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NEWSLETTER

March 2018

MARCH

Message from State Regent



DATES TO REMEMBER

National Convention
Sioux Falls, SD
July 17-22, 2018

Colorado State
Workshop
Colorado Springs
**August 3 - 5
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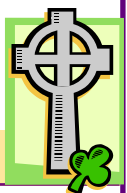
Lent is upon us once again. One way to get ready for Easter is through PRAYER. Make time for personal conversation with God. Commit 20 minutes: perhaps 10 in the morning and 10 before bedtime to thank God for the day and offer praise for the wonders around you. Begin or revise a prayer list naming names, identifying needs, asking for grace, wisdom, or surrender where it's most needed. Turn off electronic sound sources, and use the silence to talk and listen to God. Put a cross, picture or prayer on your dashboard, in your pocket, or with your car keys to remind you to pray for a moment when an opportunity presents itself. When you're stuck at a railroad crossing, in traffic, at the supermarket, ticket counter, or doctor's office, snatch those moments for prayer. Also look for opportunities to pray together with others from your community.

It is also time to start thinking about the new life which is going to start growing soon. It is also a perfect time to pray. Pray as you plan what you will grow. Pray as you are getting the tiny seeds started. Pray that they will grow to a large plant with food enough to feed your family and maybe a few friends. Pray as you prepare the soil out side. Pray that you have gotten enough fertilizer or soil enhancements into your garden. Pray that the weather will work with you and not against you. Pray as the time to plant your seedlings outside, that they will live, that the birds and squirrels and other animals will find enough food elsewhere, and leave your little seedlings along, that they might be given a chance to grow. And all the while you are praying about your garden for just you, your family and friends, why don't you include your community, your county, your state, your country and those of the world who have so much less than you, that they might be able to grow enough food for their families and community. After all, aren't we all Sisters and Brothers to Christ, Sons and Daughters of God?

My prayer for you is to have a very prayerful Lent and a wonderful experience in your faith while preparing for Easter.



Bonnie Valcik, Colorado State Regent



Message from the Editor

Dear CDA Sisters,

Lent is a time to challenge yourself to be more aware of what you are doing with your life. Take this opportunity to find out what you're really made of. Is there a soup kitchen in your area that could use some help? Go through your closets and home and see what you really don't need and take them to a thrift store so someone else may benefit from your donations. Pick up that Rosary and vow to say it every day during Lent. Do you say you care about our brothers and sisters who are in the nursing home or homebound? That's great but make an effort to visit them and let them know they are thought of, loved, and important to you by your presence in their lives. Show your care and concern for others by offering a ride to someone who might need to go to church, a doctor's appointment, or maybe just to go grocery shopping. Our actions speak louder than words. Find a retreat during Lent and invite someone to go to it with you or attend Adoration and pray. What you do for others is a reflection of who you are and what you value. Be that person!

Lucy Gasaway, Colorado State 2nd Vice-Regent

National News



57th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CDA CONVENTION Sioux Falls, SD from July 17– 22, 2018



Regents, did you receive the Delegate/Alternate forms from National?

Remember, you are also to send a duplicate copy of the Delegate and Alternate forms to your State Regent, Bonnie Valcik. In this way I will know who is attending the Convention. No MARCH mailing will be sent to a court unless National receives the paper back indicating they are sending delegates. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SENDING ANY DELEGATES AND/OR ALTERNATES, YOU MUST SEND IN YOUR FORM TO NATIONAL (AND YOUR STATE REGENT) SO WE CAN CONFIRM YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

We will actually be in three hotels for this 57th Biennial National Convention. All three hotels are in close proximity to the Denny Sanford Convention Center. The Sheraton Hotel and the Ramada Inn are already full. It may be upsetting for you to hear the words, “**there is no room in the inn.**” Remember how Mary and Joseph reacted when they were in Bethlehem. I hope you take their example. May I remind you, who you represent when you are talking to the staff in each of the hotels. The staff is in communication with us. **I SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP ONCE YOUR DELEGATES HAVE BEEN ELECTED, if you are going. Here is one more Hotel that is offering the same rates for the Convention:**

**1) Holiday Inn & Suites Sioux Falls Airport, 2040 W. Russell Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 331-2040 - You must ask for the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas block.**

We hope by now that all our courts have received their First Call to Convention. The second call will be mailed out first class mail at the beginning of March. You can find the First Call to Convention on the website in its entirety. The second will go on when it is printed and mailed.

