

D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R
2020



COLORADO STATE COURT CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®



MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Greetings! Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with your families. November 29th starts the joyous season of Advent this year. Advent is Latin for coming, and we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ's birth on Christmas. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas this year. This year has been challenging for us in our lives and our spiritual lives. I hope you take the time to think about the true meaning of life, what our Lord wants us to do and know that if He brings us to it then he takes us through it. Our courts have done a wonderful job of living his word by the many charitable and spiritual activities you do and continue to do. This is a testament of what our Catholic Daughters is all about and is the heart of our organization. I hope everyone is praying and thinking about running for a State Office. You can find a description of the State Officer's duties in our Bylaws. Forms to apply for a State Officer position are on our Colorado CDA website and the completed paperwork is due February 1st, 2021. (Please remember you need your court's signed endorsement.) The State Board wishes all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Lucy Gasaway

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 12 Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Dec 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Inside this issue:

State News	2
Prayers	3
National News	4
Court News	5-7
Consent to Serve	8
Endorsement by Court	9
Statement of Qualifications	10

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.

Lucy Gasaway
State Regent
lvgasaway@mail.com

Barbara Barnes
Editor
barbjohnny@aol.com

D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R



**COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®**



STATE NEWS

STATE CONVENTION: State Convention will be held in Cortez June 4-6, 2021. Please think about being a delegate or alternate. At the convention, we vote in new State Board Officers, vote on issues members would like to implement/change, pass new resolutions, make new friends, renew existing friendships, share spiritual time, etc. This is the court meeting where all the courts in the state of Colorado have the opportunity to give the state board their input as to what is important to them. Please come and share this time with us.

2020

RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE:

- ◆ Pray. Ask the Lord to guide you. Listen to see if He is calling you to this service.
- ◆ Look at the duties of the office you are wishing to hold. Don't go into it blindly. The duties of each office are in the current National Bylaws book or in the Tools of the Trade, which can be found on the National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org. Ask questions of the current board members. Think about the time commitment, but also about the opportunity to meet members from all over the state and to help them be the best CDA member they can be.
- ◆ The paperwork you need to fill out is attached to this newsletter and is on the state website. Please be aware that the paperwork needs to be postmarked by January 31, 2021.
- ◆ The local court that you belong to must endorse you, so fill out the endorsement page and get it to the officers so they can sign it and get it back to you in time. That means you only have the December and January meetings to get this done.
- ◆ Fill out your consent to serve and your qualification letters.
- ◆ Make 5 copies of each form and attach a photo to each of the consent to serve papers.
- ◆ Mail all 5 copies of the paperwork by January 31, 2021 to:

Cathy Adams

If you have any questions please feel free to call Cathy Adams or email her : adamscathy71@gmail.com.

You may also contact Lucy Gasaway : lvgasaway@mail.com.

We hope to have 5 courts represented on the State Board in order to better represent more of the courts in our state. We have cut down on travel by having most of our board meetings on SKYPE.



D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R
2020



**COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®**



PRAYERS

Prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and for our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and all Religious.

Prayers for Helen Johnson, Court Madonna of the Mountains for a successful surgery on December 9th and for a speedy recovery.

Prayers for the sick & needy in our Catholic Daughters, Communities, and our World.

Prayers for all those affected by natural disasters. Prayers for all our service men and women, first responders, police, fire, medical personnel and essential workers.

Prayers for an end to COVID 19 and a speedy recovery for all those infected.

Prayers for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Virgie Hebert, mother of National Secretary Treasurer, Connie Dronette.
Elvira Youngers, mother of the convention parliamentarian Susan Youngers Draftz.
Beverly Campos, CDA member of Court Mount of the Holy Cross.

Prayers for continued healing for Rosemary Heaney and Father Sam, Court Mount of the Holy Cross and for Father Kevin, Court St. Anthony

Prayers for Rena, daughter of Theresa Maez of Court Sts. Peter and Paul who is very sick in the hospital and may not survive.

Prayers of healing for Connie Matthys, Court St. Anthony.

Prayers for the husbands of Theresa Goldstrand & Bernie Torres and the brother of Elizabeth Jacobs, Court Sacred Heart.



There is a beautiful advent prayer, "Mary did you know" in the November National Quarterly. If you have a chance, you may want to incorporate in your meeting this month.



Now is the time for courts to start thinking about turning in a bid to host the next convention in 2023. If we can select them before the 2021 convention, they will have a full 2 years to work on it. More information next month.



**COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®**

NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from November 2020 National Quarterly

**D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R
2020**



My Dear Catholic Daughters,

It is with a humble joy filled heart I can announce that the 2020-2022 National Board was installed during a beautiful Mass in Des Moines, Iowa. Our first National Board meeting was held before the Installation Mass. Please continue to pray for all of us. Prayers are so powerful and especially prayers from our sisters in Christ. S.O.A.R. became a virtual event and I was most honored to represent the Catholic Daughters. Thank you for your continued support for the women and men who have given their love and lives to Jesus.

The “Fun D” calendar has been sent to you.

In the past several months many of our sisters have experienced disasters in their states. Thanks to your generosity, checks were sent to the bishop of each diocese affected to help with the many losses suffered.

