



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” Matthew 25:23

March 16, 2021

Local Court Regents:

The State Officers of Montana would like to extend an invitation to all members to attend the State Convention set for June 10-13, 2021, in Livingston, MT. Your State Officers, along with Court St. Mary #645, have been working hard to make the 37th Biennial Montana State Convention an exciting and educational convention. The convention will begin with registration at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, and end with the officer installation Mass on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

The 2021 Nominating Committee, Christina E. Kepp-Morse chair, has submitted the following slate of officers for consideration by the membership at the convention:

State Regent:	Patricia 'Patty' Kepp, Hardin
1 st Vice State Regent:	Jo Ann Harper, Livingston
2 nd Vice State Regent:	vacant
State Secretary:	vacant
State Treasurer:	Pamela Boner, Glendive/Billings

As shown above, there are vacancies for 2nd Vice State Regent and State Secretary. A member wanting to run from the floor for **any** of the state offices would need to have all documents to the State Regent before the gavel drops to open the convention on Friday, June 11, 2021. The paperwork necessary to run for a state office is stated in the Bylaws, Amended July 2020 (yellow cover) on page 30. Please prayerfully consider running for a state office.

After the convention registration forms (postmarked no later than May 1, 2021) are received, I will be contacting members to ask them to be part of the convention by being on one of the convention committees: financial review, credentials, resolutions/bylaws, approval of minutes and elections.

Please remember to send your list of deceased members since the last convention in June, 2019, to the State Regent so the names can be included in the Memorial Mass; due date is April 19, 2021.

Just a couple of items we would like to discuss with the membership at convention: updating the Montana CDA History Book prepared by Fran Zachmann and sending a representative to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings Synod being established by Bishop Warfel. Please bring your court's copy of the MT History Book to convention (if you can locate it). Thank you.

Blessings and we are looking forward to seeing you at the 37th Biennial Convention in Livingston.

Kelly M. Ihde

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Montana State Regent

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OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION



Montana State Catholic Daughters of the Americas

37th Biennial State Convention - June 10-13, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic School

Livingston, Montana

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To: State Chaplain Father Greg Staudinger
National Representative/National Regent Sherry Nilles
MT State Regent Kelly M. Ihde
MT 1st Vice State Regent Patty Kepp
MT 2nd Vice State Regent Donna Daniel
MT Secretary Jo Ann Harper
MT Treasurer Pam Boner
Past State Regent Carol Schaff
Past State Regent Mary Smith
Past State Regent Jan Martineau
Past State Regent Frances Zachmann
Past State Regent Pam Boner
Past State Regent Virginia Indendi
Past State Regent Elaine Begger
State Chairmen:

Spiritual Enhancement, Leadership - Kelly M. Ihde
Education, State Newsletter Editor - Patricia Kepp
Quality of Life - Donna Daniel
Family, National Projects – Jo Ann Harper
Youth/JCDA, Local Newsletters – Pam Boner
Legislation – Monica Gallegos-Laeupple

District Deputy Monica Gallegos-Laeupple

Court Regents:

Patricia Lee – Glendive; Diana McKinlay – Livingston; Gale Kreitzberg – Billings; Lynne Boyle – Havre;
Lyda Schneider – Wibaux; Jessica Price – Sidney; Christina Kepp-Morse – Hardin; Mary Smith - Baker

Re: 37th Biennial Montana State Convention

From: Kelly M. Ihde, Montana State Regent

This is the **Official Call** to the 37th Biennial Montana State Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The dates are June 10 – 13, 2021, to be held in Livingston, Montana. Court St. Mary #645 has been busy working to bring you a memorable, spiritual, fun and educational experience. Please share the enclosed information with your delegates and court members.

All members are cordially invited to attend the convention. You do not have to be a delegate or an alternate to attend the convention, but you must be registered to attend the convention.

Enclosed please find the following:

Convention Project/Shopping Flyer/Silent Auction
Spiritual Journey to our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Patriotic Mass, Memorial Mass
Fun Night Flyer/Banquet Night Flyer
Tentative Agenda
Ceremonial Dress Code
Convention Standing Rules
Hotels/Restaurants
Map of Livingston
Registration Form (PLEASE DUPLICATE AS NEEDED)

The report of the Nominating Committee was included in the cover letter included in this mailing.

The Patriotic Mass, Memorial Mass and Installation Mass will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 511 South F Street. Registration, shopping and meetings will take place at St. Mary's School next to the church. All Masses will be celebrated by St. Mary's clergy and all clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate this Mass. Court chaplains should bring their albs and stoles. Please remember to wear red or red, white and blue on Friday, June 11th to honor our troops. The collection from the Mass will be donated to the American Legion Post 23.

Additional Reminder: Send in your list of deceased members that have passed away since the last convention by April 19, 2021, to Kelly M. Ihde, State Regent. Instructions for participation in the memorial service will be given before Mass starts.

