



Colorado State Court Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Message from State Regent

MAY



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Colorado State
Workshop
Colorado Springs
August 3 - 5 2018

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Dear CDA Sisters:

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the time to review your devotion to our lady. I sincerely hope that your courts are planning some special events such as: The May Crowning, a Day of Retreat, Praying the rosary as a group and or having a Day of Prayer. To all the Mothers, I want to wish you a Happy Mother's Day!

Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear God,
Thank you for our Mothers! Where would we be without them? You have given every Mother, a heart of unending, inexhaustible love, from the time she awakens, at her baby's first cries, to the time she falls asleep, after her last child finally comes home! Thank You for our Mothers, who care for us when we struggle, comfort us when we suffer, and celebrate with us when we succeed. Thank You for their hugs, their encouragement, and their faithful love. Thank you, Father, for Mary, our heavenly Mother, who supported Your Son in His hopes and dreams, stayed by His side in His devastating death, and rejoiced with Him in His Triumphant Resurrection! She will not rest until all of us, her children, are safely home forever. Through her intercession, please protect and bless our Mothers with Your strength, Your joy, and Your undying love. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen



Bonnie Valcik, Colorado State Regent

Memorial Day

Let us never forget the sacrifices made by our veterans. Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have – Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

- It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.



**It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag.
It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag**

We can be very proud of our young men and women in the service,
no matter where they serve.

GOD BLESS THEM ALL!! Makes you proud to be an AMERICAN!!!

State News



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



PRIEST APPRECIATION



Our priests and deacons are so important to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Please make sure your courts let our clergy know how special they are. Catholic Daughters of the Americas started celebrating "Priest Appreciation Day" in September 1981. This year, Sunday, June 3, 2018, will mark the annual Priest Appreciation Day, designated by our organization to honor priests, who serve the organization, in addition to their many other duties, as well as any other priests whom you wish to honor. Now is the time to start preparing to show appreciation to the priests who have shared their love of God with us during the past year. Without them, many of our ceremonies and projects would never have been realized.

We would suggest that Courts use spiritual bouquet cards available from the National Office for Priest Appreciation Day. A Mass is offered at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., for those enrolled. Please do not send your donation until you return the Mass Enrollment Slip to the National Office. There is no charge for the card, only for the postage to mail them to you. There is a minimum enrollment of \$1.00 per slip.

SEMINARY BURSE

Your courts donation to the Seminary Burse needs to be received by the State First Vice (Barbara Barnes) as soon as possible. Easter came early. The Burse should be sent 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.

STATE WORKSHOP MOUNT ST. FRANCIS, COLORADO SPRINGS AUGUST 3 – 5, 2018

SPECIAL CORRECTION NOTE: The wrong dates were printed in the April Newsletter. Please see the correct dates listed here: Reservations must be received by the State Regent by June 15, 2018 and there will be no cancellations with refunds after July 15, 2018.

Your state Board has been working hard to get the workshop going. The State Board wants to encourage all of our Ladies to go to the Workshop, even if they are not an Officer. Some Courts received a Gift Certificate due to their Court receiving a Membership Award, don't forget to use it when you register. The Past Regents Club is will be having a "Fun Luncheon". No voting, no work, just visiting and having fun . Attached to this Newsletter you will find the correct forms for attending the Workshop. We know that all Courts must budget, so here are the costs for anyone who wished to attend. Remember, the along with the Court Assignment and a tentative Agenda. Workshop is not just limited to Officers. Any member who wishes to attend is welcomed. 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. If you are attending early or need a lunch for Friday, you will need to order a Box lunch for \$10.

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.

Any questions contact your State Advisor or the State Regent, Bonnie Valcik, 719-390-8652.



National News

DUES AND INSURANCE

Dues and Liability Invoices In compliance with our Bylaws, Semi-Annual Dues invoices from the National Office (covering membership from October 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018) will be in the mail before May 15, 2018. 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 2018-April 2019 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.

The 57th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Sioux Falls, South Dakota July 17-22, 2018

South Dakota is planning to celebrate their 100th CDA State Anniversary, with a true party atmosphere. Join us, here in South Dakota as we come together in praise and worship, unity and charity, so that we all can
"Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

It is important for all Catholic Daughters to gather together to pray and to deliberate on important issues for our organization. Delegates will have the opportunity to vote on By-law changes as well as passing new resolutions. Most importantly, there will be the election of your new National leaders for the next two years. All in attendance will gain knowledge while meeting old friends and making new ones. There are over 1000 Catholic Daughters, Religious and guest expected to show up. As you can see the first three Hotels are sold out. You could try to call to see if there are any cancellations, or call the 4th Hotel. Rooms are going fast. \if you have not received your second Convention mailings, please contact National or use their website.

