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Let Us Be God's Justice and Mercy,
Hands and Feet of Christ



Mission Statement

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STATE CHAPLAIN Rev. Stephen Porter

It may seem a bit strange to be going to talk about something that has been ten years in the making and still won't take place until November 2011 (yes, 2011) but *tempus fugit* as they say and it will come upon us before we can bat an eyelid. I'm talking about **Roman Missal 3** (you've heard of it, haven't you?)

Currently when we celebrate Mass in the Ordinary Form (i.e. in English, or Spanish, or any other of the languages used to worship God in the countries of the world) we are using The Sacramentary (2nd edition, which was promulgated in 1975, 1st edition of which came out after the Second Vatican Council in 1969). But Pope John Paul II was known to be unhappy with some of the texts of this second edition and revised it in 2002 as the *Missale Romanum* (3rd edition). **It is that text that has taken nearly 10 years to translate in English.**

The English speaking bishops of the English speaking countries of the world have been meeting for years to come to a consensus on what the English texts should be. We all know that Winston Churchill (whose mother was American) said that the US and the UK were one country divided by a common language. Comedians love (on both sides of the pond) to joke about the differences, which are quite noticeable; but when you add in the other countries, such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, where English is a legal

language, and yet still more (India, countries in Africa and the Caribbean) where English is widely used, especially for Mass, then you begin to see the delay in all of them agreeing on a "Common English" for the Roman Missal (3rd ed.). RM3 (as we call it) is now finalized, and is with the printers.

The Vatican insisted that there be only one translation for the entire English speaking world, although they did relent in allowing us to keep our American spellings (Savior, etc.) It will be a big book (start training your altar servers to strengthen their weight lifting skills!) and will be available next year. The First Sunday of Advent 2011 will be the day we start to use it.

So what's the big deal? Priest: "The Lord be with you", People (now): "And also with you", but what you'll have to get used to will be: "And with your spirit". Big deal – yes, but I know people who sleep through Mass and just automatically answer "And also with you" whenever they wake up! The *I confess*, the *Gloria*, the *Creed* are all going to change, so we have a lot of (re-)learning to do. Nearly all the priests' prayers are changing, the collects, the prefaces, the Eucharistic prayers themselves, and most of the secret prayers as well. **About the only thing that is completely unchanged is the Lord's Prayer,** still with its *thou's* and *thee's*.

So why is this happening? The first reason is that there are some errors in the current texts (most priests automatically correct them, so you'd never notice). Secondly the whole approach to translation has changed

in the last 30 years. Whereas **it used to be that translators would understand the whole meaning of the Latin, and then try and write something meaning more or less the same in English**, Pope Benedict now encourages that a more faithful rendering of the Latin words themselves be the technique for translation. Hence the “and with your spirit” text as a better translation of the Latin *et cum spiritu tuo*. And thirdly because there is a desire that worship of God be in a different register of language than everyday conversation. God is God, after all, he is the creator, the Lord, and perhaps when we worship him we should use more elevated language.

An example might be your family and friends at a summer bar-b-q **in your back yard**. The **chat would be friendly and very informal**. But if one of you were **in court** on the following **Monday your language would be very different**; “**Yes, your honor!**” Without realizing it we already use many different registers of language depending on where we are and to whom we are talking, and no one deserves more respect in language than God. Lastly in this renewal of the texts singing has been considered, especially the singing of the prayers by the priest himself. If you are older than... whatever... then you remember the difference between the old style High Mass and Low Mass. The Church wants us to begin to see that Sunday Masses are really all “high” Masses and should be celebrated with as much style and dignity as possible: chant and song as much as liturgical form and function, whereas weekday Masses are more “low” Masses, still Mass, of course, but of a different liturgical register than Sundays.

I am sure that all your dioceses will be offering workshops to priests, deacons and liturgical ministers during this coming year. So be prepared, change is good, be not afraid.