Shopping opportunities will include merchandise from the National Office, Spread the Word in Texas and fundraising items for sale by the State. A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. We are once again asking the courts to provide an item(s) for the silent auction. The funds raised from the 50/50 and silent auction help to defray the costs of your state officers attending officer training activities provided by the national office.

Fundraising: The Montana State Board will have the following available for sale: the Montana Polo shirts, the Montana Silversmith pins, the Trading pins, CDA earrings and sticky note pads and a new state fundraiser item to be revealed.

The State Board has chosen St. Mary's School as our 2021 convention project. A flyer is enclosed listing the items that are needed by the school. Thank you for your contributions.

Scrapbooks: The Courts are invited to bring their scrapbooks to the convention to share. There will be a special area set aside to view the scrapbooks.

This is the time for you to renew old friendships and to make new CDA friends. It is also the time to celebrate the gift of sisterhood. It takes all of us to make Catholic Daughters of the Americas a great women's organization. The State Board thanks you once again for all the great work that you do in your parishes and communities.

Many blessings,

Kelly M. Ihde

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Tentative Convention Agenda

37th Biennial Montana State Convention

June 10-13, 2021

Livingston, Montana

Thursday, June 10, 2021

- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Early Registration and Sale of Articles, State Financial Review,
National Regent/MT National Representative Sherry Nilles and Nominating Committee
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Committee meetings with State Regent
Dinner on your own
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. Bus leaves for Spiritual Journey to the Shrine
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration and Sale of Articles

Friday, June 11, 2021

Day 1

- 7:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Patriotic Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Sale of Articles, Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
- 9:45 a.m. Seating of Delegates
Roll Call and Briefing of Delegates
- 10:00 a.m. Call to order Regent Kelly Ihde
Opening Prayer
Presentation of Colors – Court St. Mary #645
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
National Anthem
Opening Ode
Introductions of those seated at the head table
Welcome by Civil Representative
Response 1st Vice State Regent
Address by Bishop Michael Warfel
Response 1st Vice State Regent
Convention Representatives
Response 1st Vice State Regent
Greetings from National Regent/MT National Representative Sherry Nilles
Introduction of District Deputy Monica Gallegos Leaupple
Two-minute recess to excuse those who can no longer remain on the dais
Appointment of Committees
Minutes Approval Committee
Timekeepers and Pages
Report of the Credentials Committee
Presentation of the Convention Standing Rules
Adoption of the Printed Program
Report of the 2019 Minutes Approval Committee
Report of the Financial Review Committee
Report of the State Regent
Reports of State Officers – Program Book
Report of State Treasurer Pam Boner both oral and printed
Short Break

11:00 a.m. Opening of Convention Business
 11:30 a.m. Report of the 2021 Nominating Committee, Christy Kepp-Morse - Chair
 Call for Nominations from the floor
 Nominations of the 2023 Nominating Committee
 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Courtesy of Court St. Mary #645
 Tentative: Convention Charity
 1:00 p.m. Presentation: National Regent Sherry Nilles
 Presentation: Yellowstone Gateway Museum – Karen Reinhardt
 2:45 p.m. Presentation: AAUW
 3:30 p.m. Changes/Announcements
 Recess
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 Friday Fun Night – *Happy Birthday!*

Saturday, June 12, 2021 Day 2

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Registration and Sale of Articles
 8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass at St. Mary’s Catholic Church
 9:15 a.m. Call to order
 Report of the Credentials Committee
 Election of Officers
 Election of 2023 Nominating Committee
 Reports of Court Regents – Two minutes
 Reports of the State Chairpersons: Circle of Love, Education and Newsletter
 Special Thank You by State Regent
 Report of the Resolutions Committee
 Report of the Bylaw’s Committee
 Report of the Elections Committee
 Motion to destroy ballots
 Report of the Courtesy Committee
 11:00 a.m. Presentation: US Forest Service – Brad Bolte
 Shopping and Silent Auction
 12:00 p.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Presentation – National Regent Sherry Nilles
 Changes/Announcements
 1:30 p.m. Presentation: Flag Etiquette
 Website Review
 2:30 p.m. Charge to the Nominating Committee
 Robe Ceremony
 3:00 p.m. Silent Auction Final Bids & Final Sale of Articles
 3:15 p.m. Report of the Registration Committee
 New Business
 Rotation Schedule
 Invitation to the Next Convention: Court St. Catherine #239, Glendive
 3:30 p.m. Announcement of Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle winners
 Retiring of the colors – Court St. Mary #645
 Closing prayer and Ode
 5:30 p.m. Hors D’oeuvres/Happy Hour
 6:15 p.m. Banquet

Sunday, June 13, 2021 Day 3

8:00 a.m. Line up for Installation Mass
 8:30 a.m. Installation Mass at St. Mary’s Catholic Church
 Light refreshments after Mass at St. Mary’s School

Kelly Ihde, Montana State Regent