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Message from our State Regent—Linda Peck

My Dear Sisters in Christ:

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, spending time with those you love most. For the second year in a row, I chose to attend the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass because I love hearing the children do the readings and listening to the Children’s Choir singing Christmas Carols.

On December 31st we lost our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Like many of you, I have been watching the EWTN coverage of his death and hope to watch the funeral on January 5th. Pope Benedict XVI has been called the “Professor Pope,” noting the importance of having a balance of faith and reason while always being obedient to the truths of the faith. Please join me in praying for the repose of his soul.

I hope you will all plan to attend the 49th Biennial Convention to be held here in Grand Junction. Court 941 has selected a wonderful venue, great food and has planned lots of fun. If possible, bring your husbands with you! The Western Slope has a lot of beautiful sites to see and lots of things fun things to do. I would highly suggest that your courts start holding fundraisers now to help offset the expense of those who wish to attend. More information will be sent to you within the next two weeks.

Lastly, I wish you all a wonderful 2023! May God’s presence never leave your heart. To each new chapter of your life, may the Lord grant you His grace and strength. Happy New Year!

Christ’s Peace & Blessings,
Linda Peck
Colorado 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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Message from our National Representative First Vice National Regent—Essie Walker



My Dear Sisters,

Let us take a moment to look back on the year 2022 and reflect on our many blessings. We all have so much to be thankful for. I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating together during the holidays and that we remembered the real reason for our celebrating. I take this opportunity to say Happy New Year to you and your family. Wishing for you good health, peace, joy and love.

Now is the perfect time to set goals that will allow us to use our time and talents that have been bestowed upon each of us.

If you have not done so, please welcome Regent Barb Ward, 3160 North Buttercup Circle, Frederick, CO 80516, bjensen1621@hotmail.com and members of your newest court. It was an honor to institute Court Saint Elizabeth #2785 on November 5, 2022.

Thank you to members of Court Holy Family #1794 for sharing their court newsletter. It is always a joy to read about the good works our CDA members are doing.

Members can now purchase the new Bylaws from our national bookstore. Cost is \$4.50 per copy. Bylaws were amended July 2022 at our National Convention in Puerto Rico.

Hopefully, you have received the “FUN” D Calendar, December 2022-23. Each week five (or 6) entries will be drawn. Checks are mailed from the National Office to the lucky winners. This is a CDA Fundraiser.

If you plan to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, January 18- 20, 2023, please join Catholic Daughters in the March. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. We would love for you to join us. Walker-me772@gmail.com or 704-577-7436.

Thank you to the Colorado State Board and members for continuing to share your time and talents. I look forward to joining you at your 2023 State Convention.

Keeping Our Hearts Warm with Laughter

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic Elementary School for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A Nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray. “Take only ONE God’s watching.” Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies. “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.” Source: swapmeetdave.com

Blessings,

Essie

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Catholicdaughterscolorado.org

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength. Give skill, sympathy, and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those in research. Strengthen them with your Spirit that, through their work, many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743 Please keep the following individuals in prayer: Rev. Jose Anibal Chicas, Rev. Deacon Louis Arambula, Rev. Deacon Bill Jordan and all caregivers; for the **passing of Sally Torres.**

Court Sangre de Cristo #1810 Please pray for the family of Frances Glynn who passed away on , she was their last surviving charter member.

Court Sts. Peter & Paul #2669 Please keep Sandra McDonald's daughter-in-law, Bailey in prayer; she is starting radiation treatments for a tumor, but is recovering well. Susan Carabajal's husband, Jim passed away in November. Susan is a Past Court Regent, please keep her family in your prayers.

Court Holy Family #1794 Please pray for Bishop Michael Sheridan, who passed away on 9/27/22, Margret Rivas (Sis-in-law Maryann Rivas) who passed on 9/27/22, Gary Gasaway (husband of Lucy Gasaway) passed on 9/30/22, Marion Smith (cousin of Christine Million) passed on 10/3/22, Ernie Champigny (husband of Joann Champigny) passed on 10/11/22, Lew King (husband of Cathy King) passed on 10/18/22, Dolores Drake passed on 10/28/22, Richard Luna (Son of Ernie Luna) passed on 11/13/22. Speedy recovery for Nancy Mogensen; Bernice & Stan McGuire, Pat Stearns, Barb & Bob Klausch; Linda Million, Fran Reinhart (eye surgery), Michael Lappen, Cathy Adams, and Cathy Patch.

Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941 Please pray for Jo Ann Hendrickson, Keith Padgett, James Harold Shults, safe travels for Patricia, Jeannie Lyon (affordable housing), health of Cathy Wyant, Hailey Sorensen (knee injury), Bill Ljungquist (colon cancer), Bob Harper (surgery pain), Ronnie Dufrene (hospice), Sam Trippe (kidney infection), Carol Hollis' sister (April—surgery), and Esther Tattershall's sister, Alice. **Lifelong member, Patricia Hurley passed away on October 30, 2022.**

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

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your plan for my life today. Help me to grow deep roots in my relationship with You. Cause my thoughts to be Your thoughts so that I will be strong and established.

Thank You for Your favor and blessing n my life today in Jesus' name.
Amen

If your court has a member, or the close relative of a member, that has died, or is seriously ill, please email that information to brownrr30@yahoo.com so that it may be posted.



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State Leadership Chairman—Evelyn Irving

Calling All Catholic Daughters!!

