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## Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

## From our Regent...

**Cecily Crandall**

As we start the holiday season, first with Thanksgiving, then with Christmas, it is a time to reflect on the past year and of all the things that we are thankful for, and, well, also those things that we were not as thankful for. Christmas is a day to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but it can also be a time period that can lead to the re-setting of one's life path, mind-set, and ultimately of renewed faith that may have been tested during the turbulent past and preceding years.

The coming season and New Year can be thought of as a fresh start, an untraveled road and a re-thinking of one's life and spiritual journey that may have seemed a comfortable fit, a right direction, a familiar partner but now no longer seems like the best plan after such unique, life changing circumstances of the recent past. Now might be the time to do something you've always wanted to do, stop doing things you really didn't want to be doing, to reach out to old friends who may have fallen by the wayside during "lockdowns", renew a relationship with a marginalized family member, join a group or get more involved in a group that you currently belong to, like CDA. It is my honor and pleasure to lead such a wonderful group of ladies and I am excited about the journey we will be taking together the next couple of years.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a most inspiring and faith-filled New Year.

Please feel free to contact me at my special dedicated email address ([CDA\\_Regent@proton.me](mailto:CDA_Regent@proton.me)) any time to share your ideas and thoughts as we work together to accomplish good works for our church and community.

## Wreaths Across America

On **Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am**, Court Kavanaugh will be participating in the annual holiday wreath laying with the organization, [Wreaths Across America](#). The group has volunteers who lay wreaths on the grave sites of US servicemen and women all across the country. Our court will be volunteering at **Alexandria National Cemetery** off of Duke St. One focus of our National Catholic Daughters organization is Patriotism, so this is a nice way to participate in honoring those who have fought and died for our country. After the wreath laying we will be going to brunch. Please RSVP to me at [cda\\_regent@proton.me](mailto:cda_regent@proton.me) to let me know if you will be attending the wreath laying and the brunch so we can get a head count and make a reservation.

*The Voice of CDA Court Kavanaugh since 1906.*

## Message from the Rector

*Very Rev. E.C. Hathaway*

Dear Daughters in Christ,

What a wonderful time of year it is to give thanks and prepare for Christmas! We are blessed in this country to have a prosperous nation, so there is lots to give thanks for. But that attitude of gratitude can sometimes get lost in the black holes of busyness and materialistic pursuits this time of year.

It is so easy to forget that everything we have is a gift of Divine Providence, and one of the greatest gifts of all is the arrival of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior. Starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>, we prepare for Christ's arrival during Advent, a word derived from the Latin word "coming." Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's arrival, not only the celebration of His incarnation during his birth in Bethlehem, but also the anticipation of his Second Coming at the end of time.

Here are some helpful hints to keep Christ in Advent *and* in Christmas:

- Please sign up to adore the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament during our 40 Hours Devotion. There are still open slots available. Go to [Basilica of Saint Mary: 40 Hours Devotion: December 6-8, 2022 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) to sign up online.
- Buy an Advent wreath. Before lighting the first candle, gather your family around it and recite a blessing. One can be found [here](#) to say a blessing; this site also explains the significance of the wreath. I also encourage you, during each week of Advent, to read over the Scripture for that weekend's Mass and pray and reflect over what God is telling you in the readings and then light one of the candles.
- Attend daily Mass, if you can, including the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday, December 8, in honor of the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. Masses are at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Attend one of the many Advent-related events, prayer services, Masses at the Basilica, including confession. To check out a schedule, along with a handy guide to Advent confession times and resources to help deepen your faith during Advent, please click here: <https://stmaryoldtown.org/2022-basilica-advent-schedule/>
- Prominently display a Nativity scene in your home.
- Meditate more deeply on the mysteries of the Rosary on a daily basis. The theme for Year II is a Marian one: "Rejoice: My Soul Rejoices in the Lord!" Check out the Golden Jubilee's website for more information by clicking [here](#). If you have any ideas regarding any activities you want to host/sponsor for this Marian Year, please share them with me.
- Buy and pray from a book of devotions or relating to advent. Click [here](#) to see a selection of Advent-related books.
- Buy an Advent calendar to share with your children or grandchildren. Click [here](#) to see a selection. Or, if you are feeling crafty, make a calendar with your children or grandchildren.
- Make a meal relating to a specific feast day during Advent. Saint Nicholas Day is on December 6; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation) is on December 8; Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day is December 12; and Saint Lucy's feast day is December 13. Please click [here](#) to see my **Cooking with the Saints** videos to get some ideas.