May you continue to share the gifts you have as we enter this advent season and the Christmas holidays.

God bless us, every one!

Sherry Nilles, National Regent



This Little Light of Mine, I’m gonna make it shine! Membership contest. Information in the November National Quarterly.

**March for Life
January 29,
2021**

**National Website:
www.catholicdaughters.org**

Kenya and Peru Courts

At a recent board meeting, the National Board discussed the future of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas courts in Kenya and Peru. While we are proud that Catholic Daughters has extended its outreach beyond North America, an international presence, as you can imagine, has presented itself with a number of financial and operational challenges and difficulties. At the July 18, 2020 board meeting and upon careful deliberation, the National Board regretfully decided that Catholic Daughters no longer has the capacity to continue to support the courts in Kenya and Peru. We are unable to provide the necessary training and support that the Kenya and Peru courts need and deserve to accomplish their mission. In addition, we are unable to provide the requisite insurance coverage, both for the court’s protection and the Catholic Daughters’ protection which leaves both parties vulnerable to liabilities in the future. Communicating with the women in Kenya and Peru has also proven to be a barrier.

This decision was not easy, but we believe it is the best one to insure the future success of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®



D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R

2020



Court Mt. of the Holy Cross #941, Grand Junction: Met in person for October meeting with masks and social distancing implemented. Guest speaker was from Birth-right of Grand Junction. She spoke of ways the Catholic Daughters could help with supporting these new mothers. Presentation to Father Chrysogonus for his 25 years of service. A special thank you was presented to Linda Peck for all the work she contributes to CDA. Drops of Hope meal preparation discussed. Updating Standing Rules in early 2021. Labour Society donation made. Memorial candle sales discussed for display in November. Discussed membership growth. Collecting COVID supplies for the school.

Court St. Teresa #980, Sterling: Memorial service for deceased members was held. Working on baby quilts and lap robes for the Gabriel House. Members encouraged to vote. CDA mass celebrated Nov 8. WRAP weekend members said the Rosary before mass. Donation made to Co-Operative Ministry. They are planning a walk for life January 9. Court will celebrate its 95th anniversary on January 31, 2021. December meeting will not have family pot luck. Monetary gifts given to priests and deacon. Welcomed one guest.

Court St. Anthony #1248, Durango: This meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. It went very well. Memorial candle sale was a huge success and all 144 candles were sold. Financial Review went very quickly. Make a difference day is to be re-scheduled. Annual Christmas Bazaar cookie sale had to be cancelled. Next meeting will be all Zoom due to COVID.

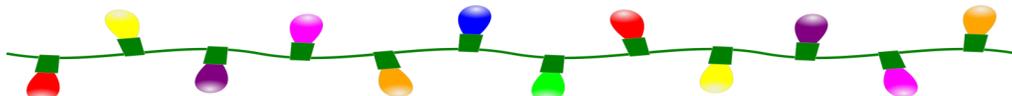


Court Sacred Heart #1606, Cortez: Cookbook recipes are being collected. The court is selling socks and hope to have them in by Christmas. Convention discussed. Financial Review went well. Phone buddies was discussed-someone willing to call and talk to homebound persons each month. The court is sponsoring the Angel Tree which will have anonymous requests from our elderly, homebound and those who live alone submitted by parishioners for what they would really like this Christmas and CDA will deliver the gifts.

JCDA Court Immaculate Heart #1606, Cortez: The girls prepared for the Fall Bazaar (which later had to be cancelled) and the Thanksgiving baskets. Thanksgiving donations of turkeys, hams & food were collected and were delivered Nov. 23 to the needy.



Court St. Anne #1622, Lamar: Installation of officers was at October meeting. Received thank you card from CareNet Pregnancy Center for donation. Prayer chain request presented. National CDA Day was October 14 with Mass. Father Sylvester's donations were sent. Put a poster up for WRAP. The Veterans' Mass was celebrated and a Veterans Wreath and American Flag were put up. Members wore red, white, and blue. Financial Review held with state representative joining via facetime. All the books were good. November meeting began with a Memorial Service for deceased members. Working on list for Christmas Shut In Bags.





**COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®**

**D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R**



2020



Court Holy Family #1794, Security: Meeting was held via Zoom for the first time. It was suggested that we can welcome new members by bringing them to your home and welcoming them via zoom. Members encouraged to accept leadership roles as court officers, committee members, circle of love team members, and in the church and community. Encouraged to pray for our Leaders and for ongoing efforts for life. Shared book from the Covenant House “Sometimes God Has A Kid’s Face”. Articles on 7 saints who offer protection from harm and on 6 ways to pray according to God. Checking with King Soopers to see how they donate proceeds to Catholic Daughters. No bake sale in December held bakeless bake sale instead. Standing Rules and Budget were reviewed. The Christmas party was cancelled. CDA Sunday Mass on October 18 had good attendance and Father gave a beautiful homily. Catholics Come Home on hold. Make a Difference Day was Oct 24. WRAP flier was in the bulletin. Video and books purchased for the church on treating pornography addiction, wonderfully made babies, etc. Donation made to St Dominic’s Food Basket. Names of deceased Catholic Daughters will be on the Christmas Tree.

