



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Montana

November 2019



Local Court Regents and Members:

As "Old Man Winter" seems to be trying to get his grip on us and keep it, many courts are beginning their busiest time of year. Thank you for all that you do to keep Catholic Daughters in the spotlight for the great service organization that we are.

I would like to thank the members who attended the workshop in Billings on September 28th. Your state officers had a lot of information to share that was presented at the State Officers' conference held in July in Arizona. Thank you to Court St. Cecelia for the great snacks and lunch.

Thank you also for the great hospitality when I attended financial reviews during the month of October. Our Montana courts are doing a great job of complying with the requests of National when it comes to the financial responsibilities of the local court officers for handling their members' monies. Please remember to send copies of the financial review to the appropriate parties.

I ask that each court send me copies of their meeting minutes and treasurer's report as stated in the By-Laws. (Sec. 7 Duties of Local Court Officers A. 10, page 34) Thank you in advance for complying with that requirement. Olga Samaniego, National Regent, has indicated that the First Call to convention will be coming out in December. Rooms are available for reservation at this time in Dallas. Call the Marriott at 1-888-627-8191.

It is not too early to be talking with our members for the upcoming local court officer elections to be held next Spring. Officers will be receiving complete election instructions after the first of the year. Excerpts from the By-Laws are included in this newsletter.

Most courts have received the Circle of Love reporting forms. For those I

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Greetings to my CDA sisters in Montana.

As I sit writing this (in mid-October) I am enjoying a lovely fall day with the sun shining and my fall flowers in beautiful bloom. But on the news I am seeing pictures of your state covered in snow. Although our weather differs greatly, both are abundant gifts from God to relish and enjoy. Your Montana State Officers had the experience in July of an Arizona summer and our "dry heat" as they attended the State Officer's workshop. It was a full and intense workshop and your state officers by now have shared new knowledge and ideas for your courts through newsletters and workshops for the local courts in order to help your courts to grow and flourish. And know that they are available to help you and so am I. At this time of the year I am sure your courts are busy with your many activities and events.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas season draw near, I hope that you have planned some special prayer/Advent services or maybe a day of recollections and prayers. Invite the women of your parish to attend and maybe you will be blessed with new members.

Already in September (still 100 degrees here) I began to see Christmas decorations and gift items as the commercial Christmas is promoted and any day now the Christmas music will begin. It's all too easy to get caught up in the Christmas shopping, decorating our homes, baking and all the festivities as we prepare for special times with friends and family. Take some extra time for yourself and in your courts to keep the true celebration of the Birth of Our Lord at the forefront of your Christmas. Please know that I pray for you and your courts daily but I will especially remember **all** of you and your families during the holidays.

May all of you receive the blessings and love of the Infant Jesus.

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Anything





**Message from State Chaplain
Father Greg Staudinger**

Thoughts of Awareness of Winter Coming!

The earth around my home is now locked in the wrap of winter of bone-chilling days of snow and ice. Water, once clear and liquid, a joyous, flowing community, is now frozen hard into crystal ice.

Recently in humanity's long history there has arisen an isolation, a separation of these who share the common commonality flesh and bone. While once upon a time we gathered joyfully in families, tribes and clans, we now so often live divorced from the earth and from each other, with the loneliness as our only company.

All isolation is ice-olation frigid to human flesh, cold and lifeless to our touch, untrue to our most basic unity, community. And whenever I act single handedly, apart from my awareness of my brothers and sisters, I become a deformed divine disciple.

And tribeless, O my God, how can I tread the path which you have designed as a companions course? O wisdom, so divine, in your Genesis of the word, speak the perfectly made, fully automated Adam, "It is not good for one to be alone." Without ones God!

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did not get to visit this Fall, they are in the mail. The deadlines for the reports are: February 1 for the local court to prepare the forms; March 1 for reports to be sent to State Chairmen; and April 1 for the reports to be sent by State Chairmen to the National Chairmen. Please be aware that the Education and Newsletter submissions for competition have their own deadlines. Thank you.

The Spring Spirituality Day has been set for Saturday, April 25, 2020, at St. Patrick's, the Co-Cathedral, in Billings. We are still working on details for presenters and activities for the day. Watch for more information to come.

May God bless you, your local court and your families as the holidays approach – many blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas.

Kelly M. Ihde
Your State Regent



Thoughts from Patty!

Happy Fall Y'all! I'm sure everyone had a busy October! This month should be re-named Catholic Daughters month as our courts were praying rosaries for Respect for Life Sunday, festivities for Catholic

Daughters Sunday, projects for Make a Difference Day and WRAP. These were nationally recognized events. Then there are the many other projects that each court participates in during the month, including monthly meetings, financial reviews, breakfasts, bazaars, and teas. And, of course, our many family functions. Wow – we are some ladies to be reckoned with!

Keep up the good work—through "Unity and Charity" we **Can Do Amazing** things! Looking forward to seeing all of you in the coming year and hoping Montana is able to send many members to the National Convention in Dallas, Texas in July.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving, a magical Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Take care and God Bless!

Patty Kepp, 1st Vice State Regent

State Board Calendar

- Oct 2019: State Regent Kelly Ihde visited most of the courts for Financial Reviews
- February/March 2020: State Board meeting
- April 25, 2020: Spring Spirituality Day/ Workshop, St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, Billings
- July 15—19, 2020: CDA National Convention in Dallas, Texas



MARCH
for LIFE

47th Annual March for Life
in Washington, DC
Friday, January 24, 2020.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas websites

National: www.catholicdaughters.org

State: www.cdaofmontana.org

(A work in progress—getting closer—please be patient!)



Hello ladies!

I want you to know what an honor it has been to serve you these past two years and how I am looking forward to these next two years. I am so blessed to be part of this state court and I thank them for their love and support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring retreat.