Finally, please remember that all the rushing around many people do during the holidays to buy gifts for others can cause us to lose sight of the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Gift, whose birth shone a light in the darkness. The Word became flesh, thanks be to God. He is the one we have to prepare for because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Have a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ, *Father Hathaway*



## Prayer Requests...

- **Jane Hauten** asks for prayers for her mother Mary, who is in assisted living in Sarasota, Florida. Pray for Mary and all those recently impacted by Hurricane Ian to recover from the disaster.
- **Constance Donnelly**, a former state Board member and chairperson of education, has just learned that her husband has been diagnosed with advanced cancer. Please pray for them.

## Legislative Report

**Kerry Carter**

**Marriage and Family: Latest Assault on Religious Liberty.** On November 29 the Senate passed the so-called Respect for Marriage Act, which federally codifies the legality of gay “marriage”. While proponents of the bill have claimed that the Act would still allow individual states to pass and enforce their own laws proscribing certain types of marital unions, there is no way the federal government can accommodate a clash of state jurisdictions. The bill is now headed to the US House for a vote just prior to the Christmas break and the end of the Democrat majority ruled House. Unfortunately passage of this bill will create a federal cause of action which any litigant can use to target people of faith and religious institutions. Financial penalties and sanctions, including revocation of religious tax exempt status, are among the remedies being proposed by the Biden administration as regulatory enforcement mechanisms. A conscience exemption amendment proposed by Utah Senator Mike Lee was voted down by the Senate just prior to the November 29 vote.

## Abby Johnson: Post Roe v Wade?

**“What the Post Roe v Wade Pro-Life Movement Looks Like”** Abby Johnson, author and speaker, will be sharing a pro-life message at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Alexandria, Virginia, 310 S. Royal Street, on December 13, 2022, in the church from 7-8:30 p.m. She will talk on what a post Roe vs Wade pro-life movement looks like and will be asking for a call to action. She is a former Planned Parenthood Director-turned pro-life activist, whose testimony and memoir inspired the movie “Unplanned.” Click [here](#) to reserve your spot and get a ticket for the free event. Seating is limited, so sign up today. Please bring your ticket with you, either printed or on your phone. The event is being sponsored by [Vans for Life](#).

## 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title of Minor Basilica

The date of December 6 is important to the parishioners the Basilica of St. Mary and the Diocese of Arlington. It is not only the Feast of Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, known for his giving spirit. But it also marks the anniversary of the date in 2017 when we received official word from Pope Francis granting Saint Mary the title of Minor Basilica. A wonderful “plus” for a Basilica is the gift of a plenary indulgence to those who devoutly visit and participate in any sacred rite (such as Mass) or at least recite the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed, in the Basilica on certain days, including our December 6 anniversary. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment – time spent in purgatory – for sins committed to that point. To gain an indulgence, one must be in a state of grace, that is, completely detached from all mortal or venial sin. Preferably the same day as the visit or within several days (about 20), we also must go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. And it just happens that December 6 is also the 6th anniversary of the installation of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge as Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington.



## CDA Officer Installation Mass

The official program year for the Catholic Daughters of Court Kavanaugh #54 began on September 12, 2022, with the Installation Mass of the new officers. Special thanks to Father Noah C. Morey who officiated the Mass. Immediately following the Mass, there was a monthly membership meeting which included New Member Recognition. Congratulations to the new CDA officers!

From left to right: Helen Lynch-State First Vice Regent; Adria Villar Tayrani-Recording Secretary; Angela Logomasini-Treasurer; Father Noah; Cecily Crandall-Regent; Ana Terry-Vice Regent; Kelly Logazino-Financial Secretary.



## CDA Virginia State Convention – Planning Committee

The Virginia State bi-annual convention of the Catholic Daughters of America will be held on April 22, 2023, in Old Town/Alexandria and hosted by CDA Court Kavanaugh #54. We will need members to volunteer for the Convention Committee to plan this event starting this summer. We were originally scheduled to host in 2021, but the convention was cancelled due to Covid. At that time, we had a committee which had worked out hotel reservations, theme, entertainment, etc. Most of that work is not relevant now, but the committee needs more members to help plan for the one-day convention next spring.

## CDA Monthly Rosary at the Basilica

Frances Leary will lead the next CDA Rosary on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica. However, due to a conflicting event on Wednesday nights, effective January 2023, the CDA monthly rosary recitation at the Basilica will change to the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:00 PM. (See *Calendar of Events* on page 6 of this newsletter.)

