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## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,

As I sit here to write to you for the last time as your State Regent, I can't help but think over the last two years and what we have all been through. It is almost unbelievable that this pandemic has taken the lives of 594,000 people. But here we are now with a vaccine that is over 94% effective. It makes me wonder what is in store for us in the future. But only God knows that and if we are still here then we must carry on the work of the Lord.

Thank you everyone who helped me along the way to successfully complete this job. Special thanks go out to Barbara, Cathy, Mary Jane, and Sandy. This team was the A team for helping me through some difficult times. But, let me tell you what a wonderful group of women they are and we all worked together so well. I was disappointed when our Officer Workshop was cancelled but they came up with ideas to help the new officers in their new roles as did the retiring Officers from each court. I think we accomplished a lot, learned a lot, came up with alternative solutions and were able to get things done.

Was this job a lot of time, energy, and worry? You better believe it, but every minute was worth it. Yes, I made mistakes but in those mistakes were wonderful opportunities to learn. I was so lucky to meet with some of the hierarchy in our church (Bishop Berg) and spoke with others on the phone. (Bishop Sheridan). It was an honor to represent Catholic Daughters in our state. Thank you for allowing me to represent you.

Please remember that June 13<sup>th</sup> is Priest Appreciation Day & CDA recognizes all clergy for all they do for us. I know many courts have dinners and other special events planned.

My hope is that you will have a wonderful summer, get outside, enjoy the world God has created for us, and be energized to continue our goal of spirituality and service in the Fall.

May God bless you, Lucy

## Important Dates in June

June 4-6 th—Colorado State Convention in Cortez

June 20th—Father's Day

June 6th—Feast of Corpus Christi

June 21st— 1st Day of Summer

June 13th—CDA Priest Appreciation Day

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[catholicdaughterscolorado.org](http://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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**STATE NEWS**



**COLORADO STATE  
CONVENTION**  
**Looking forward to our  
convention in Cortez. We  
are going to have a good  
time and great weather!**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
The next National Convention is in **San Juan, Puerto Rico** July 20th - 24th, 2022. So, better start saving your pennies to go to convention. It will be hosted by the Puerto Rico State Court, Regent Ivone DaSilveira. : )



The State Board is still looking for a Colorado Court to host the State Convention in 2023. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Lucy Gasaway as soon as possible as we will announce the next State Convention host court at this year's State Convention in Cortez. Please think & pray about this.

**Catholic Daughters National Projects and Charities**

Please remember our National Projects and Charities

**National Projects:** Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross Family Ministries, The Laboure Society, SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), and NCOSE (National Center on Sexual Exploitation)

**National Charities:** Apostleship of the Sea, Basilica of the National Shrine, Catholic Extension, Catholic Relief Services, Covenant House, Disaster Fund, Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa), North American College, SmileTrain, and the Tutweiler Clinic.

Supporting the projects and charities makes a difference in the lives of those who are the most vulnerable and in need of our help. Please check our website ([www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)) under Programs found on the first page of the website for a description of the projects and charities supported by all Catholic Daughters.





## NATIONAL REGENT'S MESSAGE



My dear Sisters in Christ,

Christ truly has risen! This is a time to rejoice and be glad! As Catholic Daughters, we rejoice together after a trying year of cancelled meetings, cancelled travel and cancelled family gatherings. As tulips show their pretty faces in beautiful colors, so can we as Catholic women share our joy with smiles, hugs and gatherings with our sisters, families and friends. State conventions are going strong. Many conventions were held virtually, a totally new experience for Catholic Daughters. Some were or will be held in person, an experience we know and love.

Thank you to the delegates, alternates and members who attended their state convention in person or via Zoom. Hopefully, you came back to your court with renewed vigor for Catholic Daughters and that you will have a more vibrant energized court because of the attendance at the convention.

Thank you to the state representatives who attended the conventions and brought the message from National. Thank you, retiring State Officers and Chairmen. You have worked very hard to plan your convention. With the pandemic, not all dreams and plans could happen. You worked together to make the best of a difficult situation and I am so proud of you.

Thank you for the many invitations to your state conventions. I wish it would have been possible to attend them all. One of the highlights of my year is visiting with members. Your joy as each state gathers to work, share and break bread together is contagious! Catholic Daughters are truly Easter people. Court members from several states have asked about contacting Father Peter in Kenya and Father Luchio in Peru to stay in touch with our sisters around the world. Included in this newsletter is information on contacting them. The National Board is working diligently to prepare an inspirational, informational, outstanding workshop in Scottsdale, Arizona for all the state officers and territorial court officers. Each member of the National Board will be presenting a session. Time is planned for prayer both personally and as a group. Time is also allotted for questions. This Officer Conference is a great time to listen to successes and discuss suggestions for problems. Please pray that the conference will be all the attendees anticipated. Please pray that this pandemic will soon be a bad memory! Pray for the many who were affected by it. Please pray for those who have lost the battle and for their loved ones. Enjoy summer! Take time to smell the roses. Come back in the fall with renewed vigor, ready to take the challenges of another year of working, praying and playing together.

May God continue to bless you.

Sherry Nilles  
National Regent  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas



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**Catholic Extension, What is this Charity all about?**

Why is Catholic Extension described as one of the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church? Exactly what is it? Wikipedia states: “Catholic Extension is a national fundraising 501 organization which supports and strengthens poor mission dioceses across the United States.” Catholic Extension’s funding supports isolated and/or financially underresourced Catholic dioceses in the United States. These “Extension Dioceses” are reviewed and approved by Catholic Extension’s Board of Governors. Serving one in every five people of the United States, Catholic Extension fulfills its mission of working in solidarity with people in America’s poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities. Catholic Extension focuses on six main areas: developing leaders, building churches, strengthening ministries, reaching out to the poor & vulnerable, educating seminarians, and engaging youths.