As Catholic Daughters you are faced with constant change, and you know that change that is right and good cannot be resisted (even if we try at times). New Courts open, and we are blessed with change, young ladies seek to enter the CDA, and we are blessed with change. New ministries among the Courts develop, and we are blessed with change. Without change we would become complacent. The Liturgy of the Church is a living, breathing entity in itself. It is God’s work here on Earth, and we, priests, deacons, women and men who participate, do so at the invitation of God, and whatever we do we do because he has gifted us with that grace.

One of my private prayers is always “let this be you Jesus, not me”.

With the new liturgical texts I believe that we shall see a resurgence of good liturgy, a new focus on God himself, and a renewal, not just of words and music, but of our hearts and minds and spirits and souls so that we may, at the end, “Go forth, the Mass is ended”, or “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord”, or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”, or simply “Go in peace” (the new endings).

Check out
www.revisedromanmissal.org,
www.fdlc.org/roman_missal.htm, and
www.usccb.org/romanmissal
for lots of great information.

Blessings, *Fr. Steve*



Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,*

For everything Thy goodness sends.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



STATE REGENT

Susan Killian

Madonna Manor continues to be the **number-one charity for Catholic Daughters in California** as our residents depend on our support. There are a total of nine directors on the Madonna Manor Board. Directors include your State Regent and First Vice State Regent by the virtue of their State Office, along with seven directors elected at our bi-annual State Convention. Convention delegates have elected these ladies to serve and to make important business decisions about the Manor. These decisions must be made while keeping the health and well-being of our residents as the top priority. **One of the responsibilities of the Board is to plan the annual fund raiser for the Manor.**

For those that attended the Fundraiser on October 9th, I hope you had a fabulous day. The Board tried to listen to the wishes of the courts and our members. Instead of

having the event at the Manor, it was held at Madonna del Sasso Church Hall in Salinas. This seemed the best for our residents as well as the attendees. **We had a sock-hop with a soda fountain, a DJ and dancing, bingo, a plant sale, and a basket drawing.** Those that were interested in **touring the Manor** were given a first-class seat on the new Madonna Manor bus. Thank you to all those ladies who supported the fundraiser. Please continue to make the Manor a priority in your courts; we are making a big difference to the residents.

At the **State Convention May 26-29, 2011, elections** will be held for five **vacant director positions on the Madonna Manor board.** Electing Madonna Manor Board Directors is a one of the reasons each court should send delegates to the Convention.

The **State Convention** is our **state business meeting** which is held every two years. This is when we take action on items such as election of State Officers, election of Madonna Manor Board Directors, election of the 2013 Nominating Committee, adopt resolutions, and hear two-year reports from the State Officers and State Chairmen.

Although voting is a privilege given to delegates, the convention is also open to alternates and court members. It is important to have representation from each court as your input is vital and welcomed.

Your State Officers and State Chairmen began convention planning in June and encourage you to join us for some business, some networking, some fun and to renew old friendships as well as make new CDA friends. The **convention** will be held at the **Radisson Ontario Airport Hotel.** A Call to Convention with all the convention details will be sent to court regents early in 2011. We hope to see you there.

I wish you and your families God's joy and peace during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

In Christ's peace and love, *Susan*



NATIONAL DIRECTOR
and

NATIONAL SUPERVISOR
Emily Guilherme

First, I would like to start by saying it is with great honor and privilege that I represent all Catholic Daughters as a National Director but I'm so proud to be the National Supervising Office for my own state of California, where my support from all of you has come for the last 11 years on the State level. It is by God's grace and your prayers that I come to this position in this great organization to be able to hopefully make a difference and share my gifts. Also, to learn from these other 14 extraordinary women that I have the privilege of serving with on the National Board.

Thank you to all the courts and members for the cards, masses and gifts that have been sent to me on my new position. Words can never express what your kindnesses have meant to me. Please continue to pray for me.

I would also like to thank our State Regent, Susan Killian and Past State Regents, Ramona Rakow and Gloria Maria Mayol for their encouragement to run for the office of National Director, their unwavering support and their faith in me.

