



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

***Court Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal #2588
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<p><i>Upcoming Events</i></p> <p><i>2/09 CDA Meeting 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>2/17 Ash Wednesday-see bulletin</i></p> <p><i>2/17 Rosary - Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Building after Ash Wednesday Mass</i></p>	<p><i>Officers</i></p> <p><i>Regent: Denise Miller denisemlr5@gmail.com</i></p> <p><i>Vice Regent: Janice Southworth janicesouthworth6@gmail.com</i></p> <p><i>Secretary: Therese Schwarz fschwarz@ec.rr.com</i></p> <p><i>Treasurer: Sandy Plisko splisko001@gmail.com</i></p> <p><i>Financial Secretary: Jo Ann Radicella fradicella@ec.rr.com</i></p> <p><i>Chaplain: Fr. Bill Upah pastor@annunciationparish.org</i></p>

Regent's Message - Dear Catholic Daughters of Court 2588, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

A very warm welcome to Margie Burchfield and Patti Kieffer! It was an honor and a privilege to pledge you into Catholic Daughters of the Americas! I see great things on the horizon as long as we have women like you to step up with your talents and your great heart. Thank you for your service. And thank you to all our Members, those who have been with the Court since it's inception and those of us who are fairly new. We all contribute and are worthy members!

Thank you to all our Members who contributed wish list items to Coastal Women's Shelter during our January meeting. We had a good donation! Mary Beth Fennell picked up the goods and delivered them. That was a great help, thanks Mary Beth! Special Thank You to Ann Silveira for becoming the Membership Committee Chairperson. Ann will do an excellent job speaking in front of the congregation for us! Another special Thank You to Jo Ann Radicella for taking on the Socks N Undies project. We were also blessed to hear the base Chapel, St. Michael's, wants to contribute to Socks N Undies! We took a tub with the placards on it the very next day and placed it in their Narthex. Thank you to Marilyn Cataliotti for collecting and distributing the base donations! And a special Thank You to Agnes Curran-Tonkin who is the first member to send in her biographical sketch. Agnes also agreed to be our Court Historian! Dianna Vaccarella and Sandy Mullis worked on the Run/Walk for Life and we appreciate their efforts as always! We are very blessed to have Members who contribute their talents like this. Please thank them for their service!

Speaking of biographical sketches, please try to send me your bio and any pictures as soon as possible. It does not have to be written out perfectly, just bullet statements will work. I can put it together and fluff it up for you. This is for fun, please have fun with it. Let us get to know each other and be true Sisters in Christ.

A few of us try to attend Mass every Tuesday evening at 7 pm (if it is not cancelled) and we say the Rosary as a group at 6:30 pm, prior to the Mass. There are usually at least 4-5 Court Members there and a few others. There is also the Knights of Columbus Rosary on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the St. Benedict's building.

Please keep our Sisters who are ill in your prayers. May God bless them always. We remember and pray for all our Sisters who cannot attend. We know you are with us in Spirit!

In Unity and Charity with Love and Joy, Denise

Lent - Ash Wednesday is February 17th, 2021.

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle In Washington, DC is hosting a Lenten Virtual Retreat, “Walking in the Dark of Life, Living in the Light of Easter”, on Saturday, February 20th at 10am.

The link for your convenience is:

<https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/events/2021/02/20/lenten-virtual-retreat-walking-dark-life-living-light-easter>

Book Recommendation

“Silver Boxes: The Gift of Encouragement” by Florence Littauer. Based on Ephesians 4:29 - “No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear.” We need to make our words a gift to and about each other - as if wrapped in a silver box with a beautiful bow.

Member Spotlight

Welcome to our very first Member Spotlight article!

The first member of Court 2588 we want to introduce you to is our Worthy Immediate Past Regent, Sandy Mullis. Sandy was born and raised in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina as the youngest of five children.

Sandy earned an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from Asheville-Buncombe Technical College and returned to college and earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from UNC-Wilmington. Sandy is employed with the Carteret County Government as an Accounting Supervisor.

Sandy is married to Ed Mullis, five-term Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Ed is currently serving as the Faithful Navigator of the Havelock Assembly of the Knights. Ed is always willing to lend a hand to

help our Court when we have a big project or social event and we appreciate him very much! Sandy and Ed have been members of Annunciation Parish since 2005.

Married for 37 years, Sandy and Ed have one lovely daughter, Jennifer, and two granddaughters, Juliet and Adeline, who currently live in New Bern, North Carolina.

A member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas since 2014, Sandy has served Court 2588 as Financial Secretary and two terms as Regent. She is currently the District Deputy for Court Msgr. Michael A. Irwin in New Bern. Sandy also currently serves our Court as Budget Chairperson, Run/Walk for Life Co-Chairperson, and as the Editor of our Court Newsletter. We are honored to have Sandy in our Court and we depend on her very much, as you can see! Sandy will go the extra mile. She assisted State Habitat for Humanity by helping the crew install insulation in a house after Hurricane Florence. Sandy's service is greatly appreciated!

Sandy loves books, audiobooks, music and podcasts, especially those of intrigue and suspense. Sandy is active and likes to travel to historic areas, arboretums, museums, walks with neighbors, antiquing, wood carving and working in the yard. She has two pets: a Miniature Schnauzer named "Little Miss Sassafras" and a tabby cat, "Bootsie".

Thank you for all you do, Sandy!

See next month's Newsletter for our Spotlight on the next Member of Court 2588, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and God Bless You!

Denise Miller



2021 Coastal Women's Shelter donations - January 2021



Coastal Women's Shelter is one of the local charities that CDA Court 2588 supports. This organization assists victims of domestic violence. Please see their website for more information and contact information if you are interested in volunteering.

<https://www.coastalwomensshelter.org/>

Membership - Invite others to join !

Our Worthy Regent Denise has provided us all with CDA business cards to share with other women in the community to invite to join CDA. With Covid running rampant it is difficult to approach people but things will get better very soon. Please make sure to have some cards in your pocketbook and have your talking points (see below) about CDA in your mind.

Why Join?

Does the prospect of a deep merging of spirituality and service resonate within your heart?

Are you perhaps looking for a way to help the less fortunate in your community or wondering how you can help people in your area who have experienced tragedy?

Maybe you'd like to take a more active role in your parish, community, city or town but aren't sure exactly how to do it?

What about sharing "woman time" with other Catholic women: at CDA meetings, within your parish, during Mass and in shared activity helping others?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas might be the thing for you to do. Being a Catholic Daughter is a wonderful gift from God. Through CDA you are able to share your talents and gifts and work with other Catholic women who share faith and similar values.