that the world cannot give.

ID# T1271 $13.95

Mention keycode A23BBF63 and get free shipping on any book in this ad! Offer expires April 1, 2013

**Catholic women speak for themselves**

Nine Catholic women share stories of how they struggled toward the realization that the demands of their faith set them free.

ID# T1371 $16.95

Scan code for special book deals at clearance pricing!

**A Catholic Bible Study for the Year of Faith**

Learn how to integrate every element of life — relationships, morality, work, recreation — into a meaningful whole.

ID# T1320 $9.95

**The revised NAB in 20-minute daily readings**

Read the entire Bible in just one year with two short and manageable daily readings and an insightful quote from a saint for that day.

ID# T1189 $24.95

Look for OSV books on Kindle and Nook!

**Call 1-800-348-2440 to order, or visit www.osv.com**
A Comfort at Your Side

Even when you don’t have your rosary with you, you can keep its beauty and spirit at your side wherever you go. Our Pink Heart Rosary Bracelet is lovely jewelry that you’ll enjoy wearing all day long. Features pink beads with a silver design, plus crucifix and Miraculous Medal. Measures 8 inches.

We will send you this Pink Heart Rosary Bracelet in gratitude for your gift of $10 or more. Your donation will support the ministries of the Missionary Oblates as we serve poor and needy people in our missions around the world.

Donate Now Toll Free At:
1-888-330-6264
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Central
To request this item on our secure internet site, visit www.oblatesusa.org/ads/share

Thank you for your generous support!