Court Sangre de Cristo #1810, Alamosa: Planning to distribute membership pins at the December meeting. The Financial Review has been completed. St. Vincent de Paul donated baby clothing to the Women’s Resource Center; clothing, jackets, boots, and pants to LaPuente for farm workers; women’s pant suits, etc for interviews to LaPuente’s ReThreads. Clothing was also donated to Father Uju to send home to Africa. Stephen’s Plumbing donated time and effort in fixing the plumbing at the store. Members were asked to volunteer to chair committees for the Circle of Love. Jessica volunteered to be the CDA representative on the Parish Council. Discussed volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul store. Donation given to church from the store. Planning to have monthly mass for CDA membership of first Sundays of each month. Donation given to past regent for her new baby. Members encouraged to vote and honor our Veterans.



Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035, Lakewood: Santa’s Workshop at the Action Center is being replaced with Adopt a Family. The Catholic Daughters are donating gift cards for Walmart and King Soopers to the homeless at the Samaritan House. Thank you received for the donation to the Gabriel House. Birthday cards sent to members of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mullen Home for the Aged. Bakeless bake sale held. Changes to the standing rules were discussed and passed. The court was unable to put a flyer in the bulletin however there was an announcement in the bulletin. The financial review was completed and the books are in order. There will be no Court Christmas Luncheon. A gift and gift card will be given to Deacon Jay Garland to show appreciation for his many years of service. Maria Garrett was one of three people who were honored and received the “St. Jude Award” for their contributions to the St. Jude parish. There will be no December meeting and the next meeting will be January 2, 2021.





**COLORADO STATE COURT
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®**

D
E
C
E
M
B
E
R

2020



Court Sts. Peter and Paul # 2669, Wheat Ridge: At the October meeting it was announced that the Pancake Breakfast and Coffee & Donut Sunday were cancelled until at least the end of the year. Members are preparing Holiday Baskets. The giving tree was put up and the gifts will be taken to the nursing homes on Dec 20. The Christmas Party was cancelled due to COVID. Instead of purchasing gifts for each other, members are encouraged to donate money to the parish. There will be a regular meeting in December with a possible speaker. Sack Lunch Day was Oct 18. School supplies were donated to the school. The members are doing a scripture exchange and scripture readings were passed out to members. It is recommended that members read the paragraph before and after the specific reading and see how it applies to them. Members will also look to other scriptures meaningful to them and share with members at the next meeting. Members were invited to join in the Fatima Rosary held on Oct 10 and the National Patriotic Rosary. Plans are being made to have a CDA retreat the middle of May. They still have some cookbooks for sale. The Financial Review went well. The Golf Tournament fundraiser went well. The court purchased stainless steel carts for the kitchen



Court Our Lady of Peace #2728, Woodland Park: At the October meeting, there were 2 guests and 2 members were re-installed. The days of the weeks for the pending retreat in January were changed from Saturdays to Wednesdays. The financial Review team will serve as the budget team. The financial review was completed Oct 23. Father Marek has not yet set a date for the Court's Retreat in January and he has not yet given permission for members to wear their CDA ribbons to church. Suggestions were discussed on ways to promote the theme "Let all you do be done with love". The Care Portal responses have been good. Plans are made for the Giving Tree. Members of the court were encouraged to attend the Holy Hour at the church. Fund raising ideas were discussed. The court's Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 17. The charitable donation for October was used for the giving tree.



Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743, Brighton: CDA Sunday, Oct 18, was well attended. The court posted the CDA Sunday banner near the front of the church. A member of the court spoke at each Mass about CDA. Financial review went well. Need to renew the lease with CHEC. The Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale was cancelled and replaced by a bakeless bake sale. The bakeless bake sale was successful. Ideas were discussed as to what donations to make. Possible donation to Father Franklin for book shelf in the entry of PLC. Discussion and vote will be tabled until after further discussion with Father. A donation was made to Columbian Home to help with building expenses. Bingo was cancelled due to COVID. A suggestion was made to have hybrid in person/online meetings to allow those who are Safe at Home to participate.



Sample Consent to Serve

<name>
<address>
<city>, <State> <zip>

<date>

Catholic Daughter of the Americas
Colorado State Court
Nominating Committee
Cathy Adams

Catholic Daughters:

I respectfully submit my name for nomination as

_____ <office>

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

Please find enclosed my statement of qualifications and a statement of endorsement by my court, Court _____ <court name & number>.

Thank you for considering me.

Sincerely,

(Send 5 copies to Chairman of nominating committee by January 31st)

Sample Endorsement by Court

<date>

RE: Endorsement of _____.

At the regular meeting of Court _____, # _____,
on <date>, 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

Secretary

Treasurer

(Send 5 copies to chairman of nominating committee by January 31st)

Sample Statement of Qualifications

Statement of Qualifications for:

<name>

<address>

<city>, <state> <zip>

I am interested in holding the office of _____.

I am a member in good standing of ___<court name & number>, <city>, 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 to chairman of nominating committee by January 31st)