By the time you receive this we will be in preparation for Thanksgiving. Let us remember the many blessings that we have received this year and to focus on our cup as being half full instead of half empty. We should all take time to reflect on all that Christ has done for us and our families this year, even the smallest thing can be a sign as a gift from God.

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, we should focus on the 4 weeks of Advent, preparing for the birth of our great Savior Jesus Christ. We need to take time as individuals or as a family to really share in the true meaning of Christmas and maybe make a difference in someone's life or maybe in our own not to get caught up in the materialism of Christmas.

“For a light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.” May the miracle of the infant Jesus be with you and your family this Christmas Season.

Emily



**FIRST VICE STATE
REGENT
Dorothy Parrillo**

I love the season we have entered. The air is crisp and there's a beautiful display of colors. We are in awe as to the assortment of red, gold, orange, yellow, etc painted so perfectly on each and every tree. This definitely has to be the work of God. Who else can design and paint such a spectacular canvas. It acts as a reminder and tells us that the Holidays are right around the corner.

The first one to prepare for is **Thanksgiving**. A time to thank God for our many Blessings and perhaps a time for us to volunteer to help feed the homeless. It could also be a time for us to start a new practice at our family Thanksgivings by telling each other the one good thing that has happened since the last time we were all together. What a good way for us to realize our blessings and help others to realize theirs.

This is also the time to prepare for **Advent** and **Christmas**. During the four weeks of Advent, we should encourage spiritual growth through prayer.

Regents, may I suggest that you set aside a portion of your meeting to pray and prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Sr. Joyce Rupp recommends that **Advent** be entered into with a **spotlight** on **Joy**. Joy most often promotes gratitude, praise an eagerness to share and an enthusiasm for the Creators' gifts. Help each member to fill their hearts with His Hope, His Peace and His Love. Let us all get closer to God this Advent season. I came across this prayer for Advent and I'm passing it along to you.

Lord Jesus, you said that you came not to condemn the world but that we might have abundant life. Open my heart to receive the abundant life you offer me this Advent Season. Allow me to experience the wonder of a child looking forward to Christmas for the first time. Strengthen my desire for your coming that I might be renewed in heart, mind and spirit as I prepare to celebrate your coming at Christmas, Amen

Advent should also have us reflecting upon the birth of **Christ**. We should cherish our faith in Him. He comes to us every Christmas bringing great gifts – that of God's Love and our salvation. It is during this time that we should grow closer to God and share His Love with others.

In my opinion, I feel that **Christmas** is actually a **miracle**. It brings families and friends closer together. This is a time when love and kindness should prevail.

We need to realize what Christmas is all about and forget the signs and displays of materialism. We need to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and not Happy Holidays. We must not allow anyone to take Christ out of Christmas.

As the person in charge of the **State's Fundraisers**, I'd like to remind you that we have some beautiful and useful items for sale. We have **shirts, badges, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc** to purchase for ourselves or our friends. We also have **cookbooks** with recipes written by Catholic Daughters throughout the state. All these items would make wonderful Christmas gifts.

May we all end our year with a song to God and sing it in gratitude for our many blessings of the past year.

I wish you all a healthy and Happy New Year. May God's Blessings be Plentiful to all of you in 2011.

Dorothy Parrillo

Gifts that Don't Cost a Cent
THE GIFT OF LISTENING – But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listen



**SECOND VICE STATE
REGENT
Daphne Bernestine**

Hello Ladies, Happy Holidays!!!!

As time draws near to the close of this 2-year term I'm so glad that 95 % of the Courts are paying dues on time. When we started sending out invoices to each court in 2009, I thought the State Court would be facing a lot of questions regarding these

invoices. With the cooperation of all the Courts we are doing very well in collecting dues, and also with Courts sending in their Financial Reviews on time. I would like to give thanks to all the Courts in making this transaction for collecting dues so easy.

