

## MISSION STATEMENT

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## In Memory



REV. FRANCIS L. GALLAGHER, Age 87, died Jan. 28, 2010 at St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham. Fr. Gallagher was a graduate of St. Gregory's School, Boston College High School, Boston College and St. John's Seminary. Ordained a Priest of the Archdiocese of Boston on May 6, 1948, Fr. Gallagher served the Church for over 60 years. During his ministry, Fr. Gallagher served as a State Chaplain to the Massachusetts Junior Catholic Daughters of America from 1972-2002 and the Massachusetts Catholic Daughters of America from 1978-2002.

Also we are sad to announce the passing of Rev. Kenneth LeBlanc, Chaplain for Court St. Elizabeth #446 and Rev. Joseph Manning, brother of Alice Schmitt and who helped with the founding of Court Our Lady of Lourdes in Brockton.

May they rest in Eternal Peace.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE REGENT...

Dear Chaplains and CDA Sisters,

Welcome to 2010! My prayer to each and every one of you is for a healthy and blessed New Year. May God guide us as we continue our work. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits with many courts throughout Massachusetts. Each court offers her unique talents. From the lessons by the school teacher in Everett, (yes you Irene – we never leave you without learning something new), to the camaraderie at St. John Eudes (such a lovely Christmas gathering). Whether you are collecting pennies, toiletries, suitcases for victims of human trafficking you are serving Our Lord. While making prayer shawls and rosary beads or reading to children, you are serving Our Lord. Massachusetts CDA gains its strength through the wisdom of our senior members, the endurance of our more active members and the energy of our youth – both JCDA and Campus Court members. We are rich in solidarity. As we look toward our court elections, I pray we endure.

## HELP KEEP MASSACHUSETTS CDA ALIVE!

Peace and Blessings one and all,

Linda Coletti  
State Regent

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS MEDWAY AND NEEDHAM ~ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



left to right  
Barbara Yates, Tri-Valley Local Partnership Committee/South Shore Habitat for Humanity, Jerry McDermott, Carmen Boucher and her husband Norman, Cynthia Young, Maureen Trainor, and Linda Coletti



left to right  
Barbara Carey, Joyce Ann Fleming, Timothy McCleary, co-chair for the Needham Interfaith Habitat Steering Committee, Linda Coletti, Carmen Boucher and her husband Norman, and Mary Smith.

Through an anonymous donation of \$5000 to Court Larabida #183 Cambridge, MA which was given to the Massachusetts State Court for Habitat for Humanity Projects, grants of \$1000 each have been given to several projects in Massachusetts. In the month of November, a check of \$1000 was presented to Timothy McCleary, co-chair for the Needham Interfaith Habitat Steering Committee for a family of four and on December 5, 2009 a check of \$1000 was presented to Jerry McDermott, Executive Director South Shore Habitat for Humanity for a family of six. Court Our Lady of Knock #2395, Needham and Court St. Joseph #1475, Medway have worked and continue to work with each of these projects.



**A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
NATIONAL  
SUPERVISOR**

Dear Catholic Daughters of Massachusetts,  
Another fresh new year is here  
Another year to live! To banish  
worry, doubt, and fear, to love  
and laugh and give! This bright  
new year is given to each of us  
so that we might live each day  
with zest. To daily grow and try  
to be the highest and the best!  
We have the opportunity once  
more to right some wrongs and  
to pray for peace and even plant  
a tree. Let us sing more  
joyful songs.

We have just had the example  
of Mary who trusted the message  
of the angel and believed the words  
"Fear not" and began her journey  
of Trust.

As Catholic Daughters we have  
so many opportunities to answer  
the call to venture into new areas  
by starting new courts and bringing  
in new members to existing courts.  
Let us be like Mary so that we will  
begin our journey of Trust by  
reaching out to others and sharing  
the good news as she did with  
Elizabeth.

We can show love and laugh with  
our CDA sisters while we are giving  
to the communities around us.  
We can reach out to the less  
fortunate in our parishes and  
communities. We can also continue  
to support our food pantries and  
participate in our soup kitchens. In  
so doing, we can help put smiles on  
the faces of others around us.

We need to realize that each day  
is a gift that we should live with zest  
instead of regret or sadness. Some  
women pay thousands of dollars to  
have the frown lines removed from  
their faces. Don't let them form in  
the first place! Keep a happy smile

on your face. The more we are  
involved in bringing joy to others, the  
less time we have to dwell on our own  
problems. Let us think of the positive  
things that have happened to all of  
us as we begin this New Year.

We should believe that no matter  
what our age, we can still grow and  
strive to be better. In addition to  
growing socially and emotionally,  
we can strive to grow spiritually in  
our daily lives by taking time for  
prayer and for good works through  
the vehicle of the Catholic Daughters.

