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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Greetings CDA Sisters,

Hope you are having a prayerful Lent & are contemplating how to make this time meaningful for you. I want to let you all know that I have received the State Officer ballot from Cathy Adams, Chair of the Nominating Committee. There were only two applications, Barbara Barnes for Regent & Sandy Cozad for Recording Secretary. The 1st Vice State Regent, 2nd Vice State Regent and Treasurer positions are vacant. Because we don't yet know the status of our June State Convention, I am opening up nominations from the floor. This means that those of you who were thinking of running for state office now have until April 24th, 2021 to get all your necessary paperwork to me. (paperwork is attached to this newsletter.)

Please pray about this as we need State Officers to carry on the business of the State. These positions are **not** difficult & many of us have run from the floor in the past. We would really like to see 5 courts represented on the Board. You will go to training at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Arizona with the rest of the State Officers from around the country & learn what you need to know to successfully carry out your duties for the position you have applied for. Most of your State Board meetings will be virtual so there is not a lot of travel. We need you so please consider stepping up to serve your state. If you want to know more about the duties of a position, contact your Court Regent & look it up in the current Bylaws book or you may look it up online at www.catholicdaughters.org in the Tools of the Trade under member resources.

God bless you,
Lucy Gasaway



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1: Deadline for Entries to State Chairmen for Newsletter, Website, & Education contests

March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 28: Palm Sunday



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We are on the web at:
catholicdaughterscolorado.org

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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MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE CHAPLAIN:



Dear CDA members,



As I'm writing this little piece for CDA newsletter on Tuesday, February 23, a beautiful sun and clear cobalt blue sky are shining above us here in Durango. I hope that all of you are enjoying a beautiful day yourselves.

Congratulations first of all to our sisters in CDA Court, Sterling, on the 95th anniversary of their founding. May they have many more to come.

Congratulations to Lucy Gasaway on her continued efforts to keep us all in the loop regarding the (hopefully) face to face convention in Cortez in June. She has been remarkably busy mastering all the various aspects of making sure this 2021 convention is a success. Kudos to her.



I suspect that you have heard of differing opinions on receiving the COVID vaccine. Some people have expressed doubts about the effectiveness of either Moderna or Pfizer or other vaccines. With prayer behind me, I simply trusted my doctor who encouraged me to go for it. So I have. I hope that all of you are able to receive the shots which will further guarantee our successful face to face convention. We'll all do our best.

And while I mentioned the beautiful sun and the cobalt blue skies, I must also ask for your prayers for moisture for the entire state, especially the southwest. The Animas is running at the lowest CFS since records were kept for more than 100 years. We look forward to more snow in the mountains and for good spring moisture. God knows we need it.



Please keep praying for your parishes, your pastors and all the people, (probably many of you are those people) who keep the parishes humming. During the changes that the pandemic has forced upon us, we know once again that we are not always in charge. But this we do know: Our God is with us and we can continue to praise and thank God for the loving care and support that we all need.

God bless you all. Fr. Jim Koenigsfeld, State Chaplain.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR:



I hope this finds you all staying nice and warm and healthy. Your weather is quite different than mine here in Arizona as I'm writing this letter to you it's in the 70s here and the sun is shining bright. I enjoy the beautiful white snow from a far with Facebook postings and photos from my son and his family in Denver.

We are all now on a special journey as we travel through the 40 days of lent in anticipation of the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. As a child my brothers and I like many of you gave up things like candy or any sweets, going to the movies, or giving up some other favorite of ours. But as an adult I have found that I travel a better Lenten journey not by giving up things that I like or habits I have but instead to use the time to get closer to God in my prayer life and by doing acts of kindness wherever I can. I think Pope Francis can say it much better than me with his recommendations for Lenten fasting.....

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate .
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words, be silent and listen.



My prayer for all of you during this lent is that you find inner peace, happiness, and a special closeness to God's through a blessed lent.



I'm excited as I talked today to your State Regent, Lucy, about the plans for your upcoming state convention in Cortez, Co.in early June. I'm looking forward to attending the convention and getting to meet many of you and your state board in person. I know your state board is working hard so that we can all enjoy a person-to-person state convention. We all hope and pray and anticipate that by June due to covid decreasing and the availability of the vaccine we will be able to enjoy CDA fellowship and celebrate beginning together once again.

As your convention nears I ask you to give serious thought and prayer in discerning the opportunity for you to become an officer in your state. It is a privilege to serve your CDA sisters in the leadership of our organization in Colorado. Your current board has worked hard and even extra hard this past year to guide and lead you to make CDA in Colorado the best it can be. It is now time for some of them to step down for a well-earned rest and for new members to step up. At this time your slate of officers has some vacancies, and you need some good women to step forward. I know that those vacancies will be filled by a few good Colorado Catholic Daughters who are willing to say "yes Lord" and yes to your CDA sisters.



