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Message from State Regent

As we approach this holiday season, we may not be with our family or friends due to the worsening pandemic. I think it is very important to think of the well-being of others by continuing to wear a mask, socially distance, and not attending large gatherings. It will be different this year, but by your participation in taking Covid-19 precautions, we will ensure a better future and save lives. November 1st, All Saints Day, pray to the Saints and ask for their help with our struggles. On November 2nd, All Souls Day let us remember not only our deceased family and friends but also our deceased Catholic Daughter sisters, military, and priests. In this season of Thanksgiving, thank the Lord for your blessings and do what you can for others that may not be so fortunate. For older folks who live alone, it is especially lonely this year so pick up the phone & call them, send them a card, or deliver a gift basket and they'll feel loved. I know many of our courts are meeting both in person and via Zoom. That's wonderful but don't forget to send the meeting minutes to those who don't attend so we keep our communication strong. I want to thank everyone for participating in our Christmas Raffle and the 3 winners will be drawn on December 9th. Good luck to all. In closing, your State Board (Barbara, Cathy, Mary Jane, Sandy & myself) would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent!

Lucy Gasaway, Colorado State Regent

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 1: All Saints' Day
- Nov 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 2: All Souls' Day
- Nov 3: Election Day
- Nov 11: Veterans' Day
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving

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

Message from our State Chaplain, Msgr. Jim Koenigsfeld:

Dear ladies of the CDA,

By the time that you read the newsletter the elections will have ended. We hope and pray that what is best for the country and all its members will be for the best.

This year has seen some contentious moments, not only about candidates, but also about issues. It seems as though no family or group was free from some kind of confrontation.

I hope however, that if there were differences of opinions, that families and friends were able to stay family and friends. A friend of mine from Des Moines, sent me a column that his parish priest wrote in his parish's church bulletin. He had a very lengthy article, but he had a great message. Basically he wrote that even though stakes are high in this year's elections, no politician or election stance is worth the break up of a family or of a good friendship. That when all the dust is settled, the very important gifts that God gave us of family and friends are worth more than just being right or being the "winner," if there is such a thing in the word battles we have witnessed.

So, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, I wish you the best in your continued role of being imitators of Jesus in your lives and then being models of what it is to be followers of Jesus in this often topsy turvy world. God bless you all in all that you do and are!

Fr. Jim Koenigsfeld



Please send your minutes to
Msgr. Jim Koenigsfeld:
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who is now our State
Chaplain.



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!!

The Colorado State CDA Board wishes to thank you all for helping with our state fundraiser raffle. Please remember to send back any unsold tickets and the money to Cathy Patch. It **MUST** be postmarked no later than November 30, 2020. Thank you!

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Greetings Colorado Catholic Daughters,

I have been assigned by our new National Regent, Sherry Nilles, to serve Colorado as your National Supervisor for the next 2 years. I am excited about to have this assignment as I love Colorado. My husband and I travel through your beautiful state frequently and we have a son and his family who live in Denver. I am looking forward to getting to know your State Regent, Lucy and her board and to meet many of you next June at your Colorado State convention in Cortez.

As I begin this term with you I would like to introduce myself, so you know a little about me. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. The only girl with 5 brothers. I attended Catholic school from 1st through 12th grades and then graduated from Point Park College school of nursing 1967. In 1974 I moved to Arizona and worked as a L&D nurse for the next 30 years. My husband and I have been married for 40 years and have a blended family of 6 children and 8 grandchildren spread all over the country. My hobbies are spending time with family, photography, swimming and traveling. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to travel all over the US and throughout the world. Our travels include 5 concert tours to Europe with our choir and the high light was singing at the Vatican. At my parish, besides being in the choir and being the music librarian, I am a lector, EM, hospital minister and for 20 years have been part of our 501c3 organization of Hands Across the Ocean, Inc., a humanitarian ministry to the people of Tongan islands. I have made 8 trips to Tonga. These were unbelievable experiences in my life with some of the poorest of the poor.

