



**November**



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Colorado State Convention  
Wheat Ridge  
June 7 – 9, 2019

National Convention  
Dallas, TX  
July 2020

Colorado State Workshop in  
Colorado Springs  
2020

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# Colorado State Court Catholic Daughters of the Americas

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

## Message from State Regent

November is the month of Thanksgiving. What a wonderful time of year to thank our Lord for all that He has given us. It is a time to be thankful for our families, our friends and the freedoms we enjoy by living in the United States of America. It is a great time to say thank you to our military men and women who are serving our country in the Armed Forces.

In addition to Thanksgiving, the month of November brings us to think of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It is the day we celebrate the lives of our friends and loved ones who have died – but will never leave our hearts and our memories. Please take time this month to thank our Lord for all His blessings and please take time to pray for our faithful departed.

It is a time to think of others, especially those who have a little less than we do. Advent is right behind on its heels. Try to “Prepare the way of the Lord” through some of your activities at your meetings. This type of excitement can keep old members coming back and will make new members excited that they choose to be a Catholic Daughter.

We sometimes think of or tend to think of just our immediate family when we are planning our holidays, but please, think of the rest of your family. Maybe include a homebound person you may know from your church, to replace that family member who has passed on in your life, or someone who has family far, far away and can't join them. After all we are all one family, the Family of God.

Bonnie Valcik



### A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

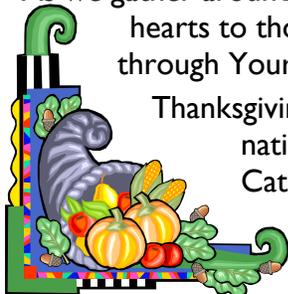
Our Father, who art in Heaven,

We praise and thank You that You have created each one of us for Your glory and pleasure. We thank You for giving us families and friends who love us. We thank You so very much for our beloved Country, the United States of America, a nation that stands for liberty and justice for all. Dear God, we are grateful for all who have gone before us, of every race, color and creed, who have given of themselves to make our Country great.

As we gather around our family tables this Thanksgiving, help us to open our hearts to those less fortunate than ourselves, and please help them, through Your great power, to also enjoy a most blessed and hopeful

Thanksgiving. We ask this blessing for one another, for our nation, for our families, friends, and for the Catholic Daughters throughout the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



## National News

### WHY NOT START A WEBSITE TODAY!

Don't have a court website yet? Don't worry; we have a division for those with new websites so you won't be competing against those who have had their website for years. There are so many courts that have dynamic websites. It is so sad though as many of these websites get disqualified because they forget just one of the requirements! Take a few minutes to ensure you are in compliance so that your court's site can shine all the way through the national contest!



- ✘ Bring in new members.
- ✘ Educate new members (or even old-timers) all about our organization.
- ✘ Show that we are a national and an international organization.
- ✘ Keep everyone up to date on what's going on.



Keep members who can't be at meetings in the loop! We have an organization and courts at every level that are so dynamic, faith-filled, and loving- let's really get out there and share our story.

### WHY HAVE A COURT NEWSLETTER?

They are a wonderful tool to educate new members (or even old-timers) all about Catholic Daughters. They can help members to understand how they are part of our national & state levels of the order. They communicate to the members of your court current activities, upcoming events and special projects the court may be planning.

They are of special interest to those members that are unable to attend meetings due to illness, being home-bound or because of work, school, or family responsibilities.

Leaving copies of your newsletters in the church or distributing them to women of the parish can go a long way to pique interest and bring in new members! NOW is the time to review your local court newsletter and see what can be done to make it "the best it can be"! For some of you, it may mean a little tweak here and there. For some it may mean a major overhaul. For others it may mean it's time to quit thinking "we should have a newsletter for our court" and jump in and just "do it"!