And finally, we must right the  
wrongs in our own lives and work  
to right the wrongs in our parish  
and community. We need to  
continue to pray for world peace  
and to be involved in the "Greening"  
of our world. In so doing we will sing  
joyful songs.

Happy 2010 Catholic Daughters of  
Massachusetts.

Continue the wonderful work that you  
are doing in your local courts and in  
your state. I look forward to seeing  
each of you during this year.

God bless you.

Helene Shepard  
National Director



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*Faithfulness of Christ  
Faithfulness of priests*



Pope Benedict XVI has  
declared a "Year for Priests"  
beginning with the Solemnity  
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
on June 19, 2009. The year  
will conclude in Rome with an  
international gathering of  
priests with the Holy Father  
on June 19, 2010. The Pope  
has declared St. John Vianney  
the Universal Patron of Priests  
on the occasion of the 150th  
anniversary of the death of  
the Curé d'Arns.

Please pray for our priests  
that they might always be  
faithful to their sacred calling.  
**June 19, 2009 - June 19,  
2010**

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed  
Mother wrap her mantle  
around your priests and  
through her intercession  
strengthen them for their  
ministry.

We pray that Mary will  
guide your priests to follow  
her own words, "Do  
whatever he tells you: \*Jn  
2:5)

May your priests have  
the heart of St. Joseph,  
Mary's most chaste spouse,

May the Blessed  
Mother's own pierced heart  
inspire them to embrace all  
who suffer at the foot of the  
cross.

May your priests be holy,  
filled with the fire of your  
love seeking nothing but  
your greater glory and the  
salvation of souls.

Amen.



**MA STATE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH  
DECEMBER 6, 2009  
LOMBARDO'S IN RANDOLPH**

140+ attended the Christmas Brunch at which time a check for \$1700 was presented to Sr. Ellen Powers, CSJ of the LCWR Coalition for their efforts to help fight Human Trafficking. Proceeds from the Traveling Quilt, which was made and donated by Lorraine DiMilla of Court Everett #324, will be presented at a later date.



## NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

The National Convention will be held on July 14-18, 2009 in Buffalo, New York at the Adams Mark Hotel. Delegates and Alternates will need to be elected in order to represent your court. An informational flyer has been mailed to all Regents regarding transportation, reservations, etc. Please contact Maureen Trainor, State Secretary if you did not receive this flyer.

## STATE HAPPENINGS

Mass Enrollment Cards are available for your use and may be obtained from Nora Cummings, State Chairman. All masses are said by the Society of St. James the Apostle. A change has been made by the Society and the cost is now **\$5.00** per year.

Whatever is true,  
whatever is noble,  
whatever is right,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable~~  
if anything is excellent  
or praiseworthy!!  
think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

## NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



### **WANTED: CDA ANGELS FOR GOD**

Extend your hand and invite women to join with you in responding to God's call. Tell them about our work in helping others and how they too can become "CDA Angels for God".

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE - MARCH 17, 2010**

Please continue to send in your Court stories, photos (good quality if possible) if you have them or any articles that you may want to have published.

## **STATE HAPPENINGS RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY BOSTON COMMON**



Members of the MA State Board and local court members participated in Respect for Life Sunday on Boston Common. Respect for Life Sunday is sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

## **LOCAL HAPPENINGS COURT ST. JOAN OF ARC - JUNIORS HAPPY MEMORIES**

Having caught the Christmas Spirit, the Juniors of St. Joan of Arc from St. Stephens's parish in Framingham made a surprise visit to Fr. Gallagher at St. Patrick's Manor. The Juniors brought juice and cookies and sang carols in English and Spanish. Fr. Gallagher was elated to meet the Juniors and share some tales of Juniors past. This was certainly what the Juniors are all about--Service to Others. We also had Past National Regent M. Joan McKenna join in with us along with two of the Juniors mothers to come along. Upon leaving Fr. Gallagher bestowed blessings to all in wishing them a Merry Christmas and promised to practice his Spanish so next time he would be able to say their names correctly----- They promised a return visit in the future and then we all gathered in the chapel and vowed as a court to "adopt" him and to visit him when time permits----Our next stop is Washington, D.C for the March for Life.

## **A PRIEST WHO CHANGED MY LIFE ~ FROM THE CATHOLIC DIGEST**

Almost two years ago I went to a November funeral for the husband of a dear friend. I had started hating November due to so many deaths in my family during that month, including both my parents, my best school friend and seven relatives. I was always depressed when this month came and I associated it with dying. At the funeral this particular day the Pastor, the Rev. James E. O'Leary of St. Camillus Parish in Arlington Massachusetts, opened his homily by talking about "what a great time of the year to die!" He had my immediate attention. He went on to say that all the Church was praying for the deceased during the month of November. Think of all the prayers being said for them by the whole Church! My attitude completely changed. I never gave thought to all the prayers being said, Masses requested, and the opening of November with All Souls' Day. From now on, November will not be viewed as an ordeal, but with comfort, knowing that the whole Church is praying with me for all the deceased, thanks to Father O'Leary.

