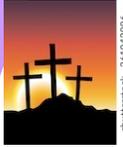




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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone is staying healthy and at home. Now that Governor Jared Polis has issued a “Stay at Home” order in Colorado which is in effect from March 26th – April 11th, we need to be prayerful and flexible. Use this time to reflect on your priorities in life, pray for an accelerated end to this pandemic, remember what Lent is all about. Christ prepared himself, suffered, and died on the cross for us. We need to be strong women of faith and know that Jesus Christ is with us even in this time of distress. May you all find peace in this time of chaos.

Olga Samaniego, our National Regent encourages our leaders to be creative about carrying on the business of our organization. As an example, Regent Rosemary Heaney of Court Mt. of the Holy Cross with her board decided to have court elections by mail so everyone will be receiving the ballot at the same time. Since we are not having meetings, this is a great way to handle the election of new officers. As for financial reviews, the due date has been pushed back to June 1st. So, hopefully the order will be lifted on April 11th and we can again travel to meet in small groups to carry out our required financial reviews. If not, then we will think of some other way to proceed.

Please take care of one another during this time of crisis, call shut-ins, share food, communicate with family and friends, offer help to those who need it. That’s what Catholic Daughters do. God bless you.

Lucy Gasaway

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 4/1 All contest entries due except JCDA
- 4/5 Palm Sunday
- 4/9 Last Supper
- 4/10 Good Friday
- 4/12 Easter Sunday
- 4/15 JCDA newsletter contest entries due
- 5/1-3 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies
- 6/1 Financial Review Deadline
- 6/19-21 State Workshop
- 7/15-19 National Convention

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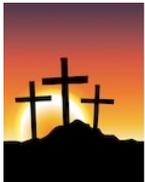
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Dear All,

I just got off the phone with Carolyn Malik, our National CDA State Representative and who also is our National CDA Parliamentarian. We discussed the issues surrounding elections by email/regular mail. She said that Regents must contact all eligible voting members of the court to ask if there are any nominations from the floor for any office before sending out the ballot. If there are, then the Regent contacts the nominee to see whether or not they accept the nomination. If the nominee accepts the nomination, then she must be added to the ballot that is sent out. No member may nominate themselves for any office. Regents, please make sure the members that are sent the ballots are current with their court dues, if not, then they may not vote in the election. Members must be in good standing in their court. I hope this clears up any confusion surrounding voting when not present in a meeting. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you & God bless you all,

Lucy Gasaway
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NATIONAL CONVENTION

The plan is to continue to hold National Convention in Dallas, Texas July 15-19, 2020. All Court Regents should have received their Convention Packets from National. Please send in your registrations as if the Convention will happen. In case the Convention needs to be cancelled,, courts will be notified and receive refunds. Hotel registrations can be cancelled with 48 hours notice.

**COLORADO STATE
WORKSHOP**

The State Board is meeting on April 6 to decide how to proceed with the workshop. More information will be sent to the Court Regents as soon as information is available.

Thank your for your patience. We would like very much to continue with our plans, but we must make sure we can keep our members safe.





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PRAYERS



2020 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The multinational pro-life prayer event is being coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization and is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Participants are asked to pray at least one Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. To register your CDA Court's rosary count, visit the St. Michael the Archangel Organization website at:

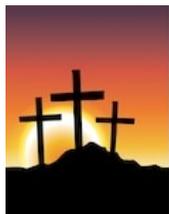
www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org



LET US PRAY FOR . . .

We send prayers for the following CDA sisters and their family members. May God's love surround them as His healing hands bring them to health in body and spirit.