An EFFECTIVE newsletter will:    \*Inform    \*Motivate    \*Inspire



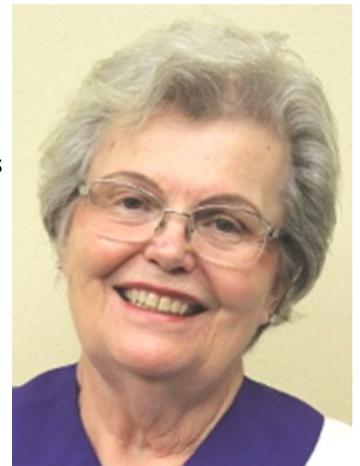
### LEGISLATIVE REMINDER

With elections upon us in November, I want to remind you one more time: As a 501(c) 3 organization, the Catholic Daughters is tax exempt, so we must follow the IRS guidelines. Therefore, Catholic Daughters of the Americas does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Just one member who violates this rule puts the entire national organization in jeopardy of losing our tax-exempt status.

### NEW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR COLORADO

Remember that your National Representative, the State Regent, your State Representative, and the Editor of the Newsletter is to receive copies of all Court minutes and a copy of your Newsletters, if you have one.

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## State News



### 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 CDA web site on the State's Website or go to

National at: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



### REMINDER FOR REGENTS

Since this is the month to celebrate All Souls, please plan a memorial service to remember your deceased members, as well as all your loved ones.

Be sure to share the State Newsletter information and messages from the State Chairmen with your Circle of Love Chairmen, as well as your court.

Minutes from the State Convention in 2017: If you did not receive a copy for your Court, please contact State Regent Bonnie Valcik.

State Dues (\$4.00 per member every six months) and financial reviews should have been sent in to National, the State Regent, your State Representative and the **State 1st Vice, Barbara Barnes** by now. If you have a special member of your court, and would like to honor her, please provide Lucy Gasaway or Bonnie Valcik with an article, and picture if you can, to be put in the State Newsletter. I would like to "spotlight" someone each month if possible.

Send your member address corrections in a timely fashion to the National headquarters as well as **State 1st Vice Barbara Barnes**. Please be sure to include the entire street name, i.e., 25 Lexington Ave. – do not leave off "Ave.", "Dr.", "Street", etc.

### "SPOTLIGHTING" YOUR COURT

We want to "Spotlight" your court! If you want to submit an article about activities in your court, please have the article to Bonnie Valcik or Lucy Gasaway, no later than the second week of the month. The State Newsletter is published by the third week of the month in order for all courts to receive it before their meetings. Pictures are welcome.



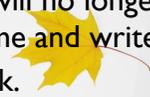
### ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

National reminds us that the Financial Secretaries are not to resign members in nursing homes without personal contact with the family. At one time, these ladies were probably very dedicated to their courts and we just don't delete them. If possible, the court needs to take care of them by voting to pay their dues if they cannot make contact with the family.

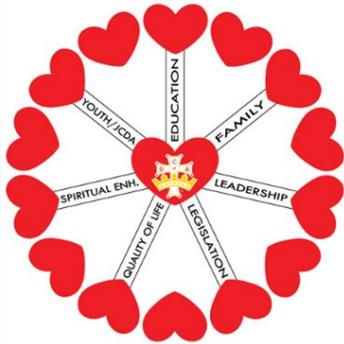
### ATTENTION TREASURERS!

Please be sure to write all checks payable to **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** or "**CDA**". Checks are being made payable incorrectly. You must also be sure to have two signatures on each check. The staff is returning too many checks for lack of two signatures. The bank will not accept them with one signature.

When writing checks to the National Office for Projects or Charities, they must be made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The bank will no longer accept checks written to SOAR, Habitat, etc. You cannot just cross out the incorrect name and write on top CDA. You write the name of your charity or project in the memo area of the check.



## Circle of Love - Leadership



### LEADERSHIP

Helping women expand and grow is what good leaders do every day. The following suggestions are steps to reach the goal of getting new leaders for each court.

- Be open to feedback. Getting angry or arguing with feedback never helps growth. Be willing to seek out feedback from court members. Then use the feedback positively. Allow others to voice their ideas or concerns.
- Any suggestion should be given consideration. Would changing the court meetings to another time or location help in getting more members to attend? Could the court have a silent retreat and open it to all women of the parish?
- Be willing to listen and learn. The response of the leader to new ideas or suggestions is crucial. The greatest skill of a leader is to listen without prejudice.
- Give greater responsibility to encourage leadership. Smart, motivated, responsible women who are forward thinking need to be given freedom to think outside of the box. A court regent cannot know or control everything.
- Continue to welcome new or innovative thinking. The most discouraging answer to a new idea is “We’ve never done it that way before. It will never work in our court.”

