



# Colorado State Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

# MARCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2017

## Message from State Regent



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Colorado State Convention  
Colorado Springs  
**June 2-4, 2017**

National Convention  
South Dakota  
**July 2018**

Colorado State Workshop  
Colorado Springs  
**August 2018**

It is time to start thinking about the new life we want to grow for Easter. It is just like a garden. We must prepare the soil, to grow that new life, "to prepare the way of the Lord." We must pray as we are getting the tiny seeds of our new life started. The new life which is going to start growing in us soon. We must nurture it. It is the perfect time to pray. Pray as you plan how you want it to grow and what you will need to do to get it to grow. Pray that the small little seeds will grow to a large plant, a strong and faithful plant. That it will grow large enough to feed our own hunger for the Lord in our lives, our family and maybe a few friends. Pray that you have gotten enough fertilizer or soil enhancements into your garden (praying, confession, Eucharist, Mass, adoration, retreats). Pray that the weather will work with you and not against you. We all must sometimes weather our fair-weather friends, surly neighbors and of course our ever-growing families. Pray that our seeds will live, that the birds and squirrels and other animals will find enough food elsewhere, and leave your little seedlings alone, that they might be given a chance to grow and be strong. 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

## Prayer Corner

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Sue Cameron, Recording Secretary for Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941 in Grand Junction is in the hospital in Denver. She is recovering from a bone marrow transplant on February 14. Her sister Mary, who was a perfect match, was her donor. Please pray for her complete recovery to a full and active life. Please keep in your prayers all of our sisters and their families who are in need.

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to [Barbara-barbjohnny@aol.com](mailto:Barbara-barbjohnny@aol.com) by the 20th of the month so I can get them in this corner.



State News

**WEBSITE CONTEST**

We have entered a time where many of our members and courts are technologically savvy and who have embraced the internet as a tool to inform members and recruit new members. Based on the request of many members, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas now offer local, state, territorial, and campus courts the opportunity to enter their CDA websites in a national contest. National has transmitted all the guidelines of the Website Contest to all local court regents. The regent must provide this information to your court webmaster as soon as possible. If you do not have the information, please contact the State Regent, who will provide you with all the guidelines.

**Please be sure to review the qualifications. It is such a shame when wonderful websites get disqualified because they forget just one of the requirements!**

**Local Courts** will submit their website entries to the State Website Chairman **by MARCH 15, 2017**. The 1st place winner will be submitted by the State Chairman to the National Chairman.

Local court entries should be sent to the State Website Contest Chairman:



Mrs. Bonnie Valcik  
[valcikb@live.com](mailto:valcikb@live.com)



The first-place State winners of 2017 National Website Contest entries must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2017, to be eligible.



**Newsletter Contest**

The Newsletter Contest guidelines have been sent to all local court regents. If you have not received the information, please contact your State Regent and she will provide you with the information needed.

**Local Courts** will submit their newsletter entries to the State Newsletter Chairman **by MARCH 15, 2017**. The 1st place winner will be submitted by the State Chairman to the National Chairman.

Local court entries should be sent to the State Newsletter Contest Chairman:

Bonnie Valcik  
[valcikb@live.com](mailto:valcikb@live.com)



The first-place State winners of the 2017 National Newsletter Contest entries must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2017 to be eligible.

## State News cont.



**2017 Colorado State Convention  
June 2-4, 2017**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

**Theme: Our Faith in God Means We Are Never Alone**



**CONVENTION NEWS**

**Court Banner:** All courts need to bring their court banners, not their Unity & Charity banner. Directions for making one are attached.

**Have you made your reservations yet?** If you haven't made room reservations at the Hotel Elegante for the convention yet – don't let time get away – it will be here before you know it.

**The deadline for the group pricing is Friday, April 28, 2017.**

Please make your reservations as soon as possible and mention the **Catholic Daughters Convention Reference #1677383**. To make your reservations, the telephone number for the hotel is (800) 981-4012.

**Resolutions:** Your State Regent, Bonnie Valcik, is requesting that all courts submit at least one Resolution at the Convention. A sample of a Resolution will be included with the State Newsletter for the month of April.