HOTEL #1- (hotel fully booked)
SHERATON SIOUX FALLS
1211 Northwest Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 331- 0100 1-888-627-8088

HOTEL #2- (hotel fully booked)
RAMADA HOTEL & SUITES
1301 W. Russell Street
I-29 & Exit 81
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1326
1-800-946-5338

HOTEL #3- (hotel fully booked)
HOLIDAY INNS AND SUITES
2040 W. Russell Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 331-2040

HOTEL #4-
DAKOTAH LODGE
3200 Russell St,
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
(605) 332-2000 (800) 658-4508

*ALL HOTELS:

All rooms in the block are Room Rates: \$116/Night plus taxes & fees, 1-4 people in the room. Complimentary Parking, Free shuttle to/from airport and to/from the Convention Center. These rates cannot be guaranteed at the block rate after the cut-off date, which is June 8th, or once the block is full, whichever comes first.

REGISTRATION RATES

\$125.00 Non-Refundable EARLY BIRD DELEGATE Registration Fee (postmarked prior to or on June 1)

\$160.00 Non-Refundable DELEGATE Registration Fee (postmarked June 2 or later)

\$110.00 Non-Refundable EARLY BIRD ALTERNATE Registration Fee (postmarked prior to May 31)

\$145.00 Non-Refundable ALTERNATE Registration Fee (postmarked June 1 or later)

Alternates are permitted into the convention room but may neither vote nor sit in the Delegate's section. Make the most of your time at convention. Network with fellow Catholic Daughters, especially those you don't yet know. Share ideas, gain insight, make friends.

Excerpts from Committee for Name Change taken from Share

During the Bylaws presentation at the 56th Biennial National Convention in 2016, a proposal was presented to change the name of our organization from Catholic Daughters of the Americas to Catholic Daughters of the World. A motion was made referring this to committee. The committee was charged with studying all aspects and implications of the proposed change and compiling a report to be published in a quarterly letter and in SHARE Magazine to be reviewed by all.

The steps to change our name are numerous. We consulted the attorney in New York who has served the Catholic Daughters for many years. It is her opinion a name change would require her services throughout the process. She estimates a change of name at all three levels; National, State and Local, would require a minimum of 41 and up to 82 billable hours or more at an average rate of \$365 per hour. The services of a graphic artist would also be necessary to update our trademark name and logo, the cross and crown. Graphic artists usually charge a minimum of \$95.00 per hour.

The national office store inventory is currently valued at approximately \$204,000. This is a very conservative number as there are many other items at the New York office that are not considered "inventory" but contain the logo and/or trademark. Many state courts also have inventory on hand of items customized to include the name of their state. All total, we estimate the cost would be anywhere from \$24,000 to \$42,000 to do the legal work for all levels, and \$250,000 to rebrand at the National Level only, i.e. replace the inventory, brochures, forms, new stationary and envelopes, change of bank accounts, checks, deposit books, etc., new signage at the office, etc.

If we chose to change our name we must all be on-board in the effort to send a clear message that we are all part of one, united organization. To that effort, each court would need to replace their existing Unity and Charity banner and/or court banner with one containing the new logo. All supplies would become obsolete as they will contain the old name. Redesigning brochures, applications and other items will require the work of a graphic artist, too. Jewelry molds will have to be redesigned as well. National robes would have to be changed because CDA is on the emblem on the sleeve.

We were told it is not possible to change the name on an existing business account. It would be necessary for all courts at all levels to open new accounts using the new name. The banks require a copy of the new articles of incorporation and the letter from the IRS which the national office staff would make available, minutes of the meeting authorizing a change in accounts, minutes of the meeting containing the results of the most recent election to prove who has authority to sign, and a copy of the section of the bylaws showing the officers have the signature authority on the courts' accounts.

Currently we have limited our work to countries where either English or Spanish is spoken because our materials

are only available in these two languages and some are only available in English. Translators charge by the word to translate a document. The more complex the language, the higher the per word price.

We also discussed the possibility of a new section in the bylaws, "International Courts," rather than a change of name. We currently have a section for Campus Courts; International Courts could function similarly, with special guidelines.

There were several additional recommendations discussed by the committee:

1. Take more time to discuss the issues and think this through.
2. Allow the current international courts time to establish themselves; to develop and grow.
3. Wait until there are a few more international courts instituted before a decision is made.
4. Request updates from the international courts.
5. Assign a National representative for international courts in the same way we have one for each state.

Joanne Tomassi, Past National Regent, Chairman

Court News

Court St. Teresa #980 - Sterling - (April) - A group of CDA ladies will be making rosaries at Faith Formation. Gabriel house is now open in Ft. Morgan & serves ages birth - age 5. They had a request for Palm Crosses for the Nursing Home. Welcomed new member, Donna Nichols. Suggestion to give Fr. Herman any extra rosaries to take to Uganda. Closed their meeting with the recitation of the St. Teresa Novena prayer.