Ladies, as our membership increases, and our Angel is filled with gold we are still in need for more members. We need to **continue** to have **membership drives** as often as possible. As we gain one new member to a court; we lose 2 members at another court. We have to continue to have membership drives to keep our Courts growing. This year we had to disband a few courts, and a lot of those members have not transferred to other courts. We need to keep the State of California strong in membership.

Also, don't forget to send in your **Angel Tally Form** with the new member information. We are still collecting the Angel Tally forms and counting them for the most new members. The **Cumulative Contest is from September 2009 thru to April 15, 2011**. The Theme, "Soar like Angels and Rise to the Challenge," is for all Courts to challenge themselves to bring in new members to their Court. With the help and dedication from all the members you can make it happen. Make sure the Financial Secretary sends in that Angel Tally form with the new member application.

May the peace of the Lord bring Happiness and Love to your court this Holiday Season. May the New Year bring new members and good wishes for your Courts.

Warm Memories and Frosty Nights

*Warm memories and frosty nights,
The two go hand in hand.
As winter brings us oh, so close
To special times and friends*

*Loved ones who have since passed on
In seasons long ago;
The warmth that lingers in our hearts
For we still love them so.*

*The blessing of the friends still here
To share a cup of tea.
On frosty nights or any time,
You mean so much to me.*

Love and Peace of the Lord be with you all. Daphne

THE GIFT OF AFFECTION – Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.



STATE SECRETARY *Melody Ciaravino*

Fall is my favorite time of year. When I was growing up in New York, the leaves would change to beautiful colors and fall off the trees. The weather got cooler and that seemed to signal the time when we would prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. And, while we don't have most leaves changing color here in Southern California, just walking through the local stores you can see the sales beginning for this festive time of year.

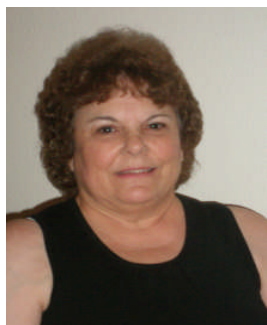
While we all love this season filled with family traditions and gatherings, this is also the time of year when **those in need require our helping hands** the most. Many Courts participate in **holiday food basket preparation and serving holiday meals to the needy, etc.** There are probably as many ways to help as there are courts in our state.

The other way that we can help is to **disburse** some of our **Charity funds** to organizations that will **help those in need during this holiday season**. While many Courts give out all of their Charity funds during April or May, it is perfectly acceptable to give Charity funds during the holiday season and what better way to help those in our community than by donating to the various groups that serve their needs.

Wishing you and your families, a bountiful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Melody

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER – Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "love to laugh with you."



STATE TREASURER
Rosemarie Thomson

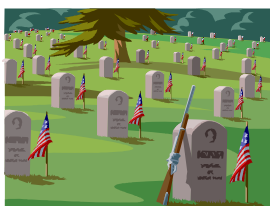
The holidays are fast approaching and soon we will end yet another year. Looking back ten years ago everyone was in a “tizzy” about what might happen at the turn of the century – i.e. Will our computers work? Will there be havoc with the power grids that generate and produce electricity? Will communications systems throughout the world be jeopardized? Preparations must have helped because we seem to have survived with very few glitches. Amazingly enough, as time goes on, technology continues to get more and more sophisticated.

Speaking of computers, many of us depend on them for our job, be it professionally or privately. As State Treasurer, my computer gets lots of use in preparing various reports for State Board meetings, etc. It’s also great when communicating with the other State Officers. **As a reminder, local court treasurers may prepare their reports on the computer, all records must still be entered manually in the Treasurer’s ledger.** Keeping information posted monthly is invaluable, especially when it comes to compiling information to generate a specific report.

Officers need to work together as a team. As a treasurer if you are not sure how to categorize information or where to input it, be sure to ask for help locally or from State; otherwise, reports will be inaccurate and/or a real challenge to re-do or correct. Praying to the Holy spirit for enlightenment works wonders.

