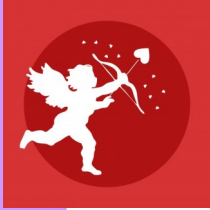


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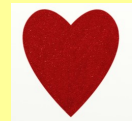


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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

February is the month most known for Love. When we think of Love, do we really think of all the ways one can show love. Yes, it's nice to get a card, flowers, or candy for Valentine's Day but how do we really love others? Spending time with an ill Catholic Daughter sister, bringing lunch to share with a shut-in, or going out of your way to help another in need is how we truly love one another. The message of St. Valentine's Day is that "the love of Our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, selfless, and unconditional love." This is the love that each one of us is called to express in our own life, for God and our neighbor. Our CDA National Convention in Dallas is July 15-19th. I want to encourage all CDA members to attend this event and be inspired as you experience the spirituality, the variety of workshops, the fellowship among Catholic Daughters from your state, all over the country, territories, and other countries. This will be my 5th National Convention and every time I go, I am amazed at what a wonderful organization we are and how much good we do in our communities. In the past, conventions have had as many as 1200 attendees but I think this one will be huge as there are over 16,000 Catholic Daughters in Texas and many JCDA Courts. I hope to see many of you there and I promise you won't be disappointed.

Lucy Gasaway



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 1: Circle of Love Reports Due
- Feb 1: National Education Contest Entries Due
- Feb 16: National JCDA Day
- Feb 26: Ash Wednesday
- June 19-21 State Workshop
- July 15-19 National Convention—Dallas
- June 4-6, 2021 State Convention-Cortez, Colorado

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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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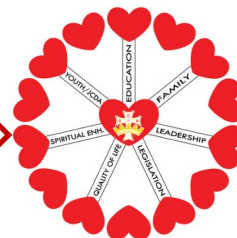
STATE COURT NEWS

Lent begins with
Ash Wednesday,
February 26



National Edu-
cation Contest
Deadline is
February 1

Circle of Love Reports
due February 1, 2020



PLAN
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COLORADO STATE WORKSHOP

We are making **BIG** plans with many opportunities for spiritual growth, hands-on learning about your new office, fellowship, sharing, friendships, and FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

Unfortunately, the grant we applied for we did not receive, but we are thinking of ways to keep your costs down. Please plan ahead now and think of ways to send your officers to this very important training experience. Even if they have done the job before it is very important that they come to the training. We are trying some different things and will need experienced as well as new officers. We are so excited and hope to see you there **June 15-19, 2020 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs.**

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, 2019—March 31, 2020). 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,

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

PLEASE submit an entry. I know you are doing these activities so submit an entry and you may earn \$50 for your court.

SAVE THE DATE

COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

The next Colorado State Convention will be held in Cortez, Colorado June 4-6, 2021. Court Sacred Heart is already making plans for a great weekend and hoping to see you all there!

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention will be in Dallas, Texas July 15 -19, 2020. It is not often that National Conventions are so close to home. It would be really fun to have lots of delegates from Colorado attending this convention. Give it some thoughtful discernment and see if you are called to represent your court. Hope to see you there

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ARTICLE VIII

LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of three (3) or five (5) shall be elected at the regular meeting in March in alternate years to the State elections. Nominations shall be made from the floor. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the nominating committee.

The three (3) or five (5) candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The remaining candidates shall serve as alternates according to their rank. The committee member receiving the most votes serves as Chairman, or the committee itself may select its chairman from among the three (3) or five (5) elected members.

DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office.

The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve.

The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office.

If there is a vacancy on the slate, the committee shall report that office vacant (open).

The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

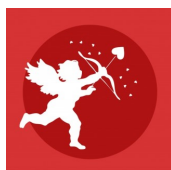
ELECTIONS

Written notice and/or notice via electronic (email) mail of at least ten (10) days from the date of postmark must be given to all members of the Court, as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Prior to the election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May.

Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in the alternate years to the State elections and shall hold office for two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A plurality vote shall elect. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election.

Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.



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PRAYERS

FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD:

Please keep **Angelina Romero** in your prayers. She is the Immediate Past State Regent of New Mexico. She fell on an uneven sidewalk and has broken bones in her arm and in her face.

