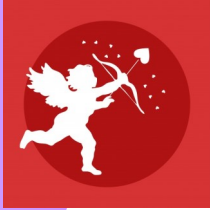


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Ash Wednesday



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ECCLESIASTES 3:20*

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Dear CDA Sisters,

As we welcome the celebration of love this month, let us not forget the words St. Francis of Assisi prayed, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love...For it is in giving that we receive...”. These words exemplify what a Catholic Daughter strives to do each day and is at the center of our Circle of Love. My hope is that in our courts, this is the goal of everything we do.

Lent begins this year on February 17th, Ash Wednesday and I’d like to extend an invitation to you to pray the Stations of the Cross weekly. We need to contemplate Christ’s dying and rising for us to truly understand what love means. The Lord loves us all equally, completely and unconditionally which is what true love is.

We will soon be mailing out the Call to Convention with all the information about this summer’s State Convention in Cortez. At this stage, we are proceeding as if we will have an in-person convention. The State Board will decide after the registration deadline, seeing what the Covid-19 infections are doing, following our Colorado state’s recommendations, and checking our venues that they will allow groups. I hope that many of you have already gotten your first Covid-19 vaccine and hopefully by late May, we will all have been vaccinated. Please pray for each other and that our State Convention will happen in Cortez. May God bless you,

Lucy Gasaway



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 14: Valentines Day
- Feb 17: Ash Wednesday
- Feb 21: National JCDA Day
- Feb 28: Circle of Love Reports Due to State Chairmen
- Mar 1: Website and newsletter Entries Due to State Chairmen
- Mar 1: National Education Contest Entries Due to State Chairman
- June 4-6: State Convention - Cortez, Colorado



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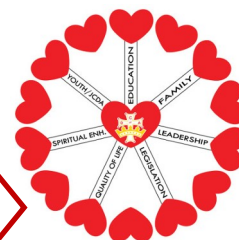
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STATE COURT NEWS

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National Education Contest Entries due to State Chairman March 1, 2021

Circle of Love Reports due to State Chairmen Feb 28, 2021



FATHER BILL CARMODY PRO-LIFE AWARD

This award is given each year in memory of Past State Chaplain, Father Bill Carmody.

Award: Certificate for Court and a \$50 Check for Court

Award given at State Workshop and State Convention

Entry: The entry will consist of an Entry Sheet and a write-up of the various pro-life activities (moms, babies, the unborn) the court has been involved in this year (April 1, 2020—March 31, 2021). These must be court activities, NOT the activity of an individual member. Pictures may be included with your entries. Digital pictures are required by *Share* magazine.

Submit entries to : 1st Vice State Regent, Barbara Barnes, 3544 County Road 307, Durango, CO 81303.

Deadline: Entries must be RECEIVED by Barbara by April 5.

Website and Newsletter Contest entries due to State Chairman March 1, 2021

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COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

Plans are still moving forward for the State Convention in Cortez on June 4-6, 2021.

The theme this year is: Mother Mary, Queen of All Saints.

By now all of the regents should have received their first call to convention. The Call to Convention will be coming out in mid February.

Make your hotel reservations and send in your registration and meal reservation forms as soon as you can after you get the information. If convention is cancelled, you can get refunded the money you pay for these.

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Happy New Year to my CDA sisters in Colorado.

Little did we know what was ahead as we all said Happy New Year 2020 We began with hope and anticipation for the coming year. And then came March and WHAM! In comes Covid-19 and our world changed drastically in ways that none of us could have ever imagined. All of us have had to deal with many challenges and learn to rethink everything in all aspects of our life. We all have suffered as family, friends and CDA sisters dealt with having covid. And many have dealt with the grief of losing a loved one to this terrible virus attacking our world.

As we now welcome another New Year we have hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but it will still be months to get back to whatever “normal” will be for us. This covid has brought so many back to prayer and an increased compassion for these in need. It has been so rewarding to see the many ways that people, especially my CDA sisters, have reached out to help those in great need. Hopefully we are coming out of the covid with a deeper faith and stronger prayer life.