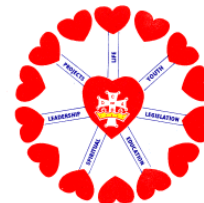
In closing, we have **much to be thankful for** this holiday season – **our church, our families, our friends, and for the opportunity to serve others** as members of this wonderful organization known as Catholic Daughters. The bond developed among us as “sisters” is a marvelous gift. Nurture it and share it.

Rosemarie



Veteran’s Day
November 11

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Mary Tafoya
State Chairman
Education

My dear sisters in Christ,

In my last article I thanked all of you for participating in the Education Contest and rightly so.

I would like to make some suggestions that would make it easier and more exciting for you and for the students who are participating in the contest. This may make for a faster return:

- **Regents**, make sure that you **give the information to your Education Chairman** in a timely manner, this way the chairman can meet her deadlines.
- **Chairman**, when you **take the packet** to the School or CCD teachers make sure that you **explain the rules and leave a copy** with the teacher, so that she/or he can refer back to them.
- **Check back with the teacher periodically** to see if they have any questions. It is very important to stay on top of your deadline.
- When all of the entries are returned to you, **check the entry forms**, make sure the entry form has all the correct information and is complete, and legible
- When you look for Judges, ask teachers. We know that teachers are very busy during the school year. You will find that most of them are willing to help when needed.

Make sure you **set the guidelines for the Judging**. Stay while they judge as they may have questions.

These are some of the issues that were brought to my attention:

- Additional writing on the form outside of the requested information, such as “due by”.
- One entry form had been reproduced with a post-note still attached

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- Entrant’s name missing or incomplete
- Whiteout on the entry form
- Crossed out information such as the old address; the new address was written beside it
- No entrant address
- Abbreviated school name
- Entry form stapled to entry instead of being glued or taped
- Entries rolled in a mailing canister
- Grammatical, spelling or typographical errors in written submissions

These are issues that I believe we can improve; it may take some effort on the part of the Court Education Chairman. When you receive an entry form and it is not complete, or something needs to be corrected; take it back to the student and explain to the child what needs to be corrected; someday he/she will thank you because you cared enough to bring it to his/her attention.

Mary Tafuya

SOME HUMOR -----

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray: “Take only ONE. God is watching.”

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”



Sharon Ramirez
Leadership
State Chairman

Recently I was asked, “What makes an effective leader?”

In order to be an **effective leader** one must be able to **recognize the strengths and weaknesses of each member** and turn those weaknesses into capabilities with room for growth. I have found the following steps to be the difference between a good leader and a great leader:

Recognize: A leader must recognize how much a person

is willing to participate in their court and acknowledge their participation.

Motivate: A leader makes each member feel that their ideas, big or small, can help the court accomplish their goals.

Determine qualities and personalities of each member: Is the member outgoing and willing to get involved by heading a committee, or is the member more laid back and prefers working with a committee? Both qualities are needed to be an effective committee and get the job done.

Understanding and compassion: An effective leader allows each member to grow. Maybe right now a member participates in a committee; one day, with encouragement, she might volunteer to head a committee or become an officer.

An effective leader becomes involved with her court: Leaders attend workshops, conferences, and conventions to gain knowledge and ideas and takes them back to their Courts to see how they can be applied.

Sense of humor and ability to laugh: These are a must! To survive the multiple personalities, hectic schedules, worries of whether other members of the court will step up to the plate and become officers so that court does not disband, down to: “Did I forget to pick up the dessert for the meeting?”

You must be able to **laugh at yourself** and **not take everything too seriously**. We are all humans. We make mistakes, ask silly questions, repeat ourselves, forget things, and yet an effective leader gets things done.

Do you recognize these traits in yourself? If so, step up to the plate and become an effective leader!

Remember: **LIVE,**
LOVE,
AND
LAUGH

Your sister in Christ, *Sharon*

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE – It can be a simple “Thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

Marcie Wilson
State Chairman - Membership



As the calendar tells us we are in the fall season; however the temperature is telling us not yet (90° outside) !!!