WEBSITE CONTEST

If your Court has a website and you wish to be considered for the National Website Contest, please send your entries and transmittal forms to your State Website Contest Chairman, Linda Wilger by April 1, 2018. This is for the State level of the contest, at which time Linda will judge each entry. Then she must send the 1st Place Winner to the National Website Contest Chairman, Vickie Feist on or before May 1, 2018. Each website must include the CDA mission statement and logo, court name, number and location of the court, contact information for court Regent or Webmaster, Court officers/membership chairman, description of the Circle of Love Program, local/state/national projects, have a link to the National CDA website and to our State website. They will be judged on layout, headlines, creativity in design, journalistic style, freshness of content, ease of locating information on the site, links to appropriate sites and coverage of the local, state, national news, projects and activities.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

If your Court publishes a Newsletter and you wish to be considered for the National Newsletter Contest, please send the appropriate number of copies and transmittal forms to your State Newsletter Contest Chairman, Linda Wilger by April 1, 2018. They will be judged and the 1st Place Winner will be sent to the National Newsletter Contest Chairman, Susan Hicks on or before May 1, 2018. Each Newsletter must include the CDA mission statement and logo, court name, number and location of the court, contact information for court Regent and the Editor contact information. They will be judged on layout, headlines, local coverage, State coverage and National coverage, journalistic styling, special features. Be sure to read the National Newsletter Contest Scoring Sheet. This will be adhered to.



State News

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COLORADO STATE BOARD WEB SITE

To learn more about what is going on at the State level, please visit: www.catholicdaughterscolorado.org. There is also a link to the National Board's web site on the state's website or you can go directly to National at: www.catholicdaughters.org.

**SEMINARY BURSE**

If you are planning on making a donation to the Seminary Burse, it needs to be received by the State 1st Vice Regent (Barbara Barnes) by Palm Sunday. All monies received from the Courts for the Seminary Burse will be announced for distribution at the 2019 State Convention to the three Bishops of Colorado. The checks will actually be sent out following the convention and the transition meeting of the new State Board.

DO YOU NEED A ROOMMATE FOR THE CONVENTION?

Ladies, we have some delegates and/or alternates participating in the Convention that would like to room with someone to keep the costs down. Please contact Bonnie Valcik, the State Regent, if you are planning to go to the Convention and are in need of a roommate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Attention Regents! March is the month that your Court, will select a Nominating mittee. The procedures are attached to the end of this Newsletter. If you have any tions please feel free to contact your State Advisor.

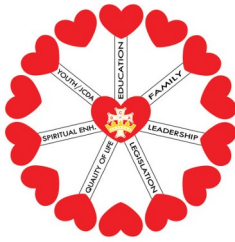


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REMINDERS

- Please remember that ALL money is sent to the **State 1st Vice Regent**, Barbara Barnes. This includes dues and all other monies and ALL New Member forms are sent to her, NOT to the State Regent
- Recording Secretaries are reminded to send Lucy Gasaway, Newsletter Editor (lvgasaway@mail.com) your court minutes at least two weeks before the end of the month so she can share your Court's activities in our Colorado State newsletter.
- Please plan ahead – the Spring **Financial Reviews** (for the Senior Courts as well as for the Junior Catholic Daughter Courts) will be here before you know it. Please work with your state representative so that she can do her best to attend. **It is recommended that by the 10th of March** (and September), **each local court should email National for a copy of their roster.** Upon receipt, the Financial Secretary should immediately and carefully check the roster to determine that National has picked up ALL changes sent in for that six month period. If some are missing, the Financial Secretary should notify National ASAP, sending a copy of the form the local court originally mailed.
- As many courts make their spring donations, please keep in mind the **National Projects**. It is important to think outside of our little areas and reach out.
- The deadline for the **State Education Contest** is March 15th to the State Education Chairman, Bonnie Valcik. The deadline for entries to National must be postmarked no later than April 15th.
- The deadline for the **State Website Contest** is April 1st to the State Website Chairman, Linda Wilger. The deadline for entries to National must be postmarked no later than May 1st.
- The deadline for the **State Newsletter Contest** is April 1st to the State Newsletter Chairman, Linda Wilger. The deadline for entries to National must be postmarked no later than May 1st.
- The **Circle of Love Reporting Forms** had to have been postmarked March 15th from the local court chairman to the state chairman.