Happy Lent,
Susan Moné
First Vice National Regent



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It's almost time again for those lovely Financial Reviews! Now is the time for you to make sure your membership papers have all been sent to SANDY COZAD and to National. Double check your receipts, vouchers, checks, ledgers, etc to make sure everything is correct and matches and put it all in order so that the reviews goes quickly. Make sure all bank statements are reconciled. Schedule your review with your state representative.



REMEMBER

ALL MONEY GOES TO CATHY PATCH (Dues, Seminary Burse, etc)
ALL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION GOES TO SANDY COZAD

COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

Theme: Mother Mary, Queen of All Saints

The State Board will be making a decision about what type of State Convention we will have after all the registration forms are received by April 15, 2021 and we know the current state of COVID with regards to the county/state restrictions, and whether the venues will allow groups to meet, and if we have enough registrants to have an in person State Convention. If we decide to go Virtual, then we will have a 1 day State Convention and a revised agenda will be sent out. We are still planning to do the State Officer Installation on Sunday, June 6th at 9am Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church in Cortez as Bishop Berg is still planning on coming.

PRAYERS

For all of our Priests, Deacons, and Religious that they may continue to grow in their faith and know that we appreciate all that they do for us.

For all of our Seminarians that they may be guided on their journey and that their hearts may be full to overflowing with your love.

For all Service men and women and First Responders, Police, Fire and all those who administer to us in our hour of need. May they know that we appreciate their sacrifice and may the Lord keep them safe as they continue their duties.

For all of our CDA members and their families that the Lord may bless them and keep them safe. May the Lord comfort those who are grieving, and give strength to those who are in need.

For all the unborn that they may be loved and cared for and be allowed to live the life the Lord has planned for them.



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NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from the January 2021 National Quarterly



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph, husband of Mary the Mother of Jesus was an outstanding example of accepting without question, the task of raising this tiny baby who would save the world. What wonderful faith Joseph had! As health mandates continue to be enforced that do not allow courts to meet or gather to work and celebrate accomplishments, let us be more like the gentle humble servant St Joseph.

Sherry Nilles, National Regent

POINTS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES For court meetings

1. Always rise when addressing the chair
2. Wait to be recognized
3. Write your motions on forms provided and submit to the regent
4. There can be no debate until the motion is moved and seconded
5. The motion is then considered and debated
6. Maker of the motion is the first to speak in debate
7. During debate, direct your discussion to the chair, not to individuals nor about personalities
8. Amendments may be made to improve the motion
9. Keep debate germane to the motion
10. Amendments to a main motion must be approved prior to voting on the main motion
11. Following all debate, the regent puts the question
12. Regent announces the result of the vote

Prayer in Preparation for the Election of Officers for Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Mary, Mother of Love, the first Catholic Daughter, we ask you to grant us the grace of openness to the Holy Spirit, dynamic fidelity to the charism of Unity and Charity, and untiring devotion in the service of the Catholic Daughters.

May this period of preparation for our State Election of Officers be for us a favorable time of humility, obedience, and openness to God's will for our Court. Make each member available and open to what the Spirit wishes to accomplish in our Court. Grant that each member have the ability to respond "YES" to God as He calls her to serve him.

Mary, Mother of the Church and of the Catholic Daughters

Pray for us.

Past National Chaplain, Reverend Edward Lamp



Circle of Love forms from state chairmen to national chairmen are due
April 1, 2021

Check out the St. Joseph Prayer Service in the January 2021 National Quarterly

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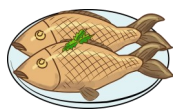
COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: A baby quilt was donated to Gabriel House. Communion was taken to Harmony Home. Discussed plans for NE United for Walk and for Shrove Tuesday. First Call to Convention was shared. Discussed the 95th Anniversary Celebration and what a success it was. Pearlie Breidenbach was honored to be recognized for her 50 years of membership in the court. Rosary was said before Masses on Feb 13 and Feb 14. Links will be sent out regarding COVID vaccines from the Charlotte Lozier Institute and the documentary “The Sidewalk Chronicles”.