During this past year we as Catholic Daughters have had to rethink how we could conduct the business of our courts. It’s been a real challenge and we had to think outside the box, to use our imaginations in order to hold meetings, do financial reviews, elect officers for our local courts and have installation of those new officers. I have watched with amazement the resiliency of the CDA all over the country in seeing the unique ways that courts have managed these tasks and gone above and beyond to help each other.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to the ladies who have gone out of your comfort zone for the welfare and continuation of our organization and to accomplish the work at hand. When we get back to “normal” I want us to be able to jump right back in Unity and Charity as we work for the Lord after all the bumps in the road of 2020.

Your State Board is working hard to make all the plans for the CO State Convention in June. We all look with hope that by then it will be safe to gather and rejoice even if we still have to wear masks and take some precautions. We will move forward in Faith not fear. So, I am hoping that anyone that wants to run for office has prepared your paperwork and mailed it in. Also, by now that every court has elected delegates for the convention. And start planning your trip to Cortez. I will be coming, and I want to see you there! Think positive!

God brought us to this challenge and has brought us through (almost) it. I pray every day for my CDA sisters everywhere and I know that working together, WE CAN DO THIS!

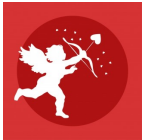


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God’s peace and blessings,
Susan Moné
First Vice National Regent



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PRAYERS

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Belinda Swager, North Carolina State Regent who passed away unexpectedly

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

For all of our Catholic Daughter Sisters and their families who are in need of our prayers.

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

A special prayer for the wonderful young women who are JCDA on their special day, February 21, 2021



For all of our CDA Courts that they may grow and flourish and let God’s light shine through them.

For the members of Court Teresa #980 as they celebrate their 95th Anniversary as a court.

For the victims of COVID 19 and for the first responders, medical, fire and police who come to their aid, and for all essential workers who keep doing their job during this pandemic.

A prayer for our youth and all those experiencing depression and suicidal thoughts that they may feel God’s love for them and may it give them hope for a brighter tomorrow.

For our country, may we grow in tolerance and let love and grace from the Lord guide our actions. Let all of our government leaders open their hearts to the grace of God and let them be guided by the Lord in the decisions they make.



For Pope Francis, all priests, and all religious in our communities and our world.



If you haven’t already sent in your State Seminary Burse donation, please do so right away. This money is divided up between the three diocese of Colorado to help them with training of seminarians. We need your donations by Palm Sunday. Thank you!!

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NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from the December 2020 National Quarterly



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National JCDA Day is held on the third Sunday in February. CDA Courts are encouraged to join their "little sisters" in celebrating National JCDA Day on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Show your support for your junior court by planning some memorable activities with them!

At this time of great challenge for our world, people of faith are seeking the proper response. All are challenged, fear and confusion dominate our lives. Is there an end to this crisis? We are a people of Hope and we hope for the best. God has a plan for us. During this time whatever we do, do it with love.

Wouldn't the world be a better place if we remembered this simple scripture. The image of a world free of hatred would be so peaceful. And yet, we know that isn't reality. Reality is that our world is one where we forget to show others the love we have been shown by God.

Paul reminds the Corinthian believers and us of our blessed hope in Christ and opens our understanding to the resurrection. It is as we die to our own self and live for Christ alone then we are fashioned and formed into the lovely image of Christ. When we permit the Holy Spirit to carry out his good works in and through our lives, then we can become a channel through whom His love can flow from us to others. Everything we do, our attitude and action, our thoughts and our work, every word we speak, every decision we take and the choices we make need to be bathed in the Holy Spirit and washed in the fountain of God's love and covered by the unconditional love of Christ.

When it comes to loving others, there are many, many ways to do so, but to start, pray for them. Praying for others daily is unconditional way of loving others just as God calls us to do.

God Bless you all,
Fr. Siby Punnoose, National Clergy Consultant



Leading through uncertain times can be challenging to a leader. There is a need for leaders to create ways to keep the line of communication opened within their courts and to focus on the well being of their members. The key word here is communication. We know that communication is an ongoing process that allows us to think and talk about the past, discuss the present and speculate about the future.

There are different communication channels that will allow us to keep the line of communication open. The two most popular are Zoom and Conference Calls. For those not able to access these, there are phone calls, minutes, newsletters. . .

The way we communicate with our members today will determine our future for tomorrow.

