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# Colorado State Court Newsletter Catholic Daughters of the Americas



## Message from our State Regent

I am writing this on Barbara’s behalf. As you all know, it has been a rough six months for Barb. She achieved a long-time goal of becoming our Colorado State Regent. She gathered a good group of State Officers, and she was eager and ready to get started.

Then, almost immediately, there was chaos. Barbara found out that she had cancer, she lost her beloved Johnny to COVID, the oncologist informed her the chemo treatments are not working and she is struggling to find the energy to do the job she worked so hard for.

A video clip given by one of the Capuchin seminarians that several courts keep in prayer, reminds us we must remember to always turn our hearts to God the Father, Who is our help in all our moments of distress. For It is from Him that we come and to Him that we return.

By the time you read this, Advent will have begun, with Christmas just around the corner. Even though we are still in the middle of a pandemic, things are a little easier for those wanting to attend Advent Retreats, Penance Services, Christmas Parties or just to be with family members. There are also those who still cannot participate in any of these things that make Christmas meaningful. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Brother Gregory Armstrong addresses and reminds us to let our need for help in challenging times always point us to the one Father we all share, our Creator God. It is to Him we must give praise, honor, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving always. May the Lord bless you all with a happy Christmas.

Linda Peck,  
First Vice State Regent

### 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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### Dates to Remember

- Advent Begins Nov 28
- Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Dec 8
- Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12
- Christmas Day Dec 25

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## Message from our National Representative

Time flies! It seems that we were just enjoying our summer and now everywhere I go I hear Christmas carols and see Christmas decorations and gifts before I've even bought and stuffed my turkey. I missed the chance this fall to travel to CO and enjoy the blessing of God's beautiful show of trees in majestic bright colors due to family in Denver with covid. We hope to be able to make it there for Thanksgiving.

As that time has flown your courts have been busy with meetings, special events and workshops. I enjoy reading your newsletters to see what all of you are doing in your courts.

I know your State Board has also been busy as they lead the Catholic Daughters in Colorado.

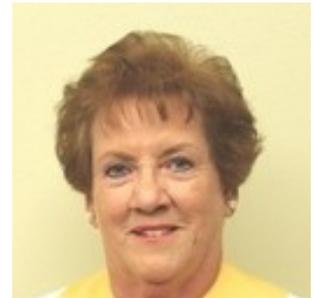
Advent is just around the corner, and I hope that as a court many of you have made plans for some special spiritual event to spent time together growing in your faith as you prepare for the Birthday of Our Lord. I pray that as individuals you will use Advent for your own personal growth also by making more time to spend in prayer and meditation with God. We all need to prepare for Christmas by helping those in need, by donating time and talents to serve people in your parish and community in whatever manner you are able. It can be donating money to St. Vincent De Paul, sponsoring a family for Christmas, visit nursing homes as a court and sing Christmas carols for the residents, donate food to St. Vincent De Paul or a food bank in your area, clean out that closet of those clothes you haven't worn in a couple years, donate coats and blankets to the homeless. There so many ways to be a sign of hope to others if you pray and are open to see the needs around you.

Many have been asking where our summer issue of Share it was due the beginning of October. Well, it's coming just like Christmas! Like so many others we have had delays. Our printers tell us "Our production schedule has faced a number of challenges considering the supply chain". So, all we can do is to be patient. Also, by now you should have received your 2-year calendar, but it also is delayed but it is coming. We are sorry for the delays and inconvenience.

I keep all for you in prayer every day for the health of you and your families and for the success of the work of your court as you serve the Lord. During Advent I will hold you up in prayer that Advent is a blessed and holy time for you as you come closer to the Baby Jesus. Enjoy a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

God's love and Peace,

Susan Moné  
First Vice National Regent



We are on the web at:  
[Catholicdaughterscolorado.org](http://Catholicdaughterscolorado.org)



## Prayers

### FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Johnny Barnes, husband of Barbara Barnes, our State Regent, passed away on November 11th from COVID. The Funeral Mass and burial took place on November 21st in Durango.

The brother of Liz Delmonico of Court Holy Family #1794 has passed away.

Jay Dee Fox, brother of Mary Folchert Regent for Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941, died September 28, 2021.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.***

### FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

For the health and healing of Fred Meyer, husband of Amy Meyer of Court Sts. Peter & Paul #2669.

For David Norton, husband of Ginny of Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941.

For Barbara Barnes as she begins new chemo treatments on November 29th.

### FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Court St. Anne #1622 ask us to please pray for the Spano family for strength and courage during a coming difficult time.

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all who suffer from addictions and mental illness.

## Spiritual Message for December

### Always start again

When we encounter opposition or various problems, and especially when we experience our own failures, there's no point in stopping to dwell on what happened in the past. We shouldn't get discouraged, but rather have great trust, trust strong enough that we cast all our failures into God's merciful care, certain that he will help us with his grace. And then start over again to love.

Chiara Lubich  
Word of Life,  
October 1988





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## State News

### 50/50 Drawing

The drawing and announcement of the 50/50 Raffle will take place on Sunday, December 5th at 3pm. The drawing will be done via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent to the Regents and Committee Chairpersons only. We ask the Regents not to share the link, but instead invite those who wish to view the drawing to join you.