Although I don't have any sisters, my Mom brought me into CDA in 1977 giving me 60,000+sisters. I am a third-generation member as both my Mother and Grandmother were members for over 50 years. I am a charter member of Court Our Lady of the Desert #2164 in Mesa, AZ and a dual member at my parish of Court Padre Kino #1932 in Tempe, AZ. My membership in CDA has been a major influence for me as I have made many friends, had so many ways to serve the Lord by helping those in most need and most of all helps me to grow closer to God and build the spiritually in my life and my family. CDA is such an important part of who I am that my husband says that if I get cut, I bleed purple! And I couldn't be where I am without his love and support.

This past year we have all traveled through such strange times and never could have imagined living in the restricted environments we have dealt with. I pray that all of you and your families have stayed healthy and safe. I am so impressed with many courts who have learned to continue to keep your membership connected in one way or another and to electing new officers and holding Installations. We have all had to think outside the box, especially at National because of having to cancel our convention. Please know that I pray daily at mass for all of you as we move forward. Remember that God is in control and we need to live in Faith, not Fear.

God's peace and blessings,

Susan Moné

First Vice National Regent

Please send your minutes to Susan Mone:
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We offer prayers to the Lord for

Improved health for

Helen Johnson, Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035, Lakewood

Roberta Zen, Court St Teresa #980 Sterling

Cathy Cray, Court St Anthony #1248, Durango

Father Kevin Novak, Court St Anthony #1248, Durango

All our family and friends, CDA sisters, and priests



For the repose of the soul of

Emeline LeFebre, Court Mt of the Holy Cross #941, Grand Junction

all our dearly departed

Prayers of thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Excerpts from the September 2020 National Quarterly



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your commitment and dedication in serving the Lord, the Church and the poor as Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We are all called to build up the kingdom of God as we are able, and in our little plot of garden, as it were. For most of us that means our family, our parish and neighborhood, and perhaps our workplace. The “little way” of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love is a sure path of both following Christ and inviting others to follow also. Our Blessed Mother, of course, knew this well. Apart from her unique role in salvation history, her life was entirely ordinary in both joy and suffering. She is the perfect example for us to imitate-her faith and humility, her obedience to God’s call, her simplicity and devotion to her family, her vibrant life of interior prayer.

While it’s true that Mary’s vocation to become the Mother of God, was unique and awesome, God also chooses each one of us to serve, with no less significance on the path to Heaven, albeit in more hidden and less dramatic ways. The closer we can come to knowing Mary and imitating her, the closer we will also come to knowing and loving her Son, Jesus. In knowing and loving Jesus, we more fully embrace our personal vocation, grow in holiness, and can help others enter the same saving relationship with Him.

Dear sisters, I promise to pray frequently for all of you, and to be spiritually close to you. Please pray also for me.

Your Brother in Christ,

Most Reverend R Walker Nickless

Bishop of Sioux City

National Chaplain



“I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I don’t know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will NOT ask, “*how many good things have you done in your life?*” Rather He will ask, ‘*how much LOVE did you put into what you did?*’

Mother Teresa

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COURT LITTLE FLOWER #925, LA JUNTA: Members agreed to have a regular meeting in November, wearing masks and social distancing. The Patriotic Mass will be November 8 and members are wearing red, white, and blue to the 8:30 am Mass.

COURT MT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, GRAND JUNCTION: The court welcomed 2 new members. A presentation for Father Chrysogonus for his 25 years of service will be celebrated next month. Members approved the budget. The baby shower will be in February. Information and handouts on protecting children against child exploitation on the internet were shared. It was approved to donate all funds from Drops of Hope Fundraiser to Fr Chrysogonus for his global effort. Members decided to reschedule the cancelled Card Party to February or March. Sold tickets will be honored, not refunds. Discussed ways to advertise CDA and hopefully reenergize it and gain new members. Court donating flowers for the altar on Saturdays at Sacred Heart. Court participating in Trunkn'Treat. Court is hoping to start a youth court at Colorado Mesa University.