**Memorial service:** At the State Convention, we will have a Memorial Service for deceased members. Regents, can you begin to gather the information on your deceased members since the last State Convention in 2015? You will have more information in the April State Newsletter.

**Two-year Regent's report:** Local Court Regents are asked to submit a report to the State Convention about the activities the court has done since the last convention. The report should not be long, but it is a sharing what your court has done with your CDA Sisters as well as a sharing of ideas. Please bring 20 copies with you to the Convention and they will be passed out when the reports are being given. If the Regent is not attending, please make sure your report is given to a delegate attending the Convention. If you have questions, please contact your State Supervisor.

**2017 nominating committee:** Nominations for the 2017 Nominating Committee will be done by roll call of the courts on the first day of the convention and the election takes place the morning of the second day. Each court has the opportunity to nominate a member of the court to serve on the Nominating Committee. Sometimes it takes a long time to get enough nominees – there are 5 members and 2 alternates elected. Please talk to your members and see if there is someone who might be interested, then consider nominating them from your court.

**Door Prizes:** All Courts are being asked to send two wrapped door prizes to the State Convention (value \$10-15). Have your delegates and alternates bring them as they come. These door prizes will be used thru out the convention.

**Roommates:** If you are looking for a roommate to help share the room expense, please call the State Regent, Bonnie Valcik, at. Some courts will be sharing their room with as many as four people. This will really help with the cost. Let the hotel know how many people will be using the room, they can then make sure that you have the correct number of beds.

## State News cont'd

**CONVENTION NEWS cont'd**

**DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR COURT CHAPLAINS TO THE CONVENTION.  
IT WOULD GREAT TO HAVE SEVERAL CHAPLAINS IN ATTENDANCE**

**SEMINARY BURSE**

Your courts donation to the Seminary Burse needs to be received by the State Second Vice (Barbara Barnes) by Palm Sunday. All monies received from the Courts for the Seminary Burse will be announced for distribution at the State Convention to the three Bishops of Colorado. The checks will actually be mailed out following the convention and the transition meeting of the new State Board.

**Past Regents Club**

Attention all Past Regents, there will be a meeting at 11 AM at Hotel Elegaté. Look for more information from the Past Regents' Club.

As most of the Past Regents know, there will be a vote to change the Bylaw's at this meeting. The proposals to change **Article III: Membership** in the Bylaws are:

Current wording: **"Any past regent of any court in the State of Colorado is eligible to membership provided she has served as Regent and is a member in good standing in a CDA Court."**

Change to:

"If their court has been disbanded, they can still remain a member of the Past Regents' Club if they keep their dues current with the Past Regents' Club." (Bonnie Valcik)

"If a court disbands, a Past Regent does not have to be a current member of a CDA court but must be a Catholic in good standing and pay the Past Regents' Club dues." (Lucy Gasaway)

"To be eligible as a member of the Past Regents' Club, you need to have been a court Regent for two years [no matter how many terms she has served]."

**Past State Regents**

All Past Regents are already Delegates, don't tie up any of your Courts Delegate or Alternate openings. This would give your Courts an extra voting position, that they could fill and have at the State Convention. If you are interested in attending the State Convention, please contact the State Regent.

**Regents**

All Regents, please make sure that the past regent from your court, receives the information on the Past Regents Club.

Ladies, we all enjoy reading about what "Our Court" has been doing. So please make sure that your court Secretary is not only sending them out to your State Representative, but also to the State Regent. Here is her email address to make sure she gets them: [valcikb@live.com](mailto:valcikb@live.com)

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

## State News cont'd

## LEADERSHIP

## State Newsletter for March 2017

Ladies, in June at our State Convention, we will be electing new State Officers. I have spoken to you previously about stepping up and taking that chance and becoming a leader. This is your chance to blossom as a new, or a veteran, Catholic Daughter. Here is something to think about as you advance in your leadership roles:

When we think of the word “leadership”, we immediately think of a “who” or a person who serves as a leader. We then are called to think about what makes this person a leader, or more importantly, what makes this person an effective leader. We’ve all heard the saying that there is a leader in all of us. The challenge then for each of us is to become effective leaders. One skill area that all researchers agreed that an effective leader must be skilled in communicating effectively.

