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# Colorado State Court Newsletter Catholic Daughters of the Americas



## Message from our First Vice State Regent

Dear Sisters in Christ:

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, surrounded by those you love, like I did. When I stop and think about how generous our Lord has been to me, it takes my breath away. Even when things don't go as planned, or "bad things" happen, I try to focus on the little things, the small blessings we all receive and sometimes overlook – believe me, they add up quickly and then I realize how much He loves me and that through it all, He is always with me.

Instead of looking back over the past year, I find myself looking forward. We are now beginning a new year that promises to be a busy one. We all have our monthly meetings, our fundraisers, and events. Lent will be here in two short months, *before* we have a chance to catch our breath!

The State Court has begun detailed planning of the upcoming Workshop that will take place in June. We are lining up inspirational speakers, planning new officer training as well as some fun things too.

I do ask one thing of you and your courts. Please pray constantly for Barbara Barnes. This past year has been a difficult one for her. She needs your prayers for strength and courage. She needs your prayers so she may continue to do her work as Regent, always guiding us to ensure we continue doing God's work with love and compassion in our hearts. She has proven to be a great example of what every Catholic Daughter should be; brave, determined and most of all a loving, caring person.

God's Blessings to you all,  
Linda Peck,  
First Vice State Regent

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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.

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- The Epiphany Jan. 6
- Baptism of the Lord Jan. 9
- Martin Luther King Day Jan. 17

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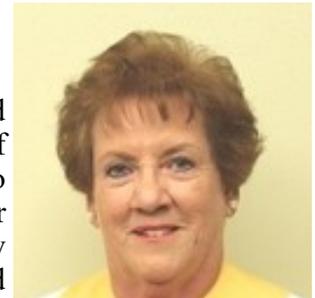
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## Message from our National Representative

My Dear Sisters in Christ:

In my last letter to you, I talked about the upcoming Advent season and preparing for the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ. And now in the blink of an eye the memories of another Christmas are behind us. Another year is also behind us, and we have to remember to write 2022 instead of 2021. I remember last year thinking how glad I was that 2020 was over and prayed that the New Year would be the beginning of getting back to some normalcy after our covid year.



Well, here I am thinking how glad I am that 2021 is over and praying that the New Year will bring us more normalcy!! 2021 wasn't quite as bad as 2020 as we were able to start gathering and resume most of our court meetings and activities. It has been such a blessing to be back in our churches even if it is still with precautions and masks. Sometimes we may have wondered where was God through all this pandemic but as we traveled the journey, He was right there walking beside us and when the road got really rough He carried us through it.

As the New Year begins, let us all carry into it the spirit of the Christmas we've just shared and keep it going as we serve the Lord all year long. Let's remember that peaceful face of the new-born Jesus asleep in Mary's arms and see that face in everyone we meet in this new year. Remember that all of us once were a new-born with that peaceful face of innocence in our mother's arms. With Mary as our Heavenly Mother, it would build much peace within us and the world if we stop and look at everyone with that same Mother's love, she looks at us with.

Now as we put the holidays behind and ready to move on with Catholic Daughters, it's time to start thinking about our National Convention in July in Puerto Rico. Your Regent's will be receiving a packet of information about the convention. It will contain all the information you need to begin planning your trip. What a wonderful chance to make new friends and renew friendships with those you haven't seen since our convention 4 years ago. July seems far away but it will be here before we know it, so mark your calendar and make your hotel reservations.

My prayers on New Year's will be for all my CDA sisters and your families that 2022 brings you many blessings of health and happiness. And of course, a little more of that normalcy!

Peace and Joy,  
Susan Moné  
First Vice National Regent

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[Catholicdaughterscolorado.org](http://Catholicdaughterscolorado.org)

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## Prayers

### FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS:

Carole Stakonis joined Catholic Daughters October 6, 2004 but re-signed April 12, 2013 from Court 1794 -- A member for 9 years. Sadly Carole died on October 30, 2021 at the age of 78 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Edna Escalante died on September 25, 2021. Edna became a member of Court Holy Family #1794 on June 6, 1977 -- a member for 44 years!

The Church encourages the faithful to offer prayers, indulgences, works of penance, and/or almsgiving for these suffering souls who cannot help themselves. For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we pray:

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.***

### FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

For Barbara Barnes as she continues to battle liver cancer.

### FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For the Church: that we may be like Mary, treasuring God's words and deeds in our hearts and drawing wisdom from them for our daily lives. We pray to the Lord.

For leaders of nations and all who hold public office: that they may lay aside their desires for personal gain and work untiringly to relieve suffering and promote the common good. We pray to the Lord.

For God's blessing in the New Year: that God will free us from the Covid virus, renew the gifts of the Spirit within us, and inspire us with new ways to show God's love and compassion to others. We pray to the Lord.

For a deeper awareness of the Spirit in our lives: that we may know our adoption as children of God and live in freedom and friendship with God. We pray to the Lord.

## Spiritual Message for January

Let's be in unity with God and with each other

So let's strive to live our life intent on doing everything so as to ensure the continued presence of Jesus among us. To be united in his name means to be united in him, in the life that he brings with him, in his will, which is, above all: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* If we do this, if all of us are ready to love one another as he loved us, Jesus will be in our midst. And what better companion could we have in this life which then opens out for everyone into eternity?

If your court has a member, or the close relative of a member, that has died, or is seriously ill, please email that information to [nine-liveslinda@gmail.com](mailto:nine-liveslinda@gmail.com) so that it may be posted.



## State News

### 50/50 Drawing

The State's Christmas raffle, took in \$1,612. Fifty percent was paid out to three winners which were as follows:

1st Place was for 25% which was \$403 went to Donna Nicklas, Court St. Teresa #980, Sterling.

2nd Place for \$15% which was \$241.80 went to Mary Benavidez, Court Sangre de Cristo #1810, Alamosa.

3rd Place for \$10% which was \$161.20 went to Randy Keller, husband of Gini Keller, Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941, Fruita.

### Keep us Informed!

We would like to ask all court regents to email Linda of any member deaths or death of an active member's immediate family (spouse, parent, etc.). Then this information can be accurately and timely posted in this newsletter so that all Catholic Daughters in Colorado may offer up prayers for the deceased and their families. Linda's email is [nineliveslinda@gmail.com](mailto:nineliveslinda@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Mark you Calendars!

Please keep in mind the following events! Please consider holding fundraisers to help offset the cost of attendance so that your court may be well represented. What better way to have fun than to have a large group of your court sisters with you!

New Officer Training Workshop - June 24 through 26, 2022, Colorado Springs

National Convention - July 20 through 24, 2022, Puerto Rico

State Convention - June 9 through 11, 2023, Grand Junction





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### National News

The 59th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Convention Dates: Pre-convention Workshops and Concert Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Opening Convention Mass Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Convention Meeting Days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, July 20-24, 2022. Closing Banquet Saturday, July 23, 2022.

Hotel Location: Sheraton Hotel and Casino, 200 Convention Boulevard San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

Hotel Reservations: You have two options to secure your hotel room, online or by telephone: Instructions to make your room reservation online:

- Step 1 Go to <https://www.marriott.com/reservation/unsuccessfulSell.mi>
- Step 2 Select your arrival/departure dates
- Step 3 Select room type
- Step 4 Enter name and payment information

Instructions to make your room reservation by telephone:

- Step 1 Call 1-888-236-2427
- Step 2 Once you reach a live agent, request the Sheraton Hotel and Casino, located at 200 Convention Blvd, Puerto Rico
- Step 3 Identify that you are with a Group (“Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2022 National Convention”)

Discounted Group Room Rate: \$149.00 USD, per room, per night (Rate is available from July 7, 2022 through Thursday, July 28, 2022)