COURT ST. ANTHONY #1248, DURANGO: Discussed State Convention and our gift for the Goodie Bags. We decided not to participate in the National Education Contest this year because it was too difficult to connect with the students and staff due to COVID restrictions. We will pick it up again next year. Court members called shut-ins to wish them a Happy Valentine’s Day. Lenten Reflection books are available in the church office. Stations of the Cross will be Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Rosary on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. There are no Confirmation students from St. Columba this year and we will check with Sacred Heart Church and make plans at March meeting for Confirmation gifts.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: CDA will be doing the Stations of the Cross for Life on Feb 19. Angel Tree and Education Contest discussed. Report given on the change in kitchen use and funerals. State Convention report given. Cookbooks for sale for \$10 to raise money for the convention. The convention will be June 4-6 if held in person, but will only be June 5 if held virtually with installation Mass June 6. The convention charity is Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center. The court donated to the fundraiser for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: JCDA Day was celebrated Feb 21. Court Sacred Heart paid for pizza and for a Mass to be said for the JCDA Court.

COURT ST. ANNE #1622, LAMAR: Father Sylvester has been named Auxiliary Bishop of Mina, in Nigeria. Father Soosai has been reassigned to Rocky Ford. Members discussed whether to continue donations for his father’s medication. Members decided to continue their monthly donation to him. Deliveries of Shut-in bags were made except to the nursing home. The perishables from those bags were put in a box and given to the recreation director to be distributed as she goes room to room. The court decided to continue to make the bags as they are well received. The Feast of St Francis De Sales had to be cancelled so members decided to honor St. Francis by buying and placing a flower arrangement and light all the candles below his statue in the church. Sunshine boxes were made and delivered to children and grandchildren of members who are in college or the military and to the six seminarians from this diocese. Donation made to Father Sylvester on his ordination. Report given on Cornerstone Resource Center.



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COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: Thank you received for donation to Ronald McDonald House. Donation made to State Seminary Burse. Ideas discussed about ways to increase membership. Get well and sympathy cards were sent to many members and their families. Spring bake sale still depends on ability to get together. Ideas discussed for other fundraisers. The 40 Days for Life Spring session will be starting soon. The Life Support Center will be opening a new center in Fountain. The Adoption Program will begin in March. Walking with Women in Need assessment of available support is ready and will be sent to the church offices. Waiting to show the Unplanned movie until the Covid pandemic is under control. St. Dominic's has a new website coming and Catholic Daughters will have a whole page to promote the court. The court decided to add more food to the food pantry in February and they put extra items in for the needy. Reported on request by the National Regent to host National Convention in Colorado in 2024 and on Court St Teresa's 95th Anniversary as a court.



COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: Thank you cards were received for donations made to Little Sisters of the Poor Mullen Home for the Aged, and Catholic Charities Samaritan House. The court budget was approved. Prayer Pals drawing was done and those not present at the meeting will be contacted later. A memorial mass for Gaye Newcomb will be celebrated on April 7. Suggestions were discussed for the gifts for the welcome bags for convention. The court decided that in the future they will not have meetings in January and February due to potentially hazardous winter conditions, but instead will have meetings in July and August. Lenten Calendar Fundraiser announced. The court voted to pay membership dues for members who have been a member for 50 years or more. Court Madonna of the Mountains will celebrate their 50 year anniversary on May 23, 2021. April 3 meeting will be changed to April 10. Report given on the Action Center Clothing Bank. Thank you gift given to Deacon Jay Garland.



COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #2728, WOODLAND PARK: Standing Rule changes approved. Butterfly snacks given to students of OLV First Communion, Reconciliation, and RCIA classes as a reminder that Catholic Daughters support and pray for them. A basket of life savers candies presented to staff of Nursing Home to show support for them as lifesavers. Prayer squares and pockets made for residents of the Nursing Home. Reports given on Care Portal, Giving Tree, and Rosary Makers. Retreat held January 14. Suggestions were made for wrapped gifts and gift bag goodies for Convention. Catholic Daughters will help with Lenten Fish Frys. The charitable donation drawing money will be used for improvements to Mary's Garden.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Revision to Standing Rules approved. Members asked to keep track of community service hours. Change for Charities money donated to Marisol House. Because members have not been able to meet to donate, they will save their change and once they meet again, it can be donated.



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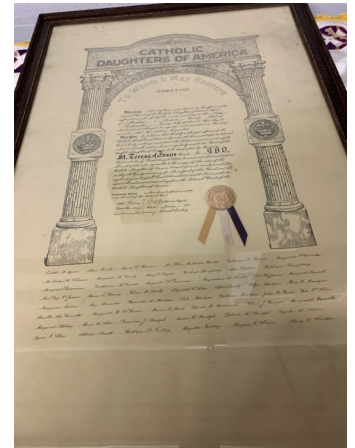
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CONGRATULATIONS!! COURT ST. TERESA #980

