



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Montana

October 2020



Local Court Regents and Members:

What an exceptionally unusual year we have experienced – the cancellation of meetings and the Spring workshop; being creative for holding elections for local court officers; the cancellation of the National Convention in Dallas in July; and the cancellation of the Fall workshop. As circumstances allow us to resume our gatherings, please be safe and follow local guidelines.

Please be sure to keep the State Officers informed of any events your courts have planned. We would like to attend if possible.

The State Board has been meeting with the Convention Committee of Court St. Mary, Livingston, as we move forward with plans for the State Convention to be held June 10-13, 2021. They have many exciting events planned, so mark your calendars! Court St. Mary will be celebrating 100 years in 2021 also.

Reminder that Financial Reviews are due by November 1 and remember to send the original and copies to the required parties. Thank you.

We as Catholic Daughters should reflect on our spirituality and service to others to carry us through – **Can Do Anything!**

I offer special prayers for those families affected in any way by the Covid-19 outbreak and other disasters. Be safe and God bless you and your families.

Kelly M. Ihde
Montana State Regent



Greetings to my CDA sisters in Montana.

By now you are enjoying the lovely fall. As I write this I am traveling on a road trip home from Des Moines, IA. So, I am enjoying fall in the mid-west rather than Az where it's still summer regardless of what the calendar says. I am returning from the first full board meeting of the National Board. It was a busy but great week training the new directors and getting to know each other. With the cancellation of the 2020 convention, elections were very different this year. We were working in uncharted waters, but the membership came through for us with mail in ballots and electing the National Board and Directors.

I am so happy to tell you that you have elected a wonderful board and you have 14 women with years of leadership and lots of different experiences in CDA and are committed to serving the membership. On Saturday we attended a beautiful celebration Mass and the Installation of your new National Chaplain and National Board.

It has been difficult for all of us as we continue to endure the strange world we are living in. When it started none of us could have imagined that 7 months later it still controls our lives and no clear idea of when we can return to some kind of "normal". I am so proud of the courts who have not let our current situation interfere with the work of your court and the good of CDA. Everyone all across the country have found unique ways to meet and conduct business any way we can for the good of our organization either in person, phone or virtually. We've all had a great lesson in looking outside the box. Keep up the good work as you work as the hands and feet of Our Lord for His people in most need. We all need to remember that God is in control in our lives and live by faith and not fear.

By the time you are reading this, I am no longer your State Supervisor. I have enjoyed my term as Montana supervisor, but I now leave you in great hands with your newly assigned supervisor. It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve you and to work with your State Regent Kelly

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Message from State Chaplain Father Greg Staudinger

My Autumn Homecoming

Autumn is really a homecoming of change in the year following the summer months. What we see is the change of feeling of heart, mind and soul. There is briskness of the breeze of autumn tide which sweeps in its path crowds of leaves from countless trees, collecting then in amber-colored communities to share bright memories of the summer past sun. Fall is a homecoming time, a reunion and return to remember and so to re-member what has been dis-membered by choice of different pathways, or severed by the knife of time. We are told that "we are dust and to dust we shall return," sing orange brown leaves, as they circle dance and cluster in colonies of the dead. Crumbled and crushed in time crucible, stroked and soaked by rain's wet fingers, we shall once again become rich soil, the stuff of earth's dark flesh. Autumn wind, dance master of fallen leaves, sing to me of my reunion, my re-memberment and great homecoming, my return into the luminous flesh of God.

1st Vice National Regent (from page 1)

and her board. I will continue to pray daily for all my CDA sisters that you stay healthy and happy. And I thank you for all that you do for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We can only continue our work if we all work together in Unity and Charity.

Susan Moné, First Vice National Regent

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas websites

National: www.catholicdaughters.org

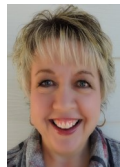
Montana State: www.cdaofmontana.org

The state website is now up and running. If you would like to submit information, pictures, ideas, please contact Jo Ann or Patty.



MARCH
for LIFE

47th Annual March for Life
in Washington, DC
Friday, January 29, 2021.



Fall wishes from Patty,

Welcome back everyone into the hustle & bustle (well—sort of) of the fall activities and events we are able to attend along with social distancing, masking and washing our hands! My thoughts and prayers to those who are suffering from the Coronavirus, those who have family members and friends afflicted by this terrible virus and for those who have lost someone dear to them due to COVID19. *This too shall pass!* And for all who are unemployed at this time due to the virus—prayers are for you all!

October is a busy month for CDA members: Respect for Life Sunday was October 4th, CDA Sunday is October 18th, Make A Difference Day—October 24th and the WRAP Campaign—October 26th thru October 31st. I hope that some of you are able to participate in at least one of these events even in prayer if attending is not an option for you. Prayer is powerful!

Please read through the newsletter and share this information with all your CDA members. We have a lot taking place in the next year and hope we can see all of you again soon. Keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers now and in the future. We all have a tough road ahead of us. Be smart, be safe and be healthy.

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

Take care and God Bless!

*Patty Kepp, Montana 1st Vice State Regent,
State Education Chairwoman*

DEADLINES—DATES—REMINDERS—IDEAS

Deadlines

November 1, 2020: Local courts semi-annual financial reviews complete by October 31st.

February 1, 2021: Deadline for candidates running for a state office to submit application to Nominating Committee Chairman. Must be postmarked prior to February 1, 2021.