## Knights of Columbus Bingo - CDA Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to work on the floor or in the office for the monthly Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Bingo which is held at noon on the first Sunday of the month at 8592 Richmond Hwy in Alexandria, Virginia.

There is an agreement that if CDA volunteers to help at the event, the Knights will make a donation to the CDA, which helps us with our fundraising. CDA volunteers “earn” an hourly rate based upon how many hours they work and how much money overall the Knights earn at the event, which is then sent as a donation to CDA at the end of the year.

Although the event is hosted by Assembly 2204, Fitzgerald 459 of the Basilica of Saint Mary is a part of that group, which is why Court Kavanaugh is asked to assist them. The Catholic Daughters organization is an outgrowth of the Knights of Columbus, that was originally started as the Daughters of Isabella and then became the Catholic Daughters of America.

The event is fun and you get a free lunch! If you are interested, please contact Cecily.



## America Needs Fatima Rosary Crusade



[America Needs Fatima](#) (ANF) is a special campaign to spread the message of Fatima in the United States through the world's largest rosary crusade that takes place every October

in over 20,000 locations. America urgently needs the prophetic messages of Our Lady at Fatima. Above all, America needs a clear direction, a great purpose, and the means to achieve it. The admonitions, requests, and warnings of Mary Most Holy can rightly be called a heaven-sent survival manual. CDA Court Kavanaugh hosted the public recitation of the rosary on October 15, 2022, at the Alexandria City Hall. Special thanks to Bertha Braddock for coordinating the event.



## 2022 CDA National Convention – Puerto Rico



Marguerite McAuliffe and Ana Terry represented Court Kavanaugh at the National Convention which took place July 20-23 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There were 380 delegates from the state and national levels with 6 members from the Virginia delegation. The main business of the convention was the election of new officers. The new regent is Emily Guilherme (CA). Brenda West is the VA state-regent elect (pictured).

The convention is an opportunity to showcase charities Catholic Daughters support (e.g., aging religious, National Center of Sexual Exploitation), which is supported by the money we send to CDA headquarters. There was time devoted to resolutions and amendments to bylaws that included a \$3 in increase in the national dues to \$18 per member. It was a packed agenda and delegates were there to vote.

There were also awards given to local and state courts. As recruitment was emphasized, an award was given for most members recruited to Texas which established 5 new courts. Court Kavanaugh was recognized in 2 categories: Spiritual Committee for day trips to sacred places and Junior CDA activities.

The arrangements at the convention were first rate. The banquet was gorgeous, and the centerpieces were amazing. The entertainment consisted of flamenco dancers. The next convention will be in 2024 in New Orleans.

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## CDA Court Kavanaugh in “Share” CDA Convention Issue

Did you happen to notice that CDA Court Kavanaugh #54 was highlighted in an article in the convention issue of “Share”, the national magazine of Catholic Daughters of the Americas? On page 40 in the Summer 2022 issue, there is an article and picture of CDA Court Kavanaugh entitled “Ukraine Relief Given by Virginia Court”. The picture includes members of Court Kavanaugh collecting donations outside of the Basilica of St. Mary. To read the issue, go to [ShareSummer2022r5.pdf](#)



### Calendar of Events



#### December 2022

4	Knights of Columbus Bingo	12 noon	MV KoC Hall 8592 Richmond Hwy
10	Advent Retreat	8:30 am	Mass & Retreat Basilica of St. Mary/ Lyceum
12	CDA Monthly Meeting	6:30 pm	Lyceum
17	Wreaths Across America	9:30 am	National Cemetery Alexandria
21	Rosary at the Basilica	7:00 pm	Basilica of St. Mary
25	Christmas Day		

#### January 2023

1	Knights of Columbus Bingo	12 noon	MV KoC Hall 8592 Richmond Hwy
8	Epiphany Party	TBD	Father Rankin House
9	CDA Monthly Meeting	6:30 pm	Lyceum
16	MLK Day Holiday		
18	Rosary at the Basilica	6:30 pm	Basilica of St. Mary
30	Catholic Schools Week		

#### February 2023

3	Family Bingo Night	5:00 pm	Basilica of St. Mary School
4	Knights of Columbus Bingo	12 noon	MV KoC Hall 8592 Richmond Hwy
13	CDA Monthly Meeting	6:30 pm	Lyceum
22	Lent Begins		
22	Rosary at the Basilica	6:30 pm	Basilica of St. Mary