State News - Circle of Love News



EDUCATION CONTEST

Greetings and Happy Winter Everyone! Just a gentle reminder to all Regents and Local Education Contest Chairpersons that our deadlines for the education contest are quickly approaching. The local deadline to the State Chairman is no later than March 15th. Our themes this year are wonderful - "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy" and "Finding Joy in my life". Local Court Chairpersons are reminded that your local 1st place winning entries are to be postmarked no later than March 15th. Thanks for all your hard work in getting the word out and I look forward to receiving your entries.

Bonnie Valcik, State Education Contest Chairperson
Court of the Holy Family # 1794, Security, CO



LEGISLATION UPDATES

Ladies, Please read and contact your representatives, this effects our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Legislation Regarding 529 Accounts

Recently, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which now allows parents to use 529 college savings accounts to pay for K-12 tuition at private schools. Some states, including Colorado, allow taxpayers to claim state income tax deductions for contributions to 529 accounts.

Although the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act allows 529 account holders to use funds for K-12 tuition, that federal law does not fully parallel Colorado's state statute governing 529 account withdrawals and deductions. Colorado law only allows withdrawals for very specific purposes, and these purposes do not include K-12 tuition. Because of this discrepancy, taxpayers who make withdrawals to cover K-12 tuition costs risk losing their state income tax deduction for contributions to their children's 529 accounts.



There are currently two competing bills being considered by Colorado lawmakers that relate to this issue:

House Bill 18-1221: This bill seeks to align Colorado law with federal law by enabling taxpayers to use 529 funds for K-12 tuition while retaining their state income tax deduction for 529 contributions. Under this bill, people could use 529 accounts to pay for K-12 tuition without risking their state income tax deductions. **THE COLORADO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE SUPPORTS HB18-1221.**

House Bill 18-1209: This bill would explicitly forbid state income tax deductions for 529 contributions intended for K-12 tuition. It would also put into law that K-12 tuition does not constitute a qualified withdrawal of 529 funds. Under this bill, people could be subjected to tax penalties for using 529 accounts to pay tuition. **THE COLORADO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OPPOSES HB18-1209.**



State News



STATE OFFICERS WORKSHOP

Your state Board has been working hard to get the workshop going. All of the forms for attending the Workshop will be in the April Newsletter. We know that all Courts must budget, so here are the costs for anyone who wished to attend. Remember, the Workshop is not just limited to Officers.

Please see the costs of the Workshop below:

Single - \$255; Double - \$235; Triple - \$185; (This cost includes room, meals, breaks & materials)
Cost without a room \$150; Saturday only \$100 (Cost includes lunch, dinner, breaks & materials)
If you are attending early the costs for Thursday are: Single - \$80; Double - \$50 or 2 people for \$100;
Triple - \$40 or 3 people for \$120.

Breakfast will be served on Friday morning with the Nuns.

Remember Single and Triple rooms are limited. They are reserved first come first serve basis. The majority of the rooms have a private bath, but there are a few rooms that share a bath. There are no elevators to the 2nd floor.



Prayer Corner

An Irish Prayer:

May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise,
and a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,
for every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for each prayer.



Court News



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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.

Court Little Flower #925 - La Junta - (Feb.) - Fr. Henry Wer-tin presented a Spiritual Lenten Reflection, confession & Mass prior to their meeting. CDA will be doing Stations of the Cross March 23rd and the Soup & Bread Supper following Stations.

Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941 - Grand Junction - (Feb.) - Birthright speakers gave a presentation before their meet-ing on goals & plans, the open house at St. Joseph's convent building which they are currently occupying, & thanks for donations made.

New project of visiting all homebound CDA members once a month was presented & agreed upon by the members.

Court St. Teresa #980 - Sterling - (Feb.) - Their Shrove Soup Supper will benefit the Logan County Family Treatment Court in Sterling. The religious education books that their Court purchased were given to the 2nd graders. Nursing Home visits are going well.

Court St. Anthony #1248 - Durango - (Feb.) - St. Columba church is having a retreat with reconciliation service included. The Court has initiated a project to go in small groups to visit nursing home residents and the homebound. Their regular March meeting

will be the annual baby shower for the Durango Pregnancy Center. **Court Sacred Heart #1606 - Cortez - (Feb.)** - The Fellowship of Christian Athletes which the Court supports at Dolores High School will be meeting for a presentation on suicide followed by lunch on Feb. 12th. The group had 30 students at the Jan. meeting.

Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035 - Lakewood - (Feb.) - Deacon Jay will be giving a Mini-Retreat at the Court's March meeting. New fundraisers proposed were "Panera Day" where 20% of meals be donated to CDA, Tea & Silent Auction, Chili Cook-Off, Casino Bus Trip, & Painting class with 50% given to CDA.

Court STS. Peter & Paul #2669 - Wheatridge - (Feb.) - Guest speaker from Maternity Homes gave presentation & they have found a 7BR/5BA house that could house 12-14 women & chil-dren & are moving forward to buy it & call them Mary's Homes of Hope. Pierce Street Clean-Up day was a success.

Court Our Lady of Peace #2728 - Woodland Park - (Feb.) - Working with Father on creating "Gospel" slips to encourage peo-ple to read the Bible. Their joint "Giving Tree" project had 400 tags that were all taken. Court planning Clergy Appreciation Sunday/ Father's 25th anniversary celebration dinner. Court will be having an Easter Egg hunt for the children on Sunday, April 1st.



Local Courts' Nominating and Election Procedures for March 2018

Regent – please copy these instructions and give to Nominating Committee Chairman

BYLAWS

ARTICLE XIII LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A) The Nominating Committee of three (3) or five (5) shall be elected at the regular meeting in March in alternate years to the State elections. Nominations shall be made from the floor. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the nominating committee.

B) The three (3) or five (5) candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The remaining candidates shall serve as alternates according to their rank. The committee member receiving the most votes serves as Chairman, or the committee itself may select its chairman from among the three (3) or five (5) elected members.

MARCH 2018 MEETING

REGENT

Nominations for committee are from the floor. After nominations are given the Regent states, **“The following members in good standing have been nominated for the nominating committee** (read names). If more than 5 names are given, then a vote must take place same as in an election. The persons with the most votes will be members of the committee. **As many are in favor of their election, say ‘aye’; those opposed say ‘nay’**. **The ayes have it and** (read names again) **will serve on the Nominating Committee.**

REGENT

Give the Chairmen a copy of these instructions and an up to date roster of all members. Be sure to note members in good standing whose dues are no more than three (3) months in arrears as per Article XII Sec. 3. A.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After the election, the Chairman will call for a meeting with all the members of the Committee. Due to the difficulty at times to fill the slate, the sooner the meeting is held after the election, the better.

ARTICLE XIII LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 2. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A) The Committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office.

B) The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve.

C) The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office.

D) If there is a vacancy on the slate, the committee shall report that office vacant (open).

E) The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

1. Only members in GOOD STANDING are eligible to hold any office. Therefore, it is the Chairman's responsibility to obtain from the Regent the listing of members in good standing. The Committee should review the jobs and responsibilities of all 5 offices before proceeding.

2. The Committee should start with the nomination of the Regent and proceed down the chairs to the office of Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII LOCAL COURTS Sec. 4. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be for two (2) years. Officers shall serve only two (2) consecutive terms or four (4) years in any one office.

