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## Message from State Regent

Welcome back members to a new, different year for Catholic Daughters. Since March we have been learning how to not spread the coronavirus and this next year will be more of the same. So please wear your masks, socially distance, and go on with your CDA activities as much as our situation allows us. Have meetings whether in person, virtually, or both. Support your churches, communities, and CDA sisters with love and service. Keep close to our Lord praying for those in need and thanking him for keeping you safe amidst this continuing pandemic. We are strong women of faith and will exemplify that in our daily actions. Think about those women in your parishes who might want to join us and invite them to become a part of us. Think of some safe and fun ways to keep in touch with each other. Please plan on attending our Colorado CDA State Convention next summer in Cortez. Court Sacred Heart's Convention Planning Committee is working very hard to have fun, fellowship, informative, and prayerful activities while you are here. They are asking each court to make something for the goody bags like we did when Court Sts. Peter and Paul hosted our convention in Lakewood in 2019. Yes, this will be a challenging year for everyone but our creativity and thinking outside the box will overcome any obstacles.

God bless you,  
Lucy Gasaway, Colorado State Regent

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/7/20 Labor Day holiday
- 9/13/20 Grandparents Day
- 9/22/20 Fall begins
- 6/4-6/21 CDA State Convention, Cortez

We are on the web at:  
**catholicdaughterscolorado.org**

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL DIRECTOR, CAROLYN MALIK



I am so sorry that the national convention had to be cancelled. Texas Catholic Daughters worked very hard for the past year to bring an interesting and fun filled time for all to experience here in our state. But the Dear Lord had other plans in mind for us so it was not meant to be. But life continues and we move forward and learn from our experiences. I pray that all of you are staying in, being safe and healthy during these trying times in our lives. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, and continue to practice social distancing when out and about.

We are in the midst of a hot summer break and a continuation of the pandemic cancellations for our court meetings and activities. Courts have learned to utilize social media and conference calling in their planning and officer training sessions this summer. It is my hope that the fall season will bring us all back together to work in Unity and Charity for the good of our church, community, and schools. We must use these few weeks we have left to spend more time with Our Lord in adoration and pray for a successful new court year beginning soon.

Local court officers and members, it is time to prepare for the upcoming CDA year by reviewing and updating your budgets and standing rules. Invite your entire membership to participate in the planning stages for the next year. It is imperative to keep all members informed through social media or your local court newsletters to provide them with the opportunity to participate in the planning stages for the new CDA court year. Each and every member needs to feel like they are part of the big picture and that their input is appreciated and welcome.

Good luck and here's wishing all the very best and a successful and productive CDA year.



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## MEMBERSHIP

CREATE A NEW BOX THIS YEAR!!

This last few months have been trying for all of us and we have spent much time apart. It is now time for us to begin to get back to living life but DO IT SAFELY. Be the leader who lights the way. Let your light shine on our good works and safe meetings and gatherings. We are all tired of the restrictions we have been under, but now is the time to be extra vigilant. As we begin to gather in groups for work, school, and meetings remember to think of others who have weakened immune systems and may catch coronavirus from you even though you have no symptoms.

This year let's open our minds to new ideas and new ways of achieving our goals. Let's be willing to try new things. This year let's open our hearts to those around us and show potential new members how we can practice safety and still be productive Catholic Daughters. Better yet, invite them to join us in our new journey as we create our new box and explore new ways to have fun, do good service for others, and have productive meetings in a safe way.

Lets go forward this year in Unity and Charity in a new way.

Barb Barnes, newsletter editor



Sending all grandparents virtual hugs this year and hoping you have a safe and healthy year.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Fall Financial Reviews** are coming up in October. Please pick your review committee at your September meeting and contact your court advisor to schedule your review. We are reviewing the period April 1-September 30, 2020.

**Parliamentarian:** The State Board is still looking for a Parliamentarian for the 2021 State Convention. Please contact Lucy Gasaway if you are interested.

**All CDA Members:** It is time to consider running for a state board office. Information is on the State Website. You need your court's endorsement and paperwork needs to be mailed by February 1, 2021. Please pray and discern if this is where you are being called to serve.

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## CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS

### NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST



Reagan Wilkinson,  
Court St. Anthony  
#1248, Durango  
won 2nd place in  
the Computer Art  
Division I category



Lucy Gasaway,  
Court Sacred Heart  
#1606, Cortez won  
2nd place in the  
Photography Divi-  
sion 4 category

### NATIONAL WEBSITE CONTEST

### NATIONAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST



Court Holy Family  
#1794, Security, Regent  
Evelyn Irving won 1st  
place in Cat 1, Div 1



Court Mount of the  
Holy Cross #941,  
Grand Junction  
won 2nd place in  
Cat 1, Division 2



If you would like more information on how to set up a newsletter or website for your local court, please contact these award-winning courts:

Newsletter: Court Holy Family #1794, Security Evelyn Irving email is eirv898@msn.com

Website: Court Mt of the Holy Cross # 941, Grand Junction Mary Folchert email is rmfolchert46@gmail.com

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### RESOURCES FOR THE NEW YEAR:

**NATIONAL BYLAWS** (Revised 2018) : These are the rules we live by as Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Every officer should have one. Can be ordered from CDA Store. These are revised following National Convention every 2 years.