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FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Helen Billiard passed away on January 22. She was a member of Court Madonna of the Mountains in Lakewood for 37 years. Helen was 96 years old and was always an active member and a generous one to the court.

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 16, 2020

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

For Barbara Barnes and her family who are struggling with the death of her 32 year old niece from liver failure and the failing health of her brother-in-law from cancer.



Safe travels for Father Pat Valdez, State Chaplain, who is traveling in Mexico and for Father Kenneth as he travels home from Nigeria.

For the victims of natural disasters and for the first responders, medical, fire and police who come to their aid.

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

IF YOUR COURT HAS ANY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS PAGE, PLEASE SEND THEM TO BARBARA AS AN EMAIL. I DON'T TAKE THEM FROM YOUR MINUTES. THANKS

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NATIONAL NEWS



Excerpts from the December 2019 National Quarterly

Ash Wednesday



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Thank you for sharing your newsletters with me. I am truly impressed by all that you are doing in the name of CDA for God’s people. You are truly God’s hands and feet on earth! Thank you as well for the wonderful invitations to Christmas parties and Anniversaries. I truly wish I could be with you. Know that I am with you in spirit. More importantly, I am joined with you in prayer for your health and protection and for the protection and healing of those you love. Let us also pray together for the work of CDA. May all we do be for the glory and for the honor of God, and may God’s peace and joy be with you always!

Olga Samaniego, National Regent

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 16, 2020. Show your support for your junior court by planning some memorable activities with them!



St. John XXIII prayed a simple prayer every day that kept him connected with Jesus. It was a commitment of 10 things each day.

- 1) Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
- 2) Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
- 3) Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
- 4) Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
- 5) Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
- 6) Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
- 7) Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
- 8) Only for today, I will make a plan for myself; I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
- 9) Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
- 10) Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

Most Reverend Brendan J Cahill, S.T.D., National Chaplain

National Charity: Disaster Relief

In the blink of an eye our personal world can change because of the devastation of a natural disaster. Hurricanes, wild fires, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and storms can wreak havoc for individuals and their families. As Catholic Daughters we can help our brothers and sisters who are going through a trying time in their life. How can we help? CDA Courts can make donations to the National Charities Disaster Fund to help those in need. When a disaster occurs, the State Regent makes an appeal to National describing the extent of the disaster. Upon review, the funds are sent to the Bishop of the diocese that has been affected and the funds are then distributed.

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LOCAL COURT NEWS

COURT LITTLE FLOWER #925, LA JUNTA: On May 2, the court will hold a yard and purse sale. The court will donate to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Auction. Lenten Devotional Service will be held at their February meeting.

COURT MT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, GRAND JUNCTION: The court welcomed one guest and are going to install a new member at their February meeting. They voted to donate to Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Conference in June. 6 Lady Vet bags were delivered to the VA. Members volunteered to help at the Soup Kitchen. Baby items collected at the churches and donated by members will be given to Birthright. Plans were made for their Card Party on March 14 .

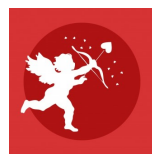
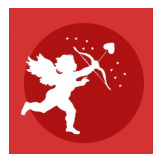
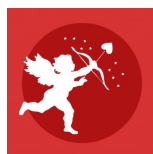
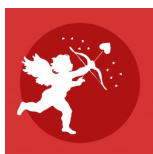
COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: They were unable to have mass or rosary at the Devonshire nursing home due to the flu lockdown. Donation was made to the Growing in Faith Together religious education program. Invitation was given to join the United for Life walk in Fort Morgan to celebrate life from conception to natural death. Operation Morningstar reported that the abortion rate has steadily decreased and is now lower than any time since the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision. Donation was made of diapers, wipes and clothing to Baby Blessings Connection. Shrove Tuesday meal was planned. The court's standing rules were updated and approved.