### 2022 Workshop

The State Board has begun planning the events for the upcoming new officer training workshop June 24, 25 & 26, 2022. There will be guest speakers, in-depth training, lots of fun, good food, and a venue that is both beautiful and peaceful. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

### 2023 State Convention Date Change

Please mark your calendars! The 2023 State Convention will be held Friday to Sunday, June 9th, 10th & 11th, 2023. This change was made (it was originally a week earlier) due to other events occurring in Grand Junction. Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941 has chosen the Doubletree on Horizon Drive in Grand Junction as the venue and the ladies are hard at work planning a great time for all. Remember, this event is open to ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS! So please plan to attend. Think about having a fundraiser or two to help offset the cost of attendance so your court will be well represented!

### Reminder!

All checks sent to the state (i.e., dues, state charity donations, convention money) are to be sent to our State Secretary, Sandy Cozad for recording. Sandy will then forward the checks to Mary Jane Armstrong, our State Treasurer, for deposit.

The only exception is money submitted for a raffle. These checks must be sent to Lucy Gasaway, our Gaming Chair.

May the miracle of  
Christmas fill your hearts  
with joy and peace.

Blessings from  
Your State Court



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### National News

Business items that will be on the agenda for the National Convention that will take place July 20 - 24, 2022 in Puerto Rico:

**Updating bylaws** is one important part for delegates at the National Convention. Now is the time to study our bylaws and suggest changes that are necessary and make amendments to the bylaws. Please send changes to our National Bylaws Chairman, Carolyn Malik, PO Box 243, Shiner, Texas, 77984, post-marked by January 15, 2022. Amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by a state board, a state court, a local court or a campus court and signed by the State Regent and State Secretary, by the Local Court Regent and the Court Recording Secretary, or by the Campus Court Regent and the Court Recording Secretary. A copy of the amendment and rationale proposed by a local court or campus court must be sent to the State Regent for her records. Five copies of each proposal and rationale (one per page) must be sent to the National Bylaws Chairman.

**The biennial changing of the guard** is another part of a National Convention. A member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement signed by a majority of the State Officers of the candidate, and a consent to serve signed by the candidate. The packet prepared by the candidate must be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairman Carolyn Ritchy, P.O. Box 1360, Sealy, Texas, 77474, by March 1, 2022.

**Resolutions** are also adopted at the National Convention. Resolutions deal with matters that are often time specific. A resolution may be submitted to the National Resolutions Committee Chairman Tess Cersovski, 635 Crimson Way, Harrisburg, OR 97446 by June 15, 2022. Resolutions may be submitted by a State Court, Local Court, Campus Court, the National Board or a National Committee. Five copies must be submitted to the National Chairman.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

*December 12, 2021*



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A Report from the  
**Spiritual Enhancement Chair**



To each Court Spiritual Enhancement Chairman:

Please print the national Spiritual Enhancement guidelines from the Tools of the Trade Circle of Love. Please come up with some new ideas for your court to read and accomplish. There are some great ideas in the guidelines. The state and national reports will be out soon for each court to fill out.

To each court member in all twelve state courts: Please read the national guidelines and see if each member can come up with new ideas for your court for the Spiritual Enhancement. All chairman of all groups could use some help with new ideas. I am sure some of you have great ideas that are not printed anywhere.

Thank you. God bless each member of Catholic Daughters in our beautiful state of Colorado

Your sister in Christ

Jean Addyman

Court Sts. Peter & Paul

Note: The document that Jean refers to above, have been posted and a link can be found on the national website's homepage.



## Local Court News

Please make sure your court is emailing a copy of their minutes to [nineliveslinda@gmail.com](mailto:nineliveslinda@gmail.com) so that we can share your local news with the rest of the courts in our state.

### **Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941**

The Lady Veterans collection held November 13 & 14th was a big success. Donation boxes were set up at each of the four churches and personal items (hair brushes, lotion, chapstick, socks, etc.) were collected and will be placed in 6"x8" bags and given to the ladies hospitalized at the Grand Junction Veterans Hospital.

### **Court St. Teresa #980**

A Parish Bazaar was held October 23-24th. The CDA members helped to make Bingo a success for a fun time. Excess food (potatoes) were donated to Caring Ministries. The Court is also planning a Christmas Potluck with a white elephant gift exchange.

### **Court St. Anthony #1248**

Members attended a Rosary and Mass on CDA Day, October 17th. Father Kevin Novack was installed as state chaplain by State Regent Barbara Barnes.

### **Court Sacred Heart #1622**

Members attended a Rosary Rally on October 16th at noon at Bicentennial Park. They also are making 16 stockings and 20 wreaths for an upcoming Christmas Craft Sale.

### **Court Holy Family #1794**

On October 30 & 31st, white ribbons and cards were given out after each Mass in honor of White Ribbons Against Pornography. They are also planning a Christmas Party on 12/10 with their Deacon as Master of Ceremonies. Members will bring their families and there will be gifts for the kids and a Santa Claus.

### **Court Sts. Peter & Paul #2669**

This court held an "America Needs Fatima Rosary" on October 16th at the Grotto with a Rosary songs and prayers for an end to abortion.



Advent Begins Nov. 28th