Last year Catholic Extension gave annual assistance to 550+ seminarians, 770+ scholarships to Catholic universities for lay leaders and religious sisters, and 2,000 grants were awarded to dioceses. Additional grants are awarded to help improve religious residences. Also, Catholic Extension is the only producer of Catholic calendars that gives 100% of proceeds to fund grants that benefit poor mission dioceses where faith is thriving, but the resources are scarce. Catholic Extension is fulfilling Pope Francis’ call for all Catholics to be more “missionary”. Recently, Catholic Daughters added Catholic Extension to our list of National Charities. We both develop leaders, support our Church, reach out to the poor and vulnerable and encourage youth. Will you consider answering Pope Francis’ call to support the poorest of poor Catholics in our country by donating to this newest National Daughters’ Charity?

Tess Cersovski, National Director from Oregon



May God grant you and your family peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. May we all remain confident in the love of Mary, our Mother, who faithfully intercedes for all God’s children. May we be the witnesses of hope that flows from the merciful heart in every generation.

Bishop Brendan Cahill, Diocese of Victoria, Texas

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**LOCAL COURT NEWS**

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**Court St. Anthony #1248, Durango:** Court met May 9th at the 4pm. Mass to celebrate Mother's Day together. Parish Picnic is June 13th. CDA Picnic will be on June 17th along with Priest Appreciation. Next meeting will be September 14th at 2:30pm.



**Court Holy Family #1794, Security:** Court had a May crowning on May 2nd at 10am. Mass. The court joined One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies May 7th—9th praying the rosary. The goal of one million rosaries has not yet been reached. Court had Spring garden clean-up on April 24th. A new member was pledged at their meeting.

**Court St. Teresa #980, Sterling:** The may meeting was started with a may Crowning of Mary. The court is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day. The nursing homes contacted the court about leading the rosary beginning May 1st. The Walk for Life in Ft. Morgan was well attended. Court will continue to make lap robes and blankets until new project is picked in the fall.

**Court Sacred Heart #1606, Cortez:** The court is working feverishly to complete the preparation for the upcoming convention. Court is selling cookbooks and socks for some of the convention fundraisers. Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Dolores high last meeting will be a BBQ –the court will pay for the hot dogs & hamburgers. Parish Picnic is May 16th—Knights will BBQ and CDA will serve/set up.

**JCDA Court Immaculate Heart #1606, Cortez:** The girls have been selling a variety of sugar face scrubs they made. Last meeting is May 12th with Elections! Sponsoring a drive for diapers & wipes for Heart to Heart Pregnancy center.

**Court Little Flower #925, La Junta:** Court had a May Crowning with a rosary before the meeting. Planning a drive up Rosary on June 19th & plan on handing out prayer cards of St. Theresa of the Little Flower. Court donated \$50 for the Walk for Life.

**Court Our Lady of Peace #2728, Woodland Park:** Court pledged 2 new members at their May meeting. Hosted May Crowning Ceremony for the parish. Will be serving food at the Knight's blood drive. Having a Clergy Appreciation dinner on June 1st. The Family & friends Fun day is June 26th at the parish. Will have a Christmas in July party.

**Newsletter Editor Note:**

Our next newsletter will be September 1, 2021.

The summer is a great time to plan your Installation if you have not been able to have it. Please note that officers need to be installed by the September meeting, but they take over 30 days after elections.

You have all done a wonderful job of keeping in contact with your members and getting the business done that needed to be done.

Happy Summer! See you in the Fall.

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**PAST REGENTS' CLUB MESSAGE:**

Spring Time Greetings from the Past Regents Club of Colorado.

This message hopes to find that all are doing well during this trying time of social distancing... This is a perfect opportunity to reach out to our CDA sisters with a card, phone call or “even” social media (for those of us that are tech savvy!” Not Me!”).

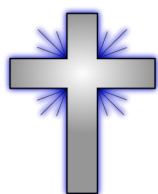
As elections of local courts are taking place we will be welcoming some new, now, past regents to the Past Regents Club. And of course, to present past regents serving their courts as an officer thank you for serving. A tad bit of information from Past Regents History: In 1979 when Renal Laury was State Regent from Court St. Mary in Colorado Springs, Agnes Savoldi from Mount Holy Cross asked if a Past Regents Club could be organized. The purpose of the Past Regents Club would be to unify our past leadership and to utilize the experience and knowledge of these leaders. In 1982 the club was formally organized with Hazel Lauby and Agnes Savoldi elected as officers. As noted last month much more information can be found about Past Regents Club on the Colorado State CDA website page for everyone’s enjoyment.

Outgoing court regents will receive a letter with more information about who we are and what we do. Even though we did not have the opportunity to welcome you at Workshop due to the present circumstances we are all experiencing we do extend a joyful welcome to past, current, and new members.

Mary Jane Armstrong  
President

Rachel Brown  
Secretary

Evelyn Irving  
Treasurer



**PRAYERS:**

Prayers for Savina Vejil’s husband, Manny who is having emergency cardiac surgery.

Prayers for a complete recovery for Jenette Aguilar from Court Daughters of St. Monica.

Prayers for all of our Catholic Daughter Sisters and their families who are suffering physically, mentally, financially and those loved ones we’ve lost during this pandemic.

Prayers for all our military men and women, living & deceased who protect us daily.

Prayers for all those who are essential workers that they be kept safe.

Prayers for our religious leaders and for our seminarians. May their faith be strengthened.

Prayers for our leaders that they may lead wisely and with faith and compassion.