I would like to welcome all the new officers in the local courts, and to re-welcome those that chose to return to the challenge and joy you will all receive. God Bless you!

I am going to remind you of the challenge our State Regent, Susan Killian gave to each court in 2009. That challenge was for each court to recruit three new members each year for two years and it's now at hand. I know many courts have already reached that goal, Yea! Some are close and some are not.

If you have not had your membership drive, PLEASE, do so soon. The contest, in case you do not know will end soon, I want YOU to win. I encourage you to PRAY hard and SO ---LET'S ALL



"Soar like Angels and Rise to the Challenge"

Thank you to all the wonderful courts that have sent me your newsletters, they are filled with wonderful accomplishments.

Please Remember:

As your **State Membership / Extension Chairman** I am **ALWAYS available** and willing to assist you with ideas for you membership drives. **PLEASE SCHEDULE A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVERY YEAR.**

May all your holidays be full of BLESSINGS, LOVE OF GOD AND NEW BEGINNINGS.

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING - MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR*

GOD BLESS YOU ALL Marcie



Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for Christmas.

1st Sunday – Hope

2nd Sunday – Love

3rd Sunday – Joy

4th Sunday - Peace



Diane Dinise
State Chairman – Spiritual Enhancement

Here we are in the midst of the Holiday season or should I say the “Holyday” season.

Thanksgiving Day back in the earliest days of our country was celebrated with a feast by the Pilgrims along with the Indians in thanksgiving to God for bringing them through their first harsh New England Winter and for His blessing of abundant crops the following year. Today, Thanksgiving has become for so many eating turkey, watching football, eating leftover turkey, etc.

Christmas has become so commercialized that the birth of Christ has gotten lost. The fact that so many households are paying for Christmas well into the next year shows that we have lost our focus. I've often wanted to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas with a family gathering focused on sharing Christ's birth narrative scriptures and stories and then celebrating Epiphany with gift giving to celebrate the gifts of the Magi to the Christ Child. But trying to get my family to break from our traditions is not so easy. I'm not saying that eating turkey and watching football is bad in itself. But it seems the focus of giving thanks to God for our blessings has been pushed aside.

We are creatures of habit and sometimes find ourselves in a rut doing the same thing each and every year. So, what can we do to break out of our Thanksgiving and Christmas routines?

❖ **Invite your family or friends to go to Mass** with you on Thanksgiving and Christmas

- ❖ **Invite someone** who is widowed, or a student away from home or a couple new in town over to **share your holiday celebration**
- ❖ **Have everyone express what they are thankful to God for before praying before the meal** and make sure to include a prayer for those who are in need
- ❖ **Tell each person there what is so special about them**, everyone needs positive affirmations and to know that they are valued
- ❖ You could **forgo your usual holiday meal and opt to serve the homeless at a shelter** and donate what you would have spent on your meal
- ❖ **Give the gift of a donation to a favorite charity**
- ❖ **Give a spiritual bouquet as your gift**

These are just a few suggestions. Use your imagination, you can probably come up with better ideas than these, but the important thing is to **put God at the forefront of your celebrations.**

Again, I know that I am preaching to the choir, but maybe we need to encourage and bring along our extended family members to step out and make a change, dare to do something different. Who knows maybe we can rewrite our holiday traditions, or at least mix-it-up a little. May God's peace and blessings be upon you and your family during this "Holyday" season.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Diane

St. Francis called it a "crèche" the French word for cradle. On Christmas Eve in the year 1223, St. Francis created the first crèche using real people, a real manger, and real ox and ass and real shepherds. All were filled with joy and a great tradition began. As you look upon your Nativity set, may you remember and celebrate again God's love.



Yvonne Connolly, President

Madonna Manor Board

My Dear Sisters in Catholic Daughters,

The word "sisters" is truly appropriate, we really are a family of good women doing God's works and helping each other along the way.