March 1, 2021 deadline:

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

Dates

May 15, 2021: Court St. Mary #645 100th Anniversary Celebration in Livingston. Watch for your invitation.

Reminders

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

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.



Hello CDA Sisters,

I hope you are all well and safe. I missed seeing your beautiful faces and being with you during workshops and convention this past year. I pray that we will be together again soon. Know that I think about you and pray for your health and prosperity during these unprecedented times. I want to thank you for your support and prayers as the Montana State Board moves forward with planning the state convention with Court St. Mary. It has been an honor to represent each and everyone of you for the past two years, thank you!

Blessings

Donna Daniel, Montana 2nd Vice State Regent



Happy Fall ladies,

I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful changing of leaf colors as much as I have. We often don't have the privilege of witnessing God's beauty this way in the fall. Seems of late, the wind and snow show up before we get that chance to rake up our leaves.

First and foremost, prayers go out to all Catholic Daughters and their families and friends who are suffering and have experienced natural disasters of hurricanes and floods and fires, lost wages, deaths, loneliness, anxieties, and just plain frustration in recent months. We thank the Lord for the technology that has allowed us to communicate with our loved ones across town or across the country. We are also grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend virtual Mass, if we cannot physically attend. Not sure I could have survived without my time with God each week.

We are slowly getting back into the CDA routine of meetings and events. Speaking of events I hope each one of you will be able to join my court, Court St. Mary in Livingston, as we celebrate our 100th anniversary in May 2021. The ladies are busy planning for our big celebration! More details will be coming out soon.

The State Board is slowly shifting gears preparing for the 2021 State Convention in June of 2021. And guess who is hosting the convention? Correct Court St. Mary in Livingston. You are getting two opportunities to visit our lovely little town next year. As always, the State Board appreciates your prayers as we strive to accomplish our goals in these crazy times.

Be safe out there ladies. My hope is that all our courts have found creative ways to continue meeting and achieve what you set out to do. I pray for each one of you and anxiously await our next CDA gathering!!

Bless you all,

Jo Ann Harper, Montana State Secretary

Dues: 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.



Dear fellow Catholic Daughters,

It is so nice to be back into the meeting rooms. I have missed my CDA friends the past 8+ months. Hopefully, social distancing will not become the new "normal."

Congratulations to the newly elected court officers. What a challenge this year's elections were. Thank you for stepping out of your comfort zone with the willingness to try something new. And to those that are holding an office for what seems like the 20th time, thank you, thank you, thank you.

The financial review was also a challenge and most likely will be again this October. Thank you for sending in your court dues as soon as you can.

It's not too soon to be thinking about the 2021 newsletter contest. Livingston and Sidney submitted newsletters to the National 2020 contest and I am hoping more courts will consider submitting theirs this year. Your newsletter editor can get information and guidelines from her local Regent. This information was sent in the CDA National Quarterly of September 2020; and 1st Vice Regent, Patty Kepp, had also sent that information to your local Regent.

A local newsletter is one of the best ways to keep your members informed.

I look forward to the upcoming CDA year and renewing friendships at the 2021 State Convention in Livingston.

Yours in Christ,

*Pam Boner, Montana State Treasurer,
State Newsletter Chairwoman*

State Board Calendar—2020 Tentative Calendar—2021

- Feb 8, 2020: State Board met in Hardin
- April 30, 2020: State Board met virtually by Zoom
- June 13, 2020: State Board met in Hardin
- Sept 12, 2020: State Board met in Livingston for Convention Committee meeting and State Board meeting
- Oct, 2020: State Regent Kelly Ihde will visit courts when able, due to restrictions.
- Nov 7, 2020: State Board meeting—Billings
- Jan or Feb 2021: State Board meeting in Livingston with Convention Committee
- May 15, 2021: State Board to attend Court St. Mary #645 100th Anniversary Celebration and also State Board meeting.
- June 10—13, 2021: Montana 37th Biennial State Convention—Livingston, MT

Prayerfully consider running for a State Office

Candidates for State Office: A member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate, which must be voted on at a local court meeting and signed by a majority of the Local Court Officers, and consent to serve signed by the candidate. Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked prior to February 1st of the state convention year and mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman. (Bylaws—Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Amended July 2020—Article XI, State Nominations and Elections, Sec. 1.A. Candidates for State Office).

Please mail your applications to: Nominating Committee Chairman, Christina Kepp-Morse, Route 1, Box 1091A, Hardin, MT 59034

PUT THIS
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CALENDAR

2021 State Convention
June 10 - 13, 2021
Livingston, Montana

Theme for the 37th Biennial State Convention:

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

The "First Call to Convention" will be mailed to local Court Regents in January.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

National Chaplain: Most Reverend R Walker Nickless

National Clergy: Consultant Rev. Siby Punnoose

National Regent: Sherry Nilles

Newly elected National Officers

National Regent-Elect: **Emily Guilherme**

First Vice National Regent: **Susan Mone'**

Second Vice National Regent: **Essie Walker**

National Secretary-Treasurer: **Connie Dronette**



National Directors

Nancy Bambenek

Theresa Cersovski

Dawn Fortenberry

Barbara Jensen

Darlene Moritz

Michele Bowman

Ivone da Silveira

Irene Gramza

Carolyn Malik



National Nominating Committee

Carolