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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Happy New Year to you. As we make our New Year's resolutions this year, let us remember that God wants us to be an instrument of good. Reflect on how you can make a difference in your life, family, church, and community. When you are doing good deeds not only are you showing God's love but also living what it is to be a Catholic Daughter through your kindness, charity, care and compassion. If you haven't done anything for a while, then maybe 2020 is the year to start. Participate in Catholic Daughter activities, assist older CDA members to be able to come and enjoy what's going on, volunteer at the soup kitchen or food bank, sign up to be a Big Sister to a child, visit those who are shut-in or in nursing homes, work in a community garden or grow extra fruits and vegetables to donate to the food banks. There are so many acts of kindness that we all could be doing to make a difference in someone's life. Let's not forget that Circle of Love Reports are due February 1st and please check the deadlines for the various contests. (education, newsletter, websites) This Spring we will be nominating and voting for new local court officers. Have you always let someone else do it? YOU are smart, talented and capable of being on a board to lead your court. Please don't shy away because God may be calling you to do his work through Catholic Daughters. We all have something to give and you might not know it until you give yourself a chance. May God bless and guide you all this new year.

Lucy Gasaway

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/5 Epiphany
- 1/12 Baptism of the Lord
- 2/1 Circle of Love reports due
- 5/2020 Election of Local Court officers
- 6/19-21 State Workshop
- 7/15-19 National Convention

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STATE COURT NEWS



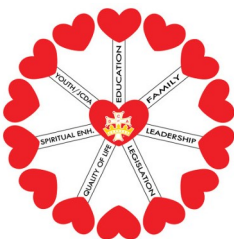
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

As we make our New Year's Resolutions let us remember to include more time with the Lord. Simple ways to do that are Mass, Bible Study, Daily Prayer, Rosaries. It is even more special if we do it with family members.

This is the year that new Court Officers are elected. Please take some time to discern and consider running for a local position. Our courts cannot function well without a full board: Regent, Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. Give yourself a chance to help your court in one of these positions. I will not lie to you– they are often time-consuming and you don't always feel appreciated, but our courts need your unique gifts to function well. I was once told: "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called" Please take a few moments to reflect if God may be calling you to take a leadership position. If the same people are always the leaders, the Court won't grow and spread it's wings. Help your court fly to new heights and let's all be more involved.

Barb Barnes, 1st Vice State Regent

Don't forget that Circle of Love forms are due Feb 1, 2020



NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention will be in Dallas, Texas July 15-19, 2020. Each court in Colorado is allowed 2 delegates and 4 alternates, who are elected by the court to represent them at the convention. This is a great opportunity for each of us to have a say in the by-laws and resolutions that govern our Catholic Daughters. We also have great fun and make many new friends. It is awesome to see so many women working and praying together in service to the Lord.

COLORADO STATE WORKSHOP

The 2020 Colorado State Workshop will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs Friday, June 19-Sunday, June 21, 2020.

We are thinking inside a new box, and are trying to make it enough different that you will get something out of it, even if you've been many times before.

When the State Board officers went to officer training in Scottsdale, we came back full of new ideas and we are anxious to share them with you.

This is the best way your new officers can get trained and is a good way for them to connect with others doing the same job.

It's going to be great fun!! You won't want to miss it!!! See you there :)



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PRAYERS



FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD:

As our gift to you, the National Board had 5 masses celebrated for you and your families, December 24-28 at St. Mark’s Church in Tampa Florida.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:



Margaret “Marge” Barta

Marge was a Past Regent and a 46-year member of Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035, Lakewood, Colorado.

Margaret was called home to be with our Lord on November 18, 2019. A memorial Mass was held on December 7, 2019.



Mary Jane Mulvaney

Mary Jane was a 36 –year member of Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035, Lakewood, Colorado. Mary Jane was called home to be with our Lord o November 9, 2019. A memorial Mass was held on December 30, 2019.

Cordy Valencia

Cordy was a long-time member of Court Sacred Heart #1606, Cortez, Colorado. Cordy passed away December 26th. A Funeral Mass was held on January 3, 2020 in Ignacio, Colorado.