Sisters, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the overwhelming response to our request for baskets or donations to help towards the fundraiser at Madonna Manor. So many Courts came through for us.

The day was wonderful, with Bishop Garcia and the local priests serving the lunch. I am sure they must have all waited on tables at some time in their lives because the service was very impressive. The music was great and the Bingo was very popular. Thank you to the K of C for cooking again for us this year and to Madonna del Sasso for the use of their beautiful hall at no charge.

The Madonna Manor bus rolled in with a group of residents and their families and also took another group of ladies to tour the Manor. The residents that attended were so thrilled with the event all we heard on Sunday was what a good time they had.

If you did not attend this year you missed a great fun filled day so be sure to put it on your calendar next year.

The winners for the drawing were 1st prize **Estella Espinoza** from Greenfield, 2nd prize **Blondina Scherr** from Tulare and 3rd prize **Mel Cutler** from St., Joseph's Parish in Salinas. The court with the **largest number of tickets sold was St. Raymond's**. Congratulations to the winners!!

We have hired a construction management company to handle the roof. They have the experience necessary to ensure the job is done in a professional manner and regular inspections will take place. After all, none of us on the board can be there everyday and we are not experienced enough in the roofing business. The company has assessed the entire facility and provided us with an excellent report that we can use to plan for future capital needs. More on our capital needs next time.

Thank you once again for your support *Yvonne*



SPOTLIGHT
Monterey Diocese

by Rosemarie Thomson, State Secretary



SPOTLIGHT
San Francisco Archdiocese
by Rosemarie Thomson, State Secretary

Debra Majcher-Gore was born in Geneva, New York, the daughter of a military family that moved every two years until she was 18 years old. At that time, the family moved to Monterey Bay and that's where she's been ever since. After graduating from High School, she took several business classes in college but art classes were her favorite. She enjoys working with water colors.

She married her husband Bobby, a family law attorney, in 1993. She does administrative work in his office. They have four grown children: Bobby Jr., Eric, Nick and Melissa. Debra has three grandchildren: Sashana (7) and Evan (2 ½) and Logan (6) and they are the "apples" of her eyes. One thing that is very special to Debra is their family dinner every Sunday – everyone comes except Nick who can't always get away from school.

She has three dogs: Chewy, Chauncey, and Hennessey, all males. In three weeks, she will get a little girl dog, miniature Daschund, and will name her Franki Bella.

Along with art, Debra raises various kinds of orchids and is a member of the Carmel Orchid Society. She is very health-conscious and is "always on a diet"- like many of us. She enjoys walks on the beach and used to find shells for various projects. When the children were teenagers, walking on the beach rejuvenated her spirit – many of us know what it takes to raise teenagers!!

Debra joined Ct. St. Angela #1532 about ten years ago. She has been a Vice-Regent, Regent, and District Deputy. Debra serves on the Madonna Manor board and is in her second term.

One of her first jobs as a Catholic Daughter was to chair the Treasure Sale held annually by her court; she continues with that today. She also helps with the funeral receptions sponsored by her court. Debra continues to be an active Catholic Daughter by attending conferences and state conventions, and supports her court whenever and wherever she is needed. Debra has also worked with RCIA and hospice for about five years. The Monterey Archdiocese is definitely blessed to have "DEBRA" as part of its membership!

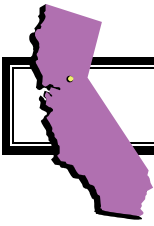
It's my pleasure to introduce Connie Baczynski of Court Our Lady of the Miracle #1707 in Novato in the San Francisco Archdiocese. Connie was born in Manchester, New Hampshire. She married her husband, Frank, in 1962. They have three "wonderful children and 5 terrific grandkids!"

One of the highlights of her life is vacationing by driving across the country to visit family and friends, taking different routes and stopping in different places. They have seen a great deal of the United States and look forward to another trip next year. Another special part of her life was working for the Mended Hearts organization of Marin County. She also worked for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. for over 18 years as Administrative Assistant, retiring in 1997.