As our previous National Regent, Anne Nelson, taught us – We all have Catholic Daughters **DNA** inside us. We are individual, but we are inseparable. We are the same, yet very different. The **DNA** for a Catholic Daughter is most unique. It can be shared but is slightly different in each member.

The **D** is for our dedication to our faith, our family and our organization.

The **N** means we nurture each other in faith and in action.

The **A** is for our ability to see the good and the potential in all situations and people.

It is time to step up for the good of your court, your state and this organization as a whole. Use your CDA **DNA** to reach out, give a hand, say a prayer, or become an officer on the Colorado State Board. Don't let your **DNA** wither from lack of use. When called by the Nominating Committee Chairman to take a leadership role, please don't say no, but do ask for time to consider it. I ask that, if in doubt, you speak with the officer in the position you are asked to fill. Pray and the Spirit will guide you in your decision. Our State Board needs members to step forward and lead it into a new term in order to revitalize and bring new ideas and new experience to the State Board.

Don't keep your **DNA** hidden. Let people say that when something needs to be done or someone needs assistance, a Catholic Daughter will be there!

Evelyn Irving, State Leadership Chairman



Circle of Love Reporting forms need to be postmarked to your State Chairman by **March 15, 2017**.

Education Contest entries need to be postmarked to the State Education Chairman by **March 15, 2017**

Due to health reasons, our State Board Secretary, Cathy Cray has needed to resign her position on the State Board. Until we are able to install a new State Secretary, please send all paperwork which you would normally send to her to 2nd Vice State Regent, Barbara Barnes. Barbara's email is [barbjohnny@aol.com](mailto:barbjohnny@aol.com). Thank you and our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery for Cathy.

### COLORADO STATE BOARD WEB SITE

To learn more about what is going on at the State level, please visit: [www.catholicdaughterscolorado.org](http://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](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

## State News cont.

It is also time to for **Financial Reviews!!** Be sure to get them scheduled with your State Advisors as soon as you can. Remember your State Advisor **must** be at your Financial Review. This means you may have to have your Review other than your meeting! Try to make sure that you have your checks made out for your State Dues & that they are being mailed to the State Second Vice, Barbara Barnes, along with a copy of your review paperwork.

**Be sure to call early, because the first Court to schedule with their State Advisor is most likely to get the date and time they want.**

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 forms the local court originally mailed.



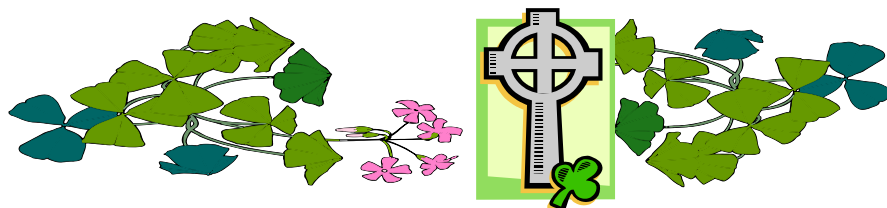
### Lenten Table Prayer

Mighty God, you filled creation with all we need to live;  
Bless me with a thankful heart.

Lord Jesus Christ, you ate with sinners as a sign of the Kingdom:  
Bless me with a thankful heart.

Holy Spirit, you make Christ present for us in His Body and Blood;  
Bless me with a thankful heart.

Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the gifts of this table and the gift of life. Bless and nourish your Church through these Lenten days, and bring us to the joy of the Heavenly Feast. Amen.





**National News****Excerpts from the National Regent Helene Shepard's message**

Dear Catholic Daughters,

It is through the Catholic Daughters that we bring the message of faith, the spirit of hope that this world can be a lovely place.

State Conventions are for all Catholic Daughters who are delegates and alternates as well as for each and every member. It is a time for you to make your voice heard and become renewed and dedicated to the ideals of CDA. You also meet old friends and make new ones and I promise, share many laughs.