COURT ST. TERESA #980, STERLING: Members working on baby quilts and lap robes. Court is considering the Walk For Life for a court project. Rosary before mass was Oct 10 and 11. Ideas were discussed for fundraising projects. It was decided to forgoe fundraising this year and utilizing funds they have but being more conservative in donations. Financial review went well. CDA Mass on October 18 was cancelled due to COVID. It was rescheduled for Nov 8 at 7:00 am. Members will wear their CDA shirts. Members are joining the Knights of Columbus for a food drive the 2nd weekend of November. Donations were made to Catholic Charities Bottom Line Fall Diaper Drive, and All Souls Day Mass for deceased court members. In January the court will celebrate its 95th Anniversary. It was voted to make dues \$25 for this year.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: The Court provided dessert to 50 teens at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes lunch. A youth program called FIELDS OF FAITH was offered at the Cortez fairgrounds. Convention fundraisers were discussed including fun socks & a cookbook. Highway Cleanup was done on "Make a Difference Day." Convention plans are going smoothly—venue & hotel reserved. The CDA Craft Fair & bake Sale will be Nov. 21 & 22. Court voted to change meeting to 1st Sunday at 8:30am. which is CDA Sunday & lead the rosary in church before Mass.

JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: They have not had a meeting recently They are still planning on selling crafts at the craft fair. There will be no soup due to COVID. The court has been invited to assist Ct Sacred Heart with the highway cleanup.



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COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: Donations were made to St Dominic Food Bank and St Dominic Outreach. Members encouraged to vote in accordance with Catholic doctrine. A spiritual enhancement program presented on St. Ewald the Dark and St Ewald the Fair and St. Mother Theodore Guerin. The bake sale for December is on Hold. Signs encouraging voting on Proposition 115 were available for people to put in their yards. Articles from the Fountain Valley Newspaper and the Catholic Herald showing the new Board members of the CDA Court Holy Family were shared. Standing Rules and Budget were reviewed. Covenant House will be the charity this year. Financial Review completed and was correct. CDA Sunday was celebrated Oct 18. Catholics Come Home is on hold. Were not able to pass out ribbons for WRAP but asked if Father could talk about it in his homily. Celebrated Make a Difference Day weeding and working on the flowers at the church.

COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: A report was given clarifying our role in political elections. A thank you letter was received from the Director of Development of the Action Center. Birthday blessings were sent to members of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mullen Home for the Aged. CDA Sunday has been cancelled because of the coronavirus prevention regulations. The Annual Mass for the Deceased and the traditional Patriotic Mass at St Jude Church in November may also be cancelled. Santas Workshop is being replaced by Adopt a Family. It was decided to donate gift cards for Walmart and King Soopers to the homeless at Samaritan House.

COURT OUR LADY OF PEACE #2728, WOODLAND PARK: Three guests were welcomed to the meeting. Father Marek suggested Deacon Dave be the spiritual advisor for the court. A retreat is being planned in January with Father Marek for all CDA members. The court is continuing to distribute food to needy in Teller County. "Care Portal" which assists with child welfare needs was introduced. Planning the Giving Tree has started signing up volunteers to help. The national theme was discussed and plans were started as to how to promote the theme. Education contest was discussed. Copies of the amended bylaws for local courts were passed out. The court supports a Native American reservation with non perishable food and money. Fundraiser ideas were discussed. They are considering changing their meeting night to Thursday starting in January.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Thank you letter received from Marisol for donation. Craft Fair has been cancelled this year. Annual Budget approved. Bakeless bake sale fundraiser was held CDA Sunday and the funds will be donated back to the parish community. Members wore white tops and black bottoms with CDA badge and sat with their families at the mass of their preference on Oct. 18. The court voted not to participate in the 2021 National Education Contest, the National Website Contest or the National Newsletter Contest. For the November meeting they will hold a hybrid meeting inviting members to participate either in person or by zoom.



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