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**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
August 26, 2009**

Dear Regents, Officers, Chairmen, District Deputies, Chaplains, Spiritual Advisor and Members:

I write to you this month in amazement of all good things in our midst. It's been a short time since April when you elected a new board for Massachusetts CDA. In just four months so much has happened. God is pointing us down influential, albeit challenging paths. We're holding our breath, but saying **YES** to the call.

The pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy was a beautiful day. Did Crystal Transport, Inc. let us down? Unfortunately, they did. Did MA CDA sink to self-pity? No, as evidenced by the group of ladies circled in the parking lot in Newton praying the Chaplet as we waited for substitute buses. I found that so moving.

Our ladies at Stonehill College are preparing for the institution of the first Campus Court in Massachusetts. We're praying that they are able to obtain more members as classes get underway.

As you read on, I urge you to note that each item is a challenge. Keeping this organization moving forward is not easy, but it is **so** worthwhile! Each one of you is a gift with a vital role in CDA. I applaud you for your involvement. Keep up the good work!

DISTRICT DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Most of our local courts will be welcoming a new District Deputy this fall. This can be a learning experience for the court Regent, the District Deputy as well as

the membership. Let's bring to the table all that we have to offer to maintain, strengthen, nurture and build Massachusetts CDA for today and tomorrow.

GAMBIT

And now, a brief interruption for a message from our 1st Vice State Regent, Connie Pagan..."**Hello Courts!!! It's that time of year when kids go back to school and college –and we get ready for GAMBIT, our program that funds our educational scholarships. Talk it up in your courts. Sell, Sell, Sell. Gambit needs your help. Remember, fostering children's education builds their future. So.... Give me a "G", Give me an "A", Give me an "M", Give me a "B", Give me an "I", Give me a "T".....GAMBIT! YEA!!!!!!!!!!**"

Thank you Connie – remember Gambit is \$17.00 for one year. A registration form is enclosed, please make copies as needed and mail them with payment to Connie.

CATHOLIC TV TELETHON

Massachusetts Catholic Daughters will once again be taking pledges on Friday, September 25th from 7 to 9 p.m. Please tune in, and if you are able to call in – **PLEASE** let us know you are a Catholic Daughter. Perhaps local courts at their September meeting may discuss making a court pledge that your Regent or Treasurer could call in.

STONEHILL COLLEGE CAMPUS COURT

On September 23, 2009 Massachusetts will institute its first campus court at Stonehill College. Visitors from our National Office will join us for this celebration. The program will begin at 5 p.m. on the campus. We urge attendance. Let's give these young ladies all the support we can...and may it be the first in a series of new campus courts. Anyone planning to attend may call Connie Pagan at 508-309-4833 for further information.

FALL CONFERENCE

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we announce that our Fall Conference will be held at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on Saturday, September 26th. For those who have not yet visited this new facility, I'm sure you will be quite impressed. I certainly was, and having viewed the meeting space and the state of the art amenities, not to mention the beautiful Bethany Chapel, I just can't say enough about it. We will begin with Mass offered by Father O'Leary in the chapel. Attendees should arrive between 9 and 9:30 a.m. We will forgo morning coffee as Mass will begin at 9:45 a.m. So when you arrive, you can mingle in the reception area, and then head to the chapel – all of which is on the first floor. After Mass we will have registration on the second floor and begin our business meeting. Lunch will be served at noon followed by the remainder of the business meeting. **REGENTS** – please, please – **PRE-REGISTER**. Call your 1st VSR, Connie Pagan at 508-309-4833 to let her know who is coming – be prepared to