Developing leadership skills will have a positive impact in our courts. It will encourage women to become involved because they are needed and welcomed to make a difference in our sometimes-confusing world.

Sherry Nilles, National Leadership Chairman

## Excerpts from National Chaplain - Most Rev. Brendan Cahill, S.T.D.

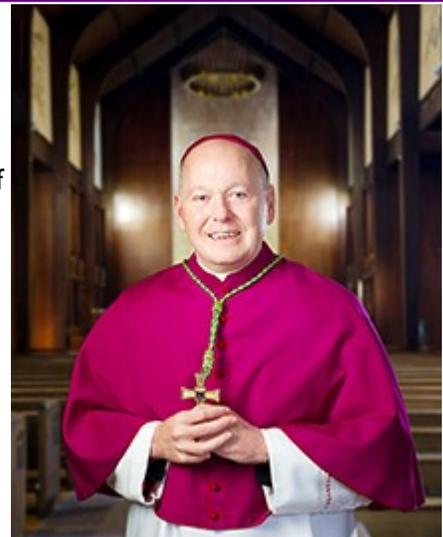
Dear Catholic Daughters, ...

In all the variety of assignments I’ve witnessed the strength of the Catholic Daughters. Let me recognize two areas in particular that mean a lot to me. First, I’ve experienced that the Catholic Daughters represent the variety of cultures that make up the Catholic Church. Some of my fondest memories of Houston are the experiences of events with women from African American, Hispanic, Anglo, African, Asian cultures – many dressed with some purple and serving the Lord! The beauty of the image of a common event like a luncheon, conference or banquet that can draw people together. In a world where we are so concerned about “polarization” the Catholic Daughters have been a living sign of the power of unity in service for me.

Second, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have been a prophetic voice for me. The first time I remember hearing about the horror of human trafficking was years ago at a Catholic Daughters event. The Catholic Daughters have consistently been a voice for justice for many people and stand as an authentic, credible witness for the human dignity of every person.

As I mentioned in the beginning of this letter I’m honored to serve as the National Chaplain for the Catholic Daughters and working with Olga Samaniego and her leadership team to support and proclaim the goodness of God. May God bless you and your families in this season, let’s keep each other in prayer,

+Brendan



## State News continued

### STATE CHAIRMEN POSITIONS

We are looking for four special Ladies who enjoys taking on leadership roles. Four State Chairmen positions are open, and we are needing an Education Chairman, a Leadership Chairmen, a Legislation Chairmen and a Public Relations Chairmen. If you might be interested or maybe want to work with someone on one of these positions contact the State Regent, Bonnie Valcik.

**State Public Relations Chairman:** Her one main job is to help each court publicize, in their local newspapers or in SHARE MAGAZINE. She offers ideas on what to publicize, your functions, different programs you are hoping to get off the ground or an Award that was received. If you send an article about your court, to your local newspaper for publication or SHARE, please make sure a copy of each article, and sent them to the Public Relations Chairman for her records.

**Education Chairman:** Her job is collecting all of the entries from the local Courts for the Education Contest. Select Judges for the different entries (no Catholic Daughters); Give the Judges the entries and the score sheet for each entry. Judges can be found through your Church, the local school districts or local colleges. There are always students working to become teachers, this would look good on their Resumes. Once this is done, First place winners only are sent to National. Prizes for First, Second and Third are decided upon and presented to the Regent of the court for that entry. The local Courts present them to the Students who won. She would report the winners at either the State Officers Workshop or at the State Convention.

**Leadership Chairman:** Her job is to offer encouragement to the different local Courts. Show them what is needed to be a Leader. Many think it is hard, or you need special schooling, but the truth is, every member has Leadership qualities. The Leadership Chairmen may even decide to hold a session at one of the Officer Workshops to show everyone that we are all Leaders.

**Legislation Chairman:** Her job is to help us to become a little better informed on Public issues, addressing the morals and human dimensions while supporting church teachings on human life, human rights, justice and peace. This is done by sending out emails to local Court Chairmen that you receive from the National Chairmen or the State Regent.

### LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Local Regents are encouraged to appoint chairmen and committees for the Circle of Love program; National Projects and Charities, and for other religious and community activities for the coming year. Determine the goals and purposes of these committees and involve as many members as possible to obtain the maximum results. Good chairmen would be an outstanding way to develop good leadership. Remember - an active membership will attract more women to become members.

### PRAYER FOR (MIA/POW) PRISONERS

Almighty Father who suffers in the affliction of your children, we call upon You now from the depths of our anxiety and great concern for our countrymen and loved ones who have fallen into the hands of the Nation's foes in the face of the evils that these brave men and women endure and before the grim burdens they are forced to bear, give them courage and hope, and a never failing confidence in You. But most of all, O God, we ask that the day will soon come when we can all celebrate their release and safe return to their homes and families. Give to all of us who wait and hope in the face of every disappointment the will to persevere in the cause of peace and the wisdom to conquer hate with love and every doubt with a renewed faith in you. Amen.

This prayer was sent from Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services regarding National POW/ MIA Recognition Day (the third Friday of September). These are officially recognized and honored on this day by the Country they have served. Even though your State Regent did not receive it in time for September 21, 2018, I hope we all keep these brave Countrymen and women in our prayers at all times.



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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.*

## Local Court News

**Court Mount of the Holy Cross – Grand Junction - (Sept)** - The court lost a member, Genevieve Kiefer who was a Catholic Daughter for 73.5 years! May she RIP. 3 new members were installed: Linda Peck, Mary Folchert & Janet Archuleta. A website for their court is currently being created by new member Linda Peck. The court will be selling memorial candles donating 20% to a Nigerian charity that helps women.

**Court St. Teresa #980 - Sterling - (Oct)** - Deacon Ron thanked the court for a donation made to him for Priest Appreciation Day. Their court has adopted a motion to put in their bylaws to purchase Mass books for 2nd graders in Faith Formation. A Brunch celebration was planned for National CDA Day. The court will hand out pamphlets on WRAP (White Ribbons Against Pornography) weekend, October 27th-28th.

**Court Sacred Heart #1606 - Cortez - (Oct)** - The court provides lunch to the youth group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Dolores High school monthly. 30 athletes attended the meeting with prayer, Bible study, lunch & sharing. The court will be picking up trash along their designated 1 mile of highway on Oct. 27th which is "Make a Difference Day". The court is busy creating crafts & planning for their annual Holiday Bazaar & Navajo Taco lunch on Dec. 1st, their biggest fundraiser.

**Court of the Holy Family #1794 - Security - (Oct)** - The court had a guest speaker, Kim Cole from the Adoration Chapel who spoke about Corpus Christi Sunday in June. They are planning a procession with the carrying of the statue and have asked the Catholic Daughters to participate along with other ministries. The 2019 State Convention will be hosted by Court STS. Peter & Paul & they have asked each court in the state to donate something to the goodie bags. They are expecting 100!

**Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035 - Lakewood - (Oct)** - The court donated warm clothing for the homeless to the Catholic Charities Samaritan House. The court also voted to donate \$200 to the Action Center as the City of Lakewood will be matching any donation to this center in October. The court decided to celebrate after Mass on National CDA Sunday by dining together at Carrabba's Italian Grill. A Patriotic Mass for Veterans Day will be on Nov. 10th sponsored by CDA & K of C.

**Court STS. Peter & Paul #2669 - Wheat Ridge - (Oct)** - The court will be having a pancake breakfast Oct. 14th & they made \$477 on their last breakfast. The court is also collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets & will begin collecting for Christmas baskets Nov. 25th. The court is sponsoring a Spiritual Adoption & 89 babies were adopted. Collection boxes will be for donations of baby items. A baby shower will be Oct. 21st following Mass. Money & gifts will be donated to Birthline Inc. of Colorado.

**Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743 - Brighton - (Oct)** - The court received a note from the Texas State Court who enrolled their court for 1 year in a Holy Mass the 1st Friday of the month. The court voted to donate all proceeds from the gift basket at the Craft Fair to the College scholarship fund. Silent Auction monies earned to date - \$7936! The court voted to have meetings monthly until they know CDA.

## How is a Christian like a pumpkin?

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin, because God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff - including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