Maureen O’Reilly-O’Shea

Maureen was Immediate Past Arizona State Regent. She passed away recently. She also served on the state board for many years in Arizona.



FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:



Mary Ann Kizer, past National Director from Arkansas who is undergoing tests and treatment for cancer.

Idella Miller, past National Director, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

For all CDA members and their family and friends, may they have health and healing in the new year.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from the December 2019 National Quarterly

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History attributes the first live Nativity scene to St. Francis of Assisi. It is believed that the first Nativity scene using clay figures was built in Italy in the 15th century. Believing it was an important way of sharing the faith, Franciscan Friars brought the tradition of the Nativity scene to the new world.

Allow the Lord to love you. He will bless you abundantly with the nourishment that your soul is craving.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent



Catholic Daughters-
Woman of the Year

Information is in the December National Quarterly. Nominations must be post-marked or emailed by February 1, 2020.



National
March for
Life
Jan 24, 2020

National Convention will be held July 15-19, 2020 at the downtown Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas. All court Regents should have received their first call to convention packet which was mailed to courts in December. Hotel reservation information is in the packet or in the December National Quarterly.

Traditions at a Glance

- ◆ Gather for family prayer to give thanks
- ◆ Plan and cook favorite meals together
- ◆ Say grace before meals
- ◆ Eat meals together
- ◆ Read scriptures together
- ◆ Attend Mass as a family
- ◆ Deliver meals to homebound and homeless
- ◆ As a family help to decorate the church and/or parish hall
- ◆ Help senior family members
- ◆ Celebrate Epiphany January 5
- ◆ Volunteer at a homeless shelter
- ◆ Visit the sick and shut ins-especially our CDA family
- ◆ Call that family member and say "I love you"

Remember that simple traditions are always the best.

Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer and Family Chairman.

**Editor Note: I chose the Christmas Family Traditions that could apply to our lives as the new year begins.

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COURT MT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, GRAND JUNCTION: The court donated 20% of their gross candle sales to Drops of Hope. They are going to include comments about why their members became Catholic Daughters on their website. They are looking into having a speaker on Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking at their March meeting . The card party was moved to March 14. Members from each parish were asked to recruit from their parish so that the women being asked were familiar with the one recruiting them. They are working at the Outreach soup kitchen. They are going to start in January collecting baby items from the 4 parishes for the baby shower for Birthright and are lining up a speaker.

COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: Their December meeting opened with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They held their Christmas pot luck and monetary gifts were given to each priest and Deacon Ron. All business was tabled until the January meeting.



COURT ST. ANTHONY #1248, DURANGO: Members provided food for the snack and for lunch for the parish retreat. The cookie sale fundraiser at the bazaar was quite successful. Donations were made to the Lila Mae house in Iowa; the Newman Club at Fort Lewis College; The LaPlata Family Center; Sacred Heart Parish Youth program and St. Columba Parish Youth program. Plans were made for an Epiphany luncheon on January 11th.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Meeting was held at Mancos Methodist Church Hall so that Rosa Sabido who is in sanctuary there could attend. Holiday bazaar and bake sale went very well. Sign ups for chairmen for state convention 2021 are still being filled. The court donated \$500.00 to the Community Christmas Dinner and to JCDA. Rosa spoke about being in Sanctuary for over 1000 days.



JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: The court provided 6 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child gift shoeboxes for needy children around the world. They had a successful bazaar. They provided 34 families with Thanksgiving baskets and they helped residents at Vista Grande write Christmas cards to loved ones. Court members distributed baskets the weekend before Christmas.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Their craft fair was a big success. The recommendation is that they raffle baskets every hour. CDA Sunday was a beautiful celebration. The court decided to wait until next year to do the education contest so they could be better prepared. They donated to St. John Vianney Seminary and to Redemptoris Seminary and gave donations to their 2 Priests and the Deacon. They will be participating in the March for Life January 11, 2020 in Denver.