January 31, 1926, Ct. St. Teresa #980 in Sterling, came into existence. January 31, 2021, Ct. St. Teresa #980 celebrated their 95th Anniversary. How fitting that this date should fall on a Sunday!! We celebrated this momentous event with a Mass in which many members helped. Following the mass, the parish members were invited to a luncheon in the parish center cafeteria. After a blessing by our Spiritual Leader, Deacon Ron Michieli, those attending enjoyed delicious food provided and served by members of Ct. St. Teresa. Member, Pearlie Breidenbach, was honored as a 50 year member and was presented her Lifetime Membership card and a special gift. We even had some special people come from many, many miles away. I'm sure you will recognize them in the group picture. What a blessing to be a member of this wonderful Court and what a wonderful way to celebrate this great anniversary. Looking forward to celebrating even bigger in five years when we reach that 100 year mark!!



Members of Court St. Teresa #980 would like to thank you all for the kind words, well wishes and congratulations sent to our court on our 95th Anniversary Celebration. We were blessed to have a few guests make it to the celebration to brighten our day. We are truly blessed to be associated with such a great organization. Thank you all again.

HOW TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICE FROM THE FLOOR

We are so very glad that you are considering running for an office in the State Court for the state of Colorado. Now that you have decided that you might like to run, we are hoping to make the process as painless as possible. There are some important steps that you need to take to help.

Check out the Duties of the office you are running for (in the Tools of the Trade and attached to this newsletter) to make sure you really are interested in running for the office. Feel free to call or email any of the current or past officers for their input. If you still wish to run, follow the next steps.

On the “Endorsement by Court” form, replace all of the blanks with your information and take it to your next meeting. Tell your court that you would like to run for a State office and ask for their endorsement. Have the Regent and Financial Secretary sign. (You need to have your dues paid current before the Financial Secretary can sign.) This needs to be done at the next meeting because you must have the paperwork to the State Regent, Lucy Gasaway by April 24th, 2021.

On the “Consent to Serve” form, replace all of the blank parts with your information. Be sure to **sign it!**

Write a short letter of introduction telling a bit about yourself and why you want to run for the office—nothing really long or involved, just a quick overview of your qualifications for the office you are running for.

Place the “Endorsement by Court”, the “Consent to Serve”, and your letter in an envelope along with a photo of yourself and mail/ and or email to Lucy Gasaway, Colorado State Regent, 11886 Road 33.25, Mancos, CO 81328 or lvgasaway@mail.com.

*****IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS PAPERWORK BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 24, 2021 *** so that the State Board has time to prepare a ballot for the election of State Officers to be mailed by hard copy to each court, past State Officers, current State Officers and National Director for Colorado. Everyone eligible to vote will then have two weeks to return their ballots to me. The ballots will be kept sealed until the State Convention when it is time to vote. (This is the procedure for a Virtual Convention, however if the State Convention goes in-person, then those members interested in running from the floor must have their paperwork turned in before the start of the convention. The State Board will keep any ballots received secret until the State Convention.) We wish to thank you for running for State Office and look forward to the next two years.**

Sample Endorsement by Court

RE: Endorsement of _____ at the regular meeting of
Court _____, # _____, on _____, the court endorsed and
recommended _____ for the office of
_____ for the Colorado State Court.

Sincerely, _____ Regent

_____ is in good standing with Court _____,
_____.

_____ Financial Secretary

Officers present at meeting for endorsement for State Office.

Vice Regent _____

Recording Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

*** (Send 5 copies and/or send 1 email copy to the State Regent, Lucy Gasaway, 11886
Road 33.25, Mancos, CO 81328 or lvgasaway@mail.com by April 24th, 2021) ***

Sample Consent to Serve

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Colorado State Regent Lucy Gasaway

Catholic Daughters:

I respectfully submit my name for nomination as _____

*of the Colorado State Court of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. I gladly give my consent to
serve as _____.*

*Please find enclosed my statement of qualifications and a statement of endorsement by my court,
Court _____.*

Thank you for considering me.

Sincerely,

***(Send 5 copies and /or 1 email copy to State Regent Lucy Gasaway, 11886 Road 33.25,
Mancos, CO 81328 or lvgasaway@mail.com by April 24, 2021 (Don't forget to attach a
picture of yourself to document.)***

Sample Statement of Qualifications

Statement of Qualifications for: _____.

I am interested in holding the office of _____. I am a member in good standing of Court _____, _____ Colorado. I have been a member since _____, _____ years.

Local Offices held:

Participation in Committees and Activities of Local Court.

State Offices/Chairmanships held:

Participation in State Activities:

Participation in National Activities:

Personal information and other Qualities:

(Send 5 copies and/or 1 email copy of all 3 forms to State Regent, lvgasaway@mail.com by April 24, 2021)