COURT ST. ANTHONY #1248, DURANGO: Guest Speaker, Tim Dionne, Director of Missionary Discipleship in the parish, gave an explanation of Intentional Discipleship. Donna Barnes was nominated as the delegate for the National Convention. Donations were made to St. Columba School for a solar panel and to our local Special Olympics program. Epiphany Luncheon was held at Yellow Carrot on January 11. Members were asked to join for Adoration on January 10 and for Rosary for Life on January 22.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Fellowship of Christian Athletes meals were served in December and January at Dolores High School. Delegates were elected for the National Convention (Melissa ad Kellie). Convention Committee sign up sheets went around. They are looking at possible locations. JCDA will support (ie flag ceremony). Themes were suggested and will be written up and given to Melissa for presentation to the State Board. Angel Tree update it was suggested they start earlier next year. Fundraiser ideas were suggested and tabled for discussion at next meeting. Family game night was planned. CDA and JCDA will alternate soup/stations during lent. Highway cleanup set for spring.

JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Members successfully delivered the Christmas Baskets; donated food to backpack program at Cortez Middle School and are planning Valentine's Day crafts.

COURT ST. ANNE #1622, LAMAR: The court began planning their St. Francis de Sales dinner and auction. Eldonna encouraged members to think about running for office. Members were encouraged to attend State Workshop. Christmas sale of stockings and cane shaped decorations went very well. February they will be sending out boxes to college students and those in the military.



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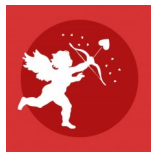
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COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: Bonnie set out flyers of Saints who heal whatever ails you, 5 craziest canonized saints and 5 saints with a sinful past. Homebound visits seemed to go well. The court has several new members since October and had 2 past members at their meeting who are thinking about coming back. Their bake sale went very well. They decided to let their prayer pals know they were praying for them. They are working on their raffle license.

COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: Gift cards were collected in December and given to Father Michael Suchnicki, Chaplain of the Samaritan House to be used as needed for the homeless. Birthday Blessings sent to Little Sisters of the Poor, Mullen Home for the Aged. Members were encouraged to read the articles from Operation Morningstar on abortion, the Equality Act, a pro-life video, and child sex change surgery. Another handout entitled "The Rosary and Public Awareness Can Stop Trafficking of Children". A special meeting to update the Standing Rules of the Court was held on Jan 25. Their Christmas Luncheon was well attended. An amendment to the National Bylaws was presented, approved, and forwarded to National and State. Delegates for the National Convention will be elected in February.

COURT STS. PETER AND PAUL #2669, WHEAT RIDGE: The Lady of Fatima statue was at their church Nov 20 to 28. Fr Victor was reassigned by the Archbishop and a going away brunch was given for him. Road Cleanup discontinued due to lack of interest. Sack Lunch Sunday was January 18/19. Pancake Breakfast will be Feb 16. Coffee/Donut Sunday is Jan 19 after masses. Christmas Giving Tree was more successful than last year. A tea party was suggested for Feb 22. Christmas party was great fun. CDA was recognized at halftime at the school basketball game on Jan 15. The court voted to contribute to 2 school gala baskets-one Italian and one chocolate. Jan 11 was Family game night. CDA will help at the Confirmation reception April 19. A weekly Lenten service "Genesis to Jesus" will begin Feb 20. Lenten Soup Suppers will be held for the 6 weeks of Lent.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Sign up sheet sent around for monthly Coffee & Donuts. Bunco was Jan 15. Celebrate Life March Jan 11. Bus to the rally and back. On Jan 13 a new class "Mission of the Messiah & Divine Life of Mary". On Jan 25 the court helped to entertain the wives of the knights who were attending the Knights of Columbus Major Degree Luncheon. Donation made to the 5 National Projects. An ad hoc committee was formed to submit names of delegates for National Convention. A nominating committee for local court officers will be elected soon. Members were also encouraged to run for a local court office. The 4th annual Catholic Women's Conference will be March 28. Carpooling was suggested. The parliamentarian recommended that they keep each agenda item to a discussion about 5 minutes. More volunteers are needed for their Bingo committee.



IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR COURT NEWS HERE IT IS BECAUSE I HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR MINUTES. WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ALL OF OUR COURTS SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR SECRETARY SEND MINUTES TO : barbjohnny@aol.com THANKS!