If you fulfill the requirements to become a state officer and serve on the State Board but did not send your resume and papers in to the nominating committee you can still run from the floor. Bring the necessary items with you to the convention. Don't miss out on the opportunity to serve your state in a leadership role.

God bless all those who have helped to make these six months a success. Working together as a TEAM, we accomplish so much more. A Blessed Easter to each of you and your families. May the Risen Lord once again bless you with the virtue of hope in His risen power to raise up each of us in eternal life. Have a Blessed Easter.

In Unity and Charity,  
Helene Shepard

**The National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)**

The collection of NCOSE (formerly MIM) membership dues and donations is done through a one-time annual court donation sent directly to National Headquarters. In return, NCOSE receives one CDA check of support.

Of course, if an individual in your court or the court itself wishes to communicate directly with NCOSE, they may do so at any time. Please forward your annual \$50 donation check National Office ASAP.

**Dues and Liability Invoices**

In compliance with our Bylaws, Semi- Annual Dues invoices from the National Office (covering membership from October 1, 2016 - March 30, 2017) will be in the mail before May 15, 2017. Remember a vote of the court is not necessary to pay this. You must pay the amount billed, please do not deduct anything. If there seems to be a discrepancy with your membership total, please contact the office.

The April 2017-April 2018 Liability Insurance charge will also appear on this invoice. The Liability Policy sheet will also be enclosed. Please keep the Policy page, do not return it to us, it is part of your court's records.

The entire invoice, for both bills, may be paid with one check written payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas with the invoice number written in the memo. Please do not write anything else in the memo.

National News cont'd

**New Courts**

Please welcome and pray for the officers and members of our newest courts. May they enjoy many years of Unity & Charity in our great Order.

Feel free to send them a note of congratulations.

**Court Our Lady of Peace #2728**

**Woodland Park, Colorado**

Regent: Julie Hatch  
562 Broken Wheel Drive  
Divide, CO 80814



**Court St. Helen of the Cross #2729**

**Eloy, Arizona**

Regent: Patricia Baeza  
413 E 5th St.  
Eloy, AZ 85131



**The Committee to Study the Proposed Name Change**

In October 2016, National Regent Helene Shepard contacted nine CDA members from across the country. She requested each serve on the committee to study the proposed change to the bylaws regarding the name of the order.

Each team member has been assigned two areas of study and has been teamed with another member. Over the next several months we will communicate with our work partners as we carefully study each area.

The final decision will not be ours. We are charged with studying the necessary steps, costs and consequences of making such a change. It is our duty to provide information for the members and the national board to allow an educated decision based on facts and figures. Through this study, we hope to help lead the order to a strong future based on a well thought out plan.

Our final report is to be included in a quarterly letter as well as published in SHARE Magazine.

It is our hope to provide enough information to allow our members to make a good decision that will help carry our order forward. Please pray for us as we move forward in this study. We welcome comments and input. This is your organization as well as ours.

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**But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the gentiles the rulers lord it over them, and great men make their authority felt. Among you this is not to happen. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. —Matthew 20:25-28**





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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.*

**Message from the National Clergy Consultant**

We Adore thee, O Christ, and we Bless Thee, because by Thy  
Holy Cross, Thou  
Hast Redeemed the World

Fr. Jeffrey Maurer  
National Clergy Consultant

Dear Daughters,

This familiar prayer at the start of the Stations of the Cross rings throughout Lent and into the Easter Season. Through the Holy Cross, we enter into the Risen Life of the Savior and into the Life He shares with us.

He shares His Life...that is the mission of the Messiah. He invites, He inspires, He shares.

It's a great reminder to us as Catholics, especially Catholic Daughters that we are to do the same. In our work and witness we ought to ask ourselves these very same questions.

"Does how I work and witness inspire others?" Are our projects noble or tired rehashes of stuff we've done for years?

"Do I invite others?" Not simply to join a Court but back to the Faith?

"Do I share Him in my mission?" Is the coat drive/ice cream social simply that or an invitation to more?

Jesus shares His Risen with us... let's make it our goal this Easter Season to share it with others.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Jeffrey J. Maurer