Your sister in Christ

Donna Daniel, 2nd Vice State Regent



Greetings ladies!

I hope everyone enjoyed some down time from meetings and other CDA commitments over the summer. It is hard to believe we are nearing Thanksgiving with Christmas right around the corner and then boom 2020!

It was good to see so many of you at the State Convention in June in Hardin. What a great job our hostesses did! The State Board has met three times since convention, along with three of us attending the National Conference in July. The learning and education in this organization never ends.

You may not realize how much time and effort is put into the workshop presentations, but in my case anyway, the stress gods worked a ton of overtime. It is personally rewarding for me when ladies show enthusiasm at these workshops and share that the information is helpful and useful to them. When membership puts forth that extra effort to attend our state and national events, you are expressing your love and support for the greatest Catholic women's organization in Montana and we love you for that!

As your State Secretary I have discovered a deeper appreciation for all secretaries before me, both on the local level as well as the state. Luckily, none of us is expected to do our job alone. We are all teammates. We work together towards the same goals. I'd like to thank all of you personally for the tremendous amount of support to the tiniest piece of advice you give to one another. It really does make a difference!

Love you all and have a great year sisters!

Jo Ann Harper, State Secretary

Dues: All courts should have received the state dues assessments. Please send to Jo Ann Harper, State Secretary.



Remember to keep your court rosters up-to-date. Send in change forms for additions, deletions, addresses—asap. Your court will be charged National and State dues on members you have not deleted. Incorrect addresses cause the Share magazines to be sent back to National and this in turn costs CDA \$\$\$.
Members—please check addresses with your officers.

Cut out page five (5) for quick reference!



Hello fellow Catholic Daughter members,

I would like to thank everyone for attending the workshop held in Billings this past September. Thank you to those that passed the information along to your local courts. A lot of information in a very short time.

Thank you too, Court St. Cecelia, for all your work. Nice job!

With the busy month of October behind us, we now look forward to the blessings we have in the months of November and December. After living all my life in Glendive, I am now embracing a major life change by moving to Billings. I am very thankful to be in my new home, and looking forward to attending meetings at St Thomas.

I know we are all busy but don't forget to be grateful for all the blessings on your life, especially family and friends.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and joyful Christmas.

Pam Boner, State Treasurer



DATES—REMINDERS—IDEAS

Dates

March 1, 2020 deadline:

- * Circle of Love reporting forms to State Chairman
- * Education Contest entries due to State Chairman
- * Newsletter entries due to State Chairman

March 2020 meeting: (follow procedures page 4)

- * Election of Nominating Committee

May 2020 meeting:

- * Election of officers for 2020-2022 term

Reminders

Elections: Courts need to begin looking for local officers as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute to recruit for next spring's potential officers. You may be missing an interested member.

Ceremonials: Check your officer robes for correct length—11 inches above the floor with your white shoes on. Small stud earrings only. No dark (black or navy blue) nylons. Only dresses or skirts under the robes (and must not be longer than robe). Ask your court Regent for the ceremonial dress code.

Ideas

Prayer before and after meeting and also something else for spirituality would be nice.

For new members (and even the old members): give welcoming letter from National Clergy Consultant, a copy of ceremonials and during the institution of new members a description of robes.

Gather information from others and share—share—share! Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Court develop a directory and program book with events, dates, etc. Give copy to all members.

Remember to work on your Budgets and Standing Rules for the new year.

Local Courts' Nominating and Election Procedures Summary for 2020!
Instructions in their entirety will be sent to the Local Court Regents in January, 2020.

March 2020 meeting: The nominating committee of 3 or 5 shall be elected at the regular meeting in March. Nominations shall be made from the floor. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the nominating committee. The 3 or 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.

The Regent will give the Chairman a copy of the instructions and an up-to-date roster of all members. Remember they must be in good standing whose dues are paid.

Duties of the nominating committee: The committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office. The chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office. If there is a vacancy on the slate, the committee shall report that office vacant. The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

(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. The Nominating Committee should start with the nomination of the Regent and proceed down the chairs to the office of Treasurer. 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. The Chairman of the committee calls each possible nominee. 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.)

Elections: Written notice and/or notice via electronic (email) mail of at least ten (10) days from the date of postmark 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. Prior to the election, nominations may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May and shall hold office for two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A plurality vote shall elect. In the even there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election. Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.

Installation: Local Court installations shall take place no later than the regular September meeting.

Local Court Offices up for election (or re-election)

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| * Regent | * Vice Regent | * Recording Secretary |
| * Financial Secretary | * Treasurer | |

**Merry
Christmas**

2020 National Convention

July 15-19, 2020

Dallas, Texas—Downtown Sheraton Hotel

The First Call to Convention comes out in December, but courts who would like to make hotel reservations for the national convention may call **1-888-627-8191**. There are 600 rooms reserved, Please do not overbook. Plenty of rooms are available. There will be tours and lots of neat stores at which to shop. Hey, ladies, check this out - Neiman Marcus is only one city block from the convention site! You can visit the George Bush Presidential Library as well as the 6th Floor Museum from which Lee Harvey Oswald sat himself down to shoot John F. Kennedy. Lots of history here as well.



Circle of Love

By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point to the center and bound together by a common interest. The seven point program of the "Circle of Love" is bound together by the common interest - love.

- * Education *Youth/JCDA *Family
* Spiritual Enhancement * Leadership
* Quality of Life * Legislation

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Mission Statement:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives 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.



SPRING SPIRITUALITY DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2020

St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, Billings

Spiritual Retreat Informational updates

Lunch—Silent Auction—50/50 Raffle

State CDA Articles for sale



2019-21 MONTANA STATE OFFICERS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



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*contact ANY state officer to report court news for the State Newsletter