Connie enjoys doing needlework – knitting and does counted Cross-stitch pictures which now adorn their walls.

Connie became a Catholic Daughter in October 2001, at the urging of a good friend. She served as Financial Secretary (2002-2006), Regent (2006-2010) and was elected as Financial Secretary again in 2010. She has chaired many, many events – as she says, "You name it, I've done it!" She's collected socks and personal items for the needy; collected food for her church food pantry, done the High Tea for 180 guests, worked on the Scholarship Luncheon (her court provided five \$750. scholarships for 8th graders going to a Catholic High School and/or High School going to college – her court feels strongly about promoting Catholic education); has sold pocket planners and pens, and has done Christmas parties with gourmet baskets to name a few things. Connie likes to keep busy as we can tell. In her spare time she enjoys working on computer projects.

Many thanks to Connie for all she does for her family and for her Court!



***“TID BITS” from
CALIFORNIA COURTS***

Ct. Santa Barbara #293 had fund raiser & auction for benefit of St. Vincent de Paul organization

Ct. Whittier #519 has established a “Father Elliott Children’s Fund” to benefit a child at St. Mary’s School

Ct. Santa Maria #1079 had a bus trip to the L.A. Getty Museum – continues to serve a monthly lunch at the Good Samaritan Shelter – made White ribbons for the White Ribbons Against Pornography program – joined Knights of Columbus for a Fish Fry and sold desserts for a fund raiser – held a retreat at the Josephite Seminary

Ct. St. Theresa #1158 held a Chili Bread Bowl takeout fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of Victory #1344 held an Afternoon Tea as a fund raiser

Ct. St. Catherine #1378 had a casino bus trip for a fund raiser – continues to have monthly bunco/luncheon fund raisers

Ct. Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1402 attended Mass, had a speaker who talked about those less fortunate, held their meeting and luncheon at Sisters of the Holy Cross Convent

Ct. San Ysidro #1507 held a bunco party fund raiser during the summer

Ct. Guardian Angel #1520 celebrated 61st anniversary with a breakfast after attending Mass – had a Casino trip during the summer for a fund raiser

Ct. Marian #1669 is now serving coffee and donuts every fifth Sunday for the parish where they meet – held a family picnic during the summer – sponsored a Baby Shower for Birth Choice

Ct. Our Lady of the Miracle #1707 held a scholarship luncheon – awarded five \$750.00 scholarships to 8th grade students entering a Catholic High School – held a Baby Bottle Challenge by putting loose change into a baby bottle and send \$100. in June Garden of Angels –

donated \$200. to sponsor registration desk at parish Golf Tournament

Ct. Our Lady of the Redwoods #1742 holding a Thanksgiving Basket raffle for a fund raiser

Ct. Our Lady of Shasta #2312 held a retreat at a member’s cabin at Wildwood – sponsored a booth at the parish festival

Ct. St. Malachy #2360 – chairing the parish auction

Ct. Our Lady of Wisdom #2392 sponsors a funeral luncheon program for their parish – held an ice cream social as a fund raiser – hosted the Wine Garden at the parish Festival

Ct. Holy Innocents #2446 participated in the Make a Difference Day by collecting over two tons of clothing, new socks and underwear for Second Time Around Thrift Shop – held a Tea and Luncheon fund raiser – held their First Annual Picnic for new members – assisted with Life Pregnancy Center baby shower (Special Note: Member, Yolanda Troutman’s son, Brian and a friend rode their bicycles from the Mexican Boarder to the Canadian border [1,815 miles] to raise awareness for multiple sclerosis, raising over \$4,000.)

San Bernardino Diocese Joint Installation was held in August at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino



Regents – I would like to prepare a collage of pictures of the various gatherings of our state-wide monthly rosaries. Please send me pictures you have taken. Bea Abshear, 15403 Florwood Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260 or email babshear@aol.com

Come, let us Adore Him



May you all have a Happy and Blessed New Year