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE:** This book tells how to do all of our daily tasks and explains in detail everything you want to know about how to do your Catholic Daughter business. (It's a big white 3-ring binder) Most updated info is online at the National Catholic Daughter website.

**BUDGET:** Your court makes your own budget each year showing how much you expect in income and expenses for the year. Budgeted expenses do not need a vote because they have already been voted on by the membership when the budget is approved.

**STANDING RULES:** Your court should revise your standing rules each year. These are guidelines specifically for your court. Once they have been approved by the court, any expenditures listed do not need to be voted on since they have already been approved.

**YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE:** Please contact us anytime you need help. Your Representative is listed on the attached list.

**YOUR STATE REGENT:** Lucy will be happy to help in any way she can, but we do ask That you try your representative first.

**NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Please, Please try the other resources first, but you May call Carolyn if needed. (She will probably ask if you have tried your State representative and State Regent first)

**WEBSITES:** State and National websites have much information that can help you

**MEMBERSHIP/STATE DUES:** State dues are \$4.00 per member due twice a year at the October and April Financial Reviews. National Dues are \$7.50 per member dues twice a year. Your court will receive a bill from National. Order a Membership Roster from National in September and March and compare them with your Financial Secretary membership list to make sure the numbers are the same. Report any discrepancies to National immediately.



Michael Sparks, son of Court Sacred Heart member, Mary Sparks is a new Seminarian. He will enter St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver this fall for his Spirituality year. Please pray for him.



We ask prayers for all those CDA members, friends, and family who are ill or struggling during these trying times.

Lord, we ask your blessing on all of our priests, deacons, and seminarians that they may be strengthened and kept safe to do your will.

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## LOCAL COURT NEWS

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### **COURT MT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, GRAND JUNCTION:**

At the June meeting, members decided to get more information before donating to the Laboure Society; they donated money to the Western Slope Against Human Trafficking. The Card party was postponed until 2021. Money was sent to national for National Projects and National Charities. Expenses for the Directory were approved to be paid over the summer. The donation for the Steubenville conference will be kept and used in 2021 as the conference was cancelled this year.

### **COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY:**

Plans being made for October open house and pot luck luncheon. Changed their bake sale to a bakeless bake sale because of the Virus. They have spiritually adopted Jay Armstrong, son of Mary Jane Armstrong, as a postulate. He has now been “vested” and is a Brother in the Capuchin Order. He has chosen the name of Brother “Gregory”. Needle craft kits are available to make up for sale. They congratulated the winners of the Mother of the Year and Member of the Year celebration. Plans for the Christmas Party have started. Plans have also begun for the CDA Sunday Mass.

### **COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD:**

From their June newsletter: Elsie Jill Barnett passed away at the age of 95. The court received a thanked you note from Monsignor Robert Kinkel thanking them for their generosity to him on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination. Birthday cards sent to Little Sisters of the Poor. Memorial masses were celebrated. Installation will be held at the September meeting.

### **COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #2728, WOODLAND PARK:**

Members provided food for needy families and volunteered at the food bank in Divide. Notes have been sent by members for patients in hospitals. Members have continued making rosaries at home until they can meet again as a group. Sister Ann Cassidy has been transferred to a new position in California. Fundraisers are on hold due to COVID-19. Members are sending notes to healthcare workers and patients at Pikes Peak Regional Hospital. They voted to continue the upkeep of their May Garden for another year. A social gathering was held in July.

### **COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON:**

Gave a scholarship to a student attending Colorado School of Mines. Installation of new officers will be at September meeting. Craft Fair was discussed as was Silent Auction. One of their members will find out about the upcoming Fair and Bingo.



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NATIONAL NEWS EXCERPTS FROM THE  
JUNE 2020 NATIONAL QUARTERLY

I urge you, in all charity and fervor, to not let this pandemic stem your efforts for recruitment. It is in the darkest moments of the world that God forms His saints. Think of the sisters who need fellowship more now than ever; we are all yearning for connection in faith and this could be how many of our Catholic sisters grow in holiness. This is a perfect time for each court and state to vamp up their online presence. We can create pages, feeds, stories, and even have live conferences talking about all that our courts are doing to be present and living reminders of Christ's presence on earth.

Now may seem like a bleak time, even sorrowful, but if we look for the Good, we will find it. In this difficult and seemingly impossible time, let us recruit with abandon. May we seek His face and His grace first, and then share that with the world; even from the quiet or craziness of our homes.

Remember, the night is always darkest before the dawn and we will make it through this difficult time. Be a sister who listens, who invites, and who reaches out for help when she needs it. We are all in this together.

Emily Guilherme, First Vice National Regent and Membership Chairman.

## US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ELECTION GUIDELINES:

WE CAN:

Encourage people to get out and vote

Support or oppose ballot measures, including referenda, initiatives, constitutional amendments  
Can take positions on such measures and work to support or oppose them.

Engage in non-partisan voter education.

Address moral and human dimensions of issues.

Share church teaching

Apply Catholic values to legislation and issues

Conduct non-partisan voter registration drive

Distribute unbiased candidate questionnaires covering issues of concern to Catholic teaching

Support or oppose ballot measures

From: Operation Morningstar, June 2020