3. No members of this committee have the right to promise any member of the court that her name will be placed on the slate of officers. This action can cause problems. The **Chairman** of the committee calls each possible nominee.
4. When the Committee has made its selection, the **Chairman** should call the first person suggested for Regent and proceed through the chairs.
5. As each person is called, the **Chairman** should ask the candidate to keep this confidential until a written notice of the slate is published. Please make sure that the member being called is fully aware of the job before accepting and that this is for the June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020 term.
6. **Neither the Regent nor the chaplain** is an ex-officio member of this committee. They should not be notified or invited to the meeting. "Ex officio" is a Latin term meaning "by virtue of office or position." Ex-officio members of committees, therefore, are persons who are members by virtue of some other office or position that they hold.
7. What and who is discussed in this meeting is strictly confidential and must **not** be repeated to anyone. The slate must be given in writing or email to the Regent only.
8. The Committee should use the two months' time to try and fill all the offices though they are not obligated. It is much more important to have a competent person filling the office than a name.

May 2018 Meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

At the May meeting the Nominating Committee Chairman will present the proposed slate to the membership.

ARTICLE XIII LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 3. ELECTIONS

- F) Written notice and/or notice via electronic (email) mail of at least ten (10) days from the date of post-mark must be given to all members of the Court, as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.
- G) Prior to the election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May.
- H) Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in the alternate years to the State elections and shall hold office for a two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A majority vote shall elect. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election.
- I) Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.

The responsibility of the committee is now completed.

REGENT

As the first order of business under **New Business**, the Regent will call for the report of the Nominating Committee. The Chairman will rise, read the report starting with the Office of Regent, then Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The **Chairman** then hands the slate to the Regent. There is no motion to accept the slate from the Committee.

Elections of Local Court Officers

The Regent then reads the report again to the members. Then she states:

“Nominations from the floor are now open. The Nominating Committee has presented the name of _____ for the office of Regent. Are there any further nominations for the office of Regent?”

(Nominations from the floor are not seconded!) After pausing, the Regent proceeds in the same manner through all the offices. If there are nominations from the floor for any office, she accepts these by repeating the name of the person, “_____ has been nominated for _____, are there any further nominations for _____?” At the conclusion of nominations from the floor, the Regent will say, “**Are there nominations for any office? (pause) Hearing none the Chair declares the nominations closed.**” Again, no motion is needed to close nominations.

When No Office Is Opposed **“We will proceed to election of officers.”** At this time if there are no officers opposed, no Tellers are needed and a voice vote is taken as follows: **“All those in favor of _____ for Regent, _____ for Vice Regent, _____ for Recording Secretary, _____ for Financial Secretary and _____ for Treasurer will say ‘aye’. All those opposed ‘nay’. The ayes have it and you have elected _____ for Regent, _____ for Vice Regent, _____ for Recording Secretary, _____ for Financial Secretary and _____ for Treasurer.”**

When Any or All Offices Are Opposed The Regent chooses a Head Teller, Teller and Tally Clerk to help take the vote. Ballots are passed out to all the members to take a vote. Collect the ballots in a box or basket. If a member makes an error on her ballot, she should ask the Head Teller for another ballot and return the one with the error. The erroneous ballot is immediately destroyed.

A head count is taken before the voting begins. The Head Teller tallies the votes and prepares the report. Example of report follows:

Regent	votes cast 64	needed to elect 33
Member X 38		
Member Y 26		

NOTE: a simple majority (1 more than 50% voting elects the officer)

This report contains all the officers who are opposed. When called upon, the Head Teller reads the report in its entirety and then hands it to the Regent who re-reads the report out loud and says, “By your voting, you have elected X to the office of Regent”, etc.

The **Regent** then congratulates all those who have been elected.

Finally

A meeting of the present officers and those newly elected should be planned before the June 1, 2018 meeting. At that meeting all books, records and properties from the former office are given to the newly elected officer with time for questions and answers to be addressed.

ARTICLE XIII LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec.4. Local Court installations shall take place no later than the regular September meeting.

ARTICLE XIV LOCAL COURTS, SEC. 11 ELECTIONS

E) Each office shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation 30-days following election.