Ladies, I am bringing this idea to all members of Catholic Daughters, not just to the local and state officers. I am the Leadership Chairman for Court Holy Family #1794 in Security and I am putting together a program I am calling a “mini-workshop.”

This will be a learning experience for all members, brand new or a long-time member, so that everyone in the court will be knowledgeable about what the responsibilities and expectations are of a local court officer, and possibly a state officer. My court has several new members who are just learning about CDA and I want to make sure every member has the tools to become an active and participating member as soon as they can. I will also be including information about our Circle of Love committees as well.

I will be hosting this “Mini-Workshop” in early 2023 for my court and I am asking if any other courts would be interested in me sending you a written copy of my presentation for your own courts to please let me know.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any of your questions.

Evelyn Irving, State Leadership Chairman
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Local Court News

Please make sure your court is emailing a copy of their minutes to brownrr30@yahoo.com so that we can share your local news with the rest of the courts in our state.

Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743: Their court donated and delivered pies and homemade brownies for a sit down client dinner for Marisol Health. They were happy and thankful for the donation & delivery! They also host a Pro-life prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Court Holy Family #1794: They have a card project called "You are Missed." They send cards to members to let them know they are missed, they are being thought of and encourages them to continue to share their ideas with the group. Christmas cards were also signed and sent to their homebound and out of town members.

Court St. Anne #1622: They filled 15 bags "Shut-in Bags" with treats and surprises for delivery before Christmas to their homebound brothers and sisters.

Mount of the Holy Cross #941: Members will sign up for their Christmas party potluck, which is on December 14, 2022. They will bring gift bags to deliver to the homebound and 50 year members.

Court St. Anthony #1248: Their court bagged homemade cookies for their Bazaar in December. They planned a white elephant gift exchange for their December meeting.

Court Our Lady of Peace #2728: Their court offered a basic sign language course for anyone interested. Classes began on November 11, 2022 from 10:30-12:00pm.

Courts Sts. Peter & Paul #2669: Their court participated in a "Diaper Drive" to benefit families seeking support through Catholic Charities. They are going to announce it out to the parish to see if parishioners want to help contribute.

Court St. Elizabeth #2785: This newly established court had their Institution Meeting on November 5, 2022 in Longmont, CO . 1st Vice National Regent, Essie Walker attended and dedicated the ceremony to our Blessed Mother. Welcome new members!





STATE NEWS—CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE

Candidates for State Office:

Anyone who wishes to be considered as a candidate for state office by the Nominating Committee must submit her name and office sought by February 15, 2023. All positions are open for nomination. Candidates must submit five (5) copies of each of the following:

1. A statement of qualifications
2. A statement of endorsement from your local court signed by a majority of the officers
3. A current picture
4. Signed consent to serve statement

Send all packets for the nominating committee to Nominating Committee Chairperson, Anne Jessop, 33 E. Andrews Lane, Cortez, CO 81321. Email address: ziastar@yahoo.com
Packets must be postmarked prior to February 15, 2023.

The statement of endorsement and the consent to serve form will be attached to this email.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 2 in the United States. There are some countries which celebrate the feast as a Holy Day of Obligation and, therefore, celebrate it on January 6. The United States does not have it as a Day of Obligation and transferred the day to the first Sunday after January 1. The feast day brings us back to the life of Christ and the promises contained in the child born in a cave. Christians worldwide recognize the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The word “epiphany” is derived from the Greek word “epiphainen”, which means “to shine upon”, “to manifest”, or “to make known.”

“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ (John 8:12)

The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is shown to be the promised Messiah for which the Jews had been waiting. As the Catechism tells us, the Epiphany honors and recognizes the magi making the trip from the East to find Jesus and worship him. Additionally, we see Jesus made manifest to others through his baptism as well as the wedding at Cana. It’s through the baptism of Jesus we see God confirm to those around Him that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah and Son of God. The wedding at Cana shows us, among other things, Jesus manifest himself by turning water into wine. The miracle shows Jesus has power over earthly things and, therefore, is God incarnate.

However, we focus our attention today primarily on the magi. The wise men who make the long journey to come adore and worship Jesus. The wise men were likely from Persia and made the 1,000-1,200 mile trip to Jerusalem by camel to bring gifts to the Lord and adore Him. Contrary to popular belief, the Bible does not tell us there were three wise men. In fact, it does not give us the number of magi who made the trip. The number three is taken from the number of gifts they brought to the Lord, but we are not told exactly how many there were on the journey. Throughout the centuries and different cultures, there have been a variety of beliefs in how many magi there actually were that night. In the Eastern tradition you will find an adherence to 12 magi. Some of the early fathers, as well as in the West, hold to three magi. Early fathers such as St. Leo the Great and St. Maximus of Turin accepted and held to three magi. There are four magi depicted at the cemetery of St. Domitilla and earlier paintings, even those at the tomb of St. Peter, depicts two. The names of the magi we have today are Caspar (Gaspar), Melchoir, and Balthasar and are taken from the writings of St. Bede. The number of magi is not as important as the meanings of the gifts they brought and the fact that they made journey at all.

Since the magi would have been traveling in a desert climate on camel, it is presumed they only traveled about 15-20 miles per day due to the limitations of the camel’s ability to travel long distances in that climate. As a result, it would have taken an estimated 60 days for the magi to make it to Jesus. Many times, we complain and refuse to travel 30 minutes by vehicle to spend some time in adoration before the Lord. ***(Written by Amelia Monroe Carlson, <https://www.catholic365.com/article/14417/>)***