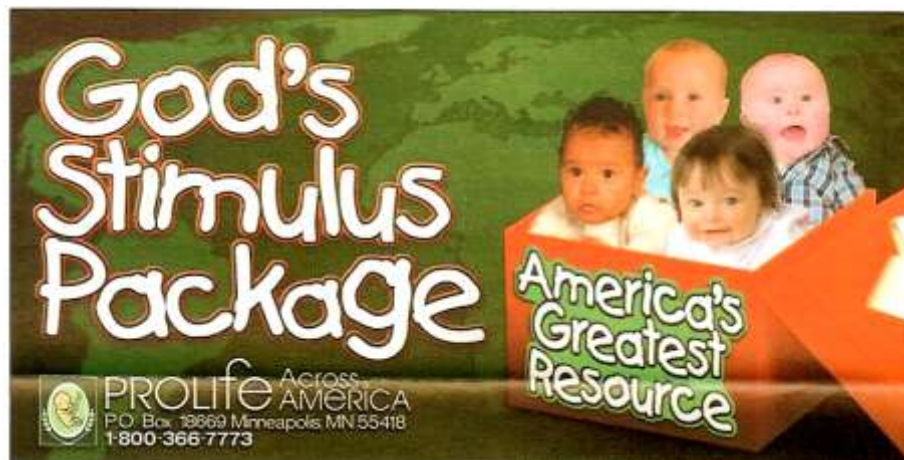
give her the names and then mail the court check to her for the appropriate amount. Cost of the conference is \$17.50 each. Directions are enclosed for your convenience. *Note- Regents, District Deputies and Chairmen – you must call your State Regent if you cannot attend.

SILENT AUCTION – DISCOVER CDA GALA

Our major state fundraiser this year will be a silent auction to be held at the All Hands Club at the Coast Guard Station in Boston's North End. The event will be held on Sunday, October 11th from 12 to 4 p.m. Our theme, in keeping with the Columbus Day weekend, is "Discover CDA". This will be a "Fun"raiser for sure! Open to all, you do not have to be a member of CDA to attend. As with many of our CDA events, this program will have a charitable component. One half of the proceeds will be donated to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Anti-Trafficking Coalition in an effort to help fight Human Trafficking, a horrific modern-day slavery tragedy. I urge you to spread the word, sell admission tickets, solicit businesses for donated items for auction and discuss within your own court the possibility of donating a prize. Call any one of the board members with your donations.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be forthcoming. Those planning to attend will enjoy a light buffet; a cash bar will be available. Parking is free on the premises. Attendees must have pre-purchased a ticket and their name must appear on the registration sheet that will be left with the guard at the entrance gate. As this is a government facility, only those listed will be allowed in. No tickets will be sold at the door.

PROLIFE BILLBOARD



I've seen it with my own eyes! Thanks to your efforts a pro-life billboard (as pictured here), has been placed on Washington Street in Brighton just around the corner from where it intersects with Commonwealth Avenue. Mass. CDA donated 50% of the cost. Many thanks to Fr. Bob Shaldone of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish in Newton for bringing this project to our attention. God Bless

you Fr. Shaldone. May this billboard, as stated by Mary Ann Kuharski, Director at Pro-life Across America, continue to change hearts and save babies' lives.

FINANCIAL REVIEWS

All courts should be setting aside a date for their audit forms to be completed. Remember this should occur after September 30th but before the last week in October so that our 2nd Vice State Regent, Judi Shooter can get them into the National Office by her November 1st deadline. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ALERT...Speaking of Judi...this just in from our 2nd VSR- **“Hello Ladies, I’m hoping to help update our Massachusetts website and was thinking that each court could send me a picture of their officers along with their audit forms. Also, footnote on the Troops project. At our Summer conference we sent notes to soldiers. The actual name of the organization is Operation Troop Support, Inc. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-447-4158 with any questions. Thank you.”**

No, thank you Judi – submitting new pictures is a **GREAT IDEA!**

In closing I’d like to say thank you to all those who contributed to and/or attended my celebration Mass and party. Special thanks to my local court Regent, Patricia Abruzese Johnston for giving of her time and talent to make the day so special. Also, thank you to Michele Morgan for capturing the day on film so that it will be with me always. To my fellow Massachusetts State Regents – thank you for your good wishes and the traditional hankie. Every “proper” State Regent should have one. I’m blessed to know each one of you.

Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God – the rest will be given.

Blessed Mother Teresa

Blessings to you and yours in Unity and Charity...

Connie, Judi, Maureen, Mary Ann, Joyce, Father Kevin, Sister Anne and I,



Linda Coletti
State Regent

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength”.

“Love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:28-31

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