**Last date to make a room reservation at the Catholic Daughters discounted rate is Thursday, June 14, 2022.**

Important General Information: You DO NOT need a passport to travel to Puerto Rico. Currency used in Puerto Rico is USD. You can learn more about the current Travel Guidelines for Puerto Rico, including information pertaining to COVID and vaccination card/PCR negative test requirements at <https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/info/travel-guidelines>

*Baptism of  
Our Lord  
January 9th*



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### A Report from the **Leadership Chair** By Evelyn Irving

When we think of the word “leadership”, we immediately think of a “who” or a person who serves as a leader. We then are called to think about what makes this person a leader, or more importantly, what makes this person an effective leader. We’ve all heard the saying that there is a leader in all of us. The challenge then for each of us is to become effective leaders.

One skill that is a must is COMMUNICATION. Some of us are very shy and have a hard time speaking in front of a group, or even on a one-on-one basis. You can still be a good leader by expressing yourself in writing or even on emails – don’t let being shy stop you.

Many of us are good “talkers”, but when it comes to LISTENING, it is a different story. It’s just the times we live in. For example, our minds are racing forward to what is the next thing on the agenda so we are not truly listening. Well, we all know that we learn better when we can touch, feel or see something. One key to improving your listening is to remove yourself from any distractions or at least begin to learn to “ignore” those things that keep you from listening.

To help you listen properly, learn to “listen from the heart.” This will lead you to a sense of understanding what the speaker is saying and feeling. Walk a mile in my shoes and you will have a better understanding of what I feel. Listening from the heart is like walking a mile in someone’s shoes.

### **Membership**

Ladies, I have been very fortunate to meet so many wonderful, caring and compassionate women since joining the Catholic Daughters in 1998. While I was the State Regent and helping to conduct a State Workshop, I met someone who I cherish as a friend and am so proud of how she has gone from a brand new member of CDA to our current State Regent.

Because of the tragedies that have befallen Barbara – fighting cancer herself and losing her beloved husband to Covid – I have witnessed so many Catholic Daughters come together in prayer and love and compassion. While speaking to Barbara this week, I realized that sadly, her situation is a perfect Membership tool – have you ever seen more prayers, love, compassion, and sisterhood in any other organization? When you show prospective members what a beautiful family they would be joining by becoming a member of the Catholic Daughters, who would not want to become a member?

Evelyn Irving, Membership Chairman for Court Holy Family #1794



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### Local Court News

Please make sure your court is emailing a copy of their minutes to [nineliveslinda@gmail.com](mailto:nineliveslinda@gmail.com) so that we can share your local news with the rest of the courts in our state.

**Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941:** Donated \$1,500 from money raised at a recent bake sale to help fund Catholic Outreach's newest project, The Mother Teresa House. The court has also earmarked revenue from two future bake sales for this project as well. Mother Teresa House is going to be a 40-unit apartment complex to house the more vulnerable population of people on the street. Such as homeless people living with addictions, illnesses, and disabilities.

**Court St. Teresa #980:** Held a Christmas party on December 6th. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious potluck meal and a lively gift exchange game. Father Michael and Father Enrique also attended.

**Court Sacred Heart #1606:** This court has spiritually adopted two people, Mark Sparks and Kayla Garcher, who are both in religious formation.

**Court Holy Family #1794:** This parish gave 36 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. Several members bought eggs and rolls to donate. One school had a list of 5 families in need and they were given baskets. The court expects 50 or so baskets would be needed for Christmas and they plan to supply ham. Everyone was eligible to receive one of these baskets.

**Court Sangre de Cristo #1810:** Owns and operates St. Vinny's Thrift Store which donates baby clothes to the Women's Resource Center each month, and donates books to the public library. The store is open two days per week and mainly serves the area's homeless population, who in turn help with pulling weeds and other chores needed around the building.