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COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: They are continuing with the quilting and lap robe projects. They are not able to return to the regular schedule of praying the Rosary at Devonshire. Members are encouraged to stay informed as to the availability of the COVID vaccine. Plans were made for the 95th Anniversary on January 31. Rosary was prayed before Masses on Jan 15 and 16. Shrove Tuesday plans were tabled until the February meeting. 4 large boxes of donated juices and snacks were delivered to the Sterling Living Center.



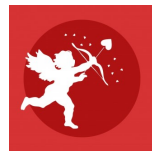
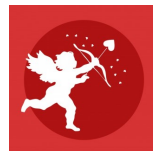
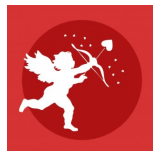
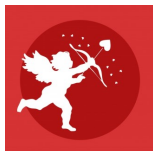
COURT ST. ANTHONY #1248, DURANGO: Delegates and Alternates were chosen for the State Convention. For Make a Difference Day, court members are going to call parish members who are homebound around Valentine’s Day. A mass intention is going to be said for the 95th Anniversary of the Sterling Court.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Donations were made to Pinon Project and FC Mutual Aid and to National CDA Projects. Mass intentions were requested for deceased CDA members for 2021. Even though Angel Tree boxes and trees could not be placed in church due to COVID, 19 elderly persons were matched with a donor (10 Madison House residents and 9 community members). Renewing the raffle license was discussed. Family night was cancelled in 2020, nor will it occur in 2021. Virtual Bingo was suggested as an alternative. Plans were discussed for Lenten activities and for Stations of the Cross for Life led by our court. Discussed doing their Baby Bottle campaign for Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center in May so as not to conflict with Lenten Rice Bowl collection. Cookbooks and socks are being sold as fundraisers for State CDA convention this summer.



JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Members assembled and delivered over 30 Christmas Baskets from donations from the parish.

COURT ST. ANNE #1622, LAMAR: A bakeless bake sale was held. Court is going to continue helping Fr. Soo Sai’s father with his medical expenses each month, and made a donation to help Deacon Peter with his ordination expenses. A Christmas donation was given to the court clergy. They are making bags for shut ins, but cannot deliver them due to COVID.



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COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: Spiritual Enhancement was about two saints who were ordinary people but became Saints and practical ideas of how to pray, praise and wait on God’s perfect timing. Circle of Love forms were passed out to chairmen. Delegates and Alternates for State Convention were selected. St. Dominic Feast Day Festival plans were discussed. Donation was made to Ct. St. Teresa for their 95th Anniversary. Some members may go depending on the weather. Donation was made to National Projects. Members made decorated pinecones for the Memorial Service at St. Dominic



COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: A donation was made to the Action Center to help provide services like rent and food assistance to those whose lives continue to be affected by COVID 19. Circle of Love forms will be passed out at February meeting. Gifts for the Convention Welcome bags were discussed. Gift cards were donated to the Samaritan House Shelter for Women and Children. Members collected clothing which was taken to the Samaritan House. Delegates for the Colorado State Convention were selected.



COURT STS. PETER AND PAUL #2669, WHEAT RIDGE: Father Thuerauf reported that the school is doing well and they are doing in-person classes and getting ready for registration for next year. All the classes are at capacity. Sunshine Committee will send out birthday cards to members having birthdays. The Holiday Food Basket program went well with baskets given to 37 families. The Giving Tree was able to give gifts to 155 seniors in the nursing homes. Sack Lunches were prepared and delivered. Members were encouraged to find ways to stay positive. One suggestion was to think of words beginning with the letter “S” or something positive for each letter in your name. Look at the things that make you happy and bring you joy such as a hobby, calling your friends, etc. Think positive and begin this new year happy and healthy. Members decided that since the Christmas party was cancelled that members donate the money that they would have spent on gifts to donate to the church. All Soup Suppers, Coffee/ Donuts and Breakfasts and all food/food events will be cancelled until sometime after Easter. Tentatively planning a retreat in May depending upon Covid. Members decided to have a Respect Life Rosary on Jan 29 since they couldn’t do the March for Life. The school Gala will be held virtually, and the court is doing another basket to raffle off this year. Donations were made to the church for use of BigMac; to National Projects; to the school emergency school lunch program.