Court Sacred Heart #1606 - Cortez - (April) - Patsy Archibeque was recognized for 20 years of service organizing funeral dinners in the parish. Easter Season Day of Prayer to be held on May 19th at parish hall. Court voted to do a 50/50 to raise money for the Nat'l Convention project "Wishes for Heroes". 10 members attended the Lenten retreat in Ignacio hosted by the Carmelitas of St. Ignacius. They were given a special rosary, learned, & prayed the "Rosary of the Seven Sorrows". The court voted to serve desserts at the Cortez Summer Carnival.

JCDA Court Immaculate Heart #1606 - Cortez - (April) - President, Norah West reported that the girls went to Vista Grande Nursing home to make bunnies with the residents for Easter. JCDA will hold their Installation of Officers at the 10:30am. Mass on May 6th at St. Margaret Mary Church with a reception to follow hosted by their Mother Court, Court Sacred Heart. April 20th the girls had a very successful Rosary making session.

Court of the Holy Family #1794 - Security - (April) - The court collected \$60 for the CDA National Disaster Fund through a drawing of donated items (silk scarf, pot holder set & \$15 City Market gift card) for prizes. Mireya Mundie talked about the exhibition of the Apparitions of the Blessed Mother & how they would be incorporated into this year's May Crowning. May Crowning will be done by their Mother of the Year, Barbara Klausch. Laura Simmons spoke to RCIA about Catholic Daughters & the court's participation in the Ministry Fair went well.

Court Sangre de Cristo #1810 - Alamosa - (April) - Their meeting was opened with the praying of the rosary. The Court is planning a Church United Meeting on May 4th at noon. Fr. Uju is speaking on the theme of "In Gratitude for God's Presence" with a potluck to follow. Susan Gonzales was welcomed as a new member. Two of the five members reported as being deleted need to be reinstated. Court Audit was scheduled for 4/23/18 5pm.

Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035 - Lakewood - (April) - Deacon Jay Garland led a prayer & shared words of wisdom from the "Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska". Maria Garrett, Juanita Halverson, & Barb Lewis will provide breakfast for the homeless on 4/21 at the Action Center. The Court has a fundraiser scheduled at Panera Bread in Lakewood on May 8th from 4-8pm. Their Court will receive 20% of the cost of food purchased during this time. Helen Johnson reported that the Nat'l Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is doing tremendous work against sexual trafficking & pornography. Birthday luncheon will be 6/2/18 at Abe's Café after their mtg.

Court Our Lady of Peace # 2728 - Woodland Park - (April) - Elaina Swanson was presented with the Court's 1st Catholic Daughter of the Year Award. A small group of CDA members met to make 40 rosaries & will be meeting again the end of April. Court had a successful Easter Egg Hunt with 48 kids and 800 eggs! Their March Coffee Cart made \$225 & court members were assigned for April. Their Court will be doing the ministry table on April 28-29th & questions and answers will be sent to Court members to use to promote CDA membership. Pope Francis has made a new fixed celebration to the devotion to the Virgin Mary called "Mother of the Church Feast" that will be celebrated each year on the Monday following Pentecost & this year it falls on May 21st.

Happy
Mother's
Day!





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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.

Membership

Membership Opportunities

Now is a good time to encourage new members to join your Catholic Daughter's court. RCIA has just finished and there are new Catholic women looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord and their church. Every court will be electing new officers at the May meeting. Please use this opportunity to make it a parish event by having your installation ceremony as part of Mass or immediately after Mass. You can invite the congregation to attend this event and follow it with a reception for the promotion of new membership from the attendees. It may be a good idea to precede the event by including information about your court and its accomplishments during the past year in your church bulletin. Be sure to say that your court is always open to new faces and ideas!

Each Catholic Daughter's court is involved in multiple events over the course of a year, which are of great benefit to their parish and the community. Unfortunately, we don't often sing our own praises, so many parishioners may not be aware of all that we do. This is a perfect opportunity to get the word out about CDA.