Lois Corbett  
East Falmouth, MA

## **THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND A THANK YOU TO OUR MILITARY WHO KEEP US SAFE**

**Ann Marie Blackman**, daughter of **CDA Member Maureen Burns, Court St. Joseph 1475 in Medway** owns **MyUglyChristmasSweater.com** and sells "Ugly" Christmas Sweaters and accessories which people wear to "Ugly Christmas Sweater" theme parties during the holiday season. Ann Marie got an email from Chief Warrant Officer Suzy Danielson who is a Black Hawk helicopter pilot stationed in Basrah, Iraq. Suzy wanted to have an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" theme party and asked if she could send them to an APO address. Ann Marie responded that she would love to help you great folks out! I will give you ten Furry Santa Ugly Christmas Sweaters free and if ten isn't the right number then tell me what you need". Because CWO Suzy wanted some different styles she purchased 4 sweaters and Ann Marie donated the original ten. Because of time delays with email, it took some coordination with the order because the four sweaters she specifically ordered were already sold by the time she got her request to me. I ended up customizing some items and keeping them out of my online store until she was able to make her selection. In addition to the 14 sweaters, I sent along a donation of a case of about 80 "Antlers" which are fun to wear at holiday parties.

I was delighted to see that she received the items VERY fast through the military's APO system, and had them in time for her base's party.



**Thanks to "My Ugly Christmas Sweater" we had the greatest Christmas Party in Basrah, Iraq. It was a huge hit. I am sure we will have more pictures to follow. Thanks again!**

## **STATE HAPPENINGS SILENT AUCTION**



**DISCOVER CDA GALA**  
MA Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Silent Auction with Light Buffet  
All Hands Club  
427 Commercial Street  
Boston's North End  
Boston, MA  
Sunday, October 11, 2009  
12 PM - 4PM



On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> the MA State Court held a Silent Auction to benefit the Boston Unit of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), Anti-Trafficking Coalition. Massachusetts CDA supports this effort to help fight Human Trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery. Thank you for your help. A total of \$1700 representing one half of the proceeds has been presented to the LCWR Coalition

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS  
COURT SALEM #434  
90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**



LTR Irene Zielski, Court Regent, Fr. Timothy Murphy, Elizabeth Lowe, Anna Mistretta, Lucienne Pelletier, Teresa Kilfoyle, Dorothy Caulfield, State Regent Linda Coletti, Seated Jackie Hennessey, Jackie Kelley, Eleanor Hogan

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Salem, Massachusetts 434 instituted December 7, 1919, celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Rev. Timothy Murphy, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Salem celebrated a Special noon Mass. In attendance were members from Court Salem along with State Officers and members from other Courts. Thirteen members in the Court have been members for more than 45 years making for a combined total of 715 years membership. One Catholic Daughter has been a member for 70 years but was unable to attend the celebration. Court Regent, Irene Zielski, awarded Catholic Daughter service pins to the members. Following Mass, members enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at the Hawthorne Hotel organized by Court Salem Member, Mrs. Phyllis Surman.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS  
Court Maplewood #510**

Lorraine "Buffy" Walsh, daughter of Lorraine "Bunny" Walsh and sister of Maureen Walsh of Court Maplewood was a recipient of the Chevrus Award on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Cardinal O'Malley presented awards to Buffy and many Catholics around the Archdiocese who have witnessed to Christ's call to discipleship through their loving support of the Church of Boston's work and mission. Buffy's Mother serves as Court Maplewood's Financial Secretary and her sister serves as the Court's Treasurer. Buffy was recognized for her outstanding work at St. Joseph's Parish in Malden and her tireless effort heading their CCD program. Congratulations to the Walsh family for being great role models.

**LET US PRAY**



Please join together and remember to **"TAKE TIME, TAKE THREE"**.

Please pray three (3) Hail Mary's each day for the end of terrorism and the demise of all terrorist nations.

**KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS INFORMED**

Visit Cardinal Sean O'Malley's Blog page to know where he is going and what is happening in the Archdiocese of Boston. [www.cardinalseansblog.org](http://www.cardinalseansblog.org)

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Please continue to accept pledges and return the forms with the checks to Ellie Sennott, 5 Lakeshore Road, Natick, MA 01760 by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you think you may need longer – please call Ellie at 508-655-1153.

Check out the newly-designed national website for information about CDA  
Go to:  
[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



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