- ◆ Libby Ramirez, past National Regent from Texas, is recuperating from knee surgery.
- ◆ Legislative Chairman Margaret Sitte's son in law, Tim Speck, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Colorado 1st Vice State Regent Barbara Barnes' brother in law, Ken Thurston, is in home hospice with end stage cancer.
- ◆ All Catholic Daughter Sisters and their families who are suffering from grief, illness, or financial distress.
- ◆ All of our families and friends who are suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.
- ◆ For all health care workers, please protect them and keep them safe as they minister to those in need.
- ◆ For all first responders, please keep them safe as they minister to those in need.
- ◆ For all priests and clergy as they try to minister to the needs of parishioners in new and creative ways.
- ◆ For our whole world during this pandemic. May the Lord keep us safe and grant us a quick end to the COVID 19 pandemic. May we use this time in togetherness to grow in our faith, practice patience, and become closer to our families



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MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL REGENT

To: National Board State Officers Local Court Regents Local Court Delegates Past National Regents

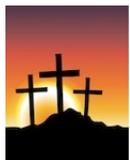
From: Olga Samaniego, National Regent, Catholic Daughters of the Americas®
Bulletin March 23, 2020

I hope all of you are well. As I write to you, life in our beautiful country is being disrupted by a virus, and everything is in a state of flux. News out of our local, state, and federal government changes constantly, and every day we are told something new. On that front, I have nothing new to add. Trust in the Lord and do what authorities tell you to do.

On the CDA front, however, I do have some things to share. As most of you know, the deadline for financial reviews has been extended until June 1, 2020. If we should need to revisit that date, we will. I am asking that you continue to conduct business remotely if possible. There was an incorrect date on the newsletter contest for JCDA and Campus Courts only. Because of that misprint, the deadline for JCDA and Campus Court newsletter to be sent to national is April 15. For all other contests, the date for submission remains April 1, 2020. Our office is currently closed. It will open on Monday, March 30, with a skeleton crew. Meanwhile, our office manager can answer emails, so contact her with your needs. As of now, our convention is still a go. In fact, we are moving full speed ahead. Convention packets went out earlier this week, and everyone should receive it soon. If you do not, please contact the office, and we will send or email it to you. Please send in your registration and meal forms as required. If we should need to refund money, we will, but I do not foresee that happening. Here is the biggie: Please do not cancel your hotel reservations because of the virus. We have a contract, and if we drop significantly in hotel attendance, we will lose thousands of dollars in fees and deposits. We simply cannot afford that. We will only cancel the convention if we can invoke the Force Majeure clause—which means a human-initiated action that cannot be predicted and/or, in some cases, an act of God. If the government tells us we can still not travel or fly in July, then we will cancel, and we will not owe any fees. Hotel reservations can be cancelled without fee within 48 hours of arrival. We will let you know in plenty of time to do that. So, please sit tight. We still have a few rooms available, and I believe we are going to be in Dallas in July. So, continue to make those reservations! The Executive Board is developing plans for ending the term should we have to cancel the convention. Please keep us in your prayers as this is a daunting task, and we are in uncharted territory. Rest assured that we will to our best to enact emergency procedures that best meet the needs of our membership and our organization. All of the procedures will be new, and change is hard, but this is a once in a lifetime event. We can do it!

Regardless of what is happening around us, we are still women of service. If we can make donations, sew from home, or undertake some other avenue of service, we should do so. We can all do one thing: we can pray! Our sisterhood is a powerhouse of intercessory prayer. Pray for our country, our organization, and for those most in need. God hears and answers our prayers!

Sincerely in Christ, Olga Samaniego, National Regent



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NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from the March 2020 National Quarterly



My Dear Sisters in Christ,

This is such an important time of the year! It is the time of reconciliation, renewal, and rebirth. Even though we are women of faith and our intention is to do good, we often end up unintentionally hurting one with whom we serve. Usually the moment passes and our better nature takes over, but the damage has been done. If we are going to continue to give witness to a good and loving God, we must do what we can to repair any damage to the relationships within our membership that may have occurred over the term. You can make relationships within your court better. They may not ever be exactly the same as they once were, but they can be stronger made up of women who know how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness.

Soon it will be time to elect new officers. Please consider running for an officer's position. The Lord has given you gifts and talents that He expects you to use. Say, "Yes!" I can't promise you that it will be easy, but I can promise you that God is never outdone. If you offer time and your talent to serve God and His people, He will reward you in ways you can never imagine.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent



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Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends:

Christ is risen! You and I are called to believe, and we receive our faith through these early witnesses. Those who have encountered the risen Christ, who appeared only to his disciples. Such witnesses have a sacred obligation to preach the message of conversion and salvation to all.