Cathy Patch, State Membership Chair

WOMEN ARE AMAZING



Women have strengths that amaze men.
They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream.
They sing when they want to cry.
They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.
They fight for what they believe in.
They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.
They go without so their family can have.
They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.
They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.
They are happy when they

hear about a birth or a wedding
Their hearts break when a friend dies.
They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.
They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.
Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors.
They'll drive, fly, walk, run or email you to show how much they care about you.
The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.
They bring joy, hope and love.
They have compassion and ideas.
They give moral support to their family and friends.
Women have vital things to say and everything to give.
However, there is ONE FLAW in women: they forget their worth!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
2018 COLORADO STATE WORKSHOP
RESERVATION FORM**

Dates: August 3 – 5, 2018

Location: Franciscan Center
Mount St. Francis
7665 Assisi Heights
Colorado Springs

Cost with room: Single \$255 per person)
Double \$235 per person) **Cost includes room, meals, breaks & materials**
Triple \$185 per person)
Cost without room: \$150 per person **Cost includes meals, breaks & materials**
Cost Saturday only: \$100 per person **Cost includes lunch, dinner, breaks & materials**
Box Lunch (Friday noon) \$ 10 per person
Thursday Night: Single \$ 80 per person)
Double \$ 50 per person, or \$100 for 2) **Cost includes breakfast on Friday morning**
Triple \$ 40 per person, or \$120 for 3)

Note: Single and Triple rooms are limited. These will be assigned on a first come, first served 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 second floor. Please specify if first floor is a necessity.

COURT:
PRINT NAME OF MEMBER. IF MEMBER IS AN OFFICER, IDENTIFY THE OFFICE. SPECIFY TYPE OF ROOM (single, double, triple or no room) AND ROOMMATE'S NAME. If you are willing to share a room with a lady from another court, please indicate so on roommate line. This will be helpful and could save your court money.

PRINT NAME	OFFICE HELD	S, D, T NR, DAY	ROOMMATE(S)
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_____	Thurs Night	\$ _____
_____	S @ \$255 =	\$ _____
_____	D @ \$235 =	\$ _____
_____	T @ \$185 =	\$ _____
_____	NR @ \$150 =	\$ _____
_____	DAY @ \$100 =	\$ _____
_____	Box Lunch @ \$ 10 =	\$ _____
_____	TOTAL DUE & ENCLOSED	\$ _____

First floor is necessary for whom: _____

Special dietary/allergy needs (& type) for whom: _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2018.

Issue Court check to: CDA Colorado State Court
Mail reservation form and check to: CDA State Court
c/o Barbara Barnes

No cancellations with refunds after July 15, 2018

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
2018 COLORADO STATE WORKSHOP AGENDA
AUGUST 3-5, 2018**

August 3 – Friday

10:30 am	Past Regents Luncheon
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration
	Box Lunch (for those who specially ordered and paid for)
1:00 pm	Mass – Fr. Nathaniel Hinds
	Welcome – Bonnie Valcik
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Father Hinds
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Presentation – Fund Raising
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	In-Room Break
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	CIRCLE OF LOVE INFORMATION (5 minutes each)
	Explanation – Bonnie Valcik
	Legislation – Bonnie Valcik
	Quality of Life – Roberta Zen
	Youth and JCDA – Elaina Swanson
	Spiritual Enhancement – Cathy Cray
	Family – Carol Drury
	Education – Bonnie Valcik
	Leadership – Bonnie Valcik
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Spiritual Presentation – Bobbie Schaufele
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Membership Presentation – Cathy Patch
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Labyrinth / Free Time
7:30 pm	Entertainment

August 4 – Saturday

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Morning Prayer – Pat Lynch
	Announcements – Bonnie Valcik
	COURT OFFICER DUTIES OVERVIEW
	Regent – Bonnie Valcik
	Vice Regent – Barbara Barnes
	Recording Secretary – Pat Lynch
	Financial Secretary – Lucy Gasaway
	Treasurer – Evelyn Irving
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Leadership Prayer – Evelyn Irving
	New Officer Training
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Publicity – Evelyn Irving
11:15 am – 11:45 am	New Membership
11:45 am	Prayer – Evelyn Irving
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	National Information – Emily Guilherme
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Circle of Love Awards - State Chairman
	Membership - Cathy Patch
	Scrap Books -
	Education - Bonnie Valcik
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break

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August 4– Saturday (continued)

2:45 pm - 3:15pm	How to Conduct a Financial Review—Olga Samaniego, Nat'l Board
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Questions & Answers
3:45pm - 5:00pm	Free Time
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm - 8:00pm	Catholic Jeopardy

August 5 - Sunday

8:00am - 9:15am	Breakfast
9:15am - 10:00am	Questions and Answers (a box for Q & A will be provided for anyone to submit questions to the State Board anonymously) Distribute and collect evaluations
10:00am - 11:00am	Closing Remarks - Bonnie Valcik +Prayer Service+ - Lucy Gasaway

+++ Please travel safely to your homes. Pray for each other, those that are sick or deceased. Also, pray for your State Board, that they may continue to serve you and this organization to the best of their abilities. Please share what you have learned with your courts. Also, continue to read the State Newsletter for important information and updates.+++

God Bless You All,

Your Colorado CDA State Board



Prayer Corner

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord shine his light upon you.
May the Lord look upon you kindly,
May the Lord give you peace
and keep you safe as we say goodbye.*

