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Be a BEACON of HOPE, a LIGHT in the DARKNESS.

December 1, 2024

Dear Ladies of the Court and Father Maro, December is a significant month every year marking the end of a calendar year and the beginning of a new liturgical year. It is filled with giving and receiving cards and gifts, social gatherings, holiday foods, Advent and Christmas. It is easy to be distracted by all this busyness from spending time with the Lord. I hope that each of you will set aside time every day to thank God the Father for the gift of His son, Jesus, and to contemplate God's personal love for you. Whatever you decide to do this Advent, whether to pray the rosary or divine mercy chaplet, read scripture, attend daily mass, or go to Eucharistic adoration in the chapel, I hope that you will draw closer to the Lord.

Check the calendar in the next column for this month's CDA activities. Following the 8:30 mass on this Friday, we will carpool to Cookie Day at Mt. Angel, bringing snack foods for the Seminarians, as they study for their finals. The next day we will have our monthly potluck meeting and on Sunday we will have a Christmas Party with the Knights.

May you each be blessed with good health, peace, hope, and joy this December.

Your sister, in Christ, Peggy

Mission Statement: Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human dignity for all.



Thank you, Ladies. Your light shines brightly!

- All those who brought items for the adopt a Thanksgiving family
- All those who helped with the Karen Barrios funeral reception
- All those who helped with the Advent Festival
- Gift shop workers
- Coffee donuts workers
- Meeting hostesses

December Calendar

12/1 **Advent Festival** after masses; gift shop open

12/2-8 Deliver Christmas plants to shut-in

12/6 Cookie Day at Mt Angel Abbey

12/7 **Potluck Meeting** in Mary's Hall at 11:30 Hostesses: Patty Joy Patty Mello

12/8 Gift Shop open; CDA serves Coffee & Donuts following the 10:30 mass;

Christmas Party with the Knights in the Gathering Space 3 - 7 pm

12/11 Christmas Staff Basket delivered 12/14-15 Gift Shop open after all masses 12/21-22 Gift Shop open after all masses

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12/4 Roseanne Pipinich

12/13 Charlene Dunten

12/15 Fr. Maro

12/16 Katie Monaco Collen Franzoia

12/18 Patty Joy

12/23 Diana Hendrickson

12/28 Margaret Maier



Prayers Needed

Please continue to hold your CDA sisters and their families who are

struggling with illnesses, recovering from surgery or an injury, or experiencing uncertainties or pain. Please pray for our current deacon, Ed Burke. Please also pray for those in our parish who are studying for the priesthood or diaconate, in formation to become a monk, or discerning a religious vocation: Christopher James, Andrew Kelly, Alex Delsman, and Samuel Savya.

Local dues of \$35 for Catholic

Daughters were due in September. These can be paid at our regular meeting in cash or by check made out to CDA, or mail your check to Connie Scalf, 33999 Powell Hills Loop, Shedd,

Seminarian News

The seminarians that our court has been assigned to support and encourage with prayers, cards/letters, and/or small gifts are: Victor Fernando Amador from Sacramento; Kenneth Rey Parsad (who is serving in our parish) from Salt Lake City; Mauricio Duran from Portland; Nicolas Leon Felipe from Yakima; Jeremy Fredrick Berka from Great Falls-Billings; & Paul Van Dung Nguyen from Seattle. Maurico (mduran@archdpdx.org) is the only seminarian on our list studying for our diocese. I do not have email addresses for any of the others on our list. Here is the address to write by mail for all of them:

Mount Angel Seminary 1 Abbey Drive St. Benedict, OR 97373



Merry Christmas and

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Happy New Year