The Acts of the Apostles gives us the testimony of Saint Peter and ends with a very clear statement of faith: To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. These early believers, in spite of all of their doubts about and rejections of Jesus finally acknowledge, and act in a way, that Jesus is the one chosen by God, that Jesus is the Savior and that, finally, Jesus is God.

As with the disciples, this faith must become our own and it must become so powerful that we act out our declaration: Christ is risen! We know from the Scriptures that faith may not take away all of our defects or even keep us from all sin, but it does show us the path on which we are to walk: complete trust in the Lord Jesus and a faithful following of His teachings. Christ is risen! Let us proclaim an act towards each other and the world in a way that leads our neighbors and families toward Him into the Kingdom.

Father Edward Lamp, National Clergy Consultant



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COURT MT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, GRAND JUNCTION: Tom Acker, founder of Western Slope against Trafficking gave a presentation on what trafficking is and ways that his group is trying to combat the ill effects of it and ways that members can get involved and help. Contributed to the youth group for Steubenville. Members voted on the amount to give to the State Seminary Burse. Members asked to bring bags to put items in for VA. Information given about Laboure Society. Members voted to donate to NAMI. Nominating Committee formed. They made plans to celebrate the court's 95th anniversary. Members voted to host a waffle breakfast on May 2 to benefit Drops of Hope.

COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: Members are making quilts for nursing home and for Gabriel House. Masses and Rosaries at nursing home is going well. The United Walk for Life in Ft. Morgan was well attended for the 1st year. This is the anniversary year of Evangelium Vitae, and this year's theme is "Walking with Moms in need" They are planning to make crosses for the nursing home. Plans were made to make crosses for the nursing home and to say a Rosary before mass. Circle of Love shirts are available. Donation was given to Baby Blessing Connections. Members elected a delegate for National Convention and elected a Nominating Committee.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Fellowship of Christian Athletes had 47 attendees in March. Plans were made for Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Supper. Plans were also made for Highway Cleanup, and for donation to Heart to Heart. Members are working on reclaiming and refurbishing the "Cry Room" for mothers with young children and for breast-feeding moms.

JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Members were surprised on March 1 JCDA Day celebration with a cake and gifts. The Court members are planning to make Rosaries for State Convention. Plans were made for craft/ball at Vista Grande and soup supper for Lenten Stations and Rosary making.



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COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: The court installed 1 new member. Members brought food to fill baskets for Easter for needy families. It was suggested that because of the Coronavirus members call before making homebound visits. Alternatives to homebound visits are send a card or call again. It is important that members get in touch before Easter. Get well cards and Thinking of you cards were sent out. Members are participating in 40 days for life and are encouraged to find a Barnabas Buddie to pray with them from home. Schedule for movie “Unplanned” was shared with members. Plans were made for Lenten Soup Supper & Way of the Cross. Plans were also made for Financial Review, May Crowning, Priest & Clergy Appreciation Dinner and Mother of year/member of the year celebration. Nominating committee was elected. Members voted to donate to out-going gift for National Regent. Members are inviting the parish to join them in “One Million Rosaries for the Unborn Babies” . Members are donating items for Jay Armstrong for Easter.

COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: Members shared the good news that Helen Johnson has been discharged from the rehab facility. Valentine cards were sent to members who are unable to attend the meetings. Get well cards sent. A donation was made to Gabriel House. Birthday cards were sent to residents of Little Sisters of the Poor Mullen Home for the Aged. The budget for 2020 was approved A donation was sent for the out-going National Regent gift.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Deacon Bill Jordan spoke of the Lenten Celebration and said we should not just be “giving up something” we should be “doing something” He spoke of several things you can consider doing this Lent to help others. Members of the court helped the Knights with the Fish Fry. A Scholarship was given. Delegates and Alternates to National Convention elected. Members served coffee and donuts. A nominating committee was elected. Planning started for the Installation of new officers in June. A donation was given to the State Seminary Burse.



COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #2728, WOODLAND PARK: The court held a special election for new officers following their reprieve and installed their new officers on February 29. All state board members were able to celebrate with them. The procession was led by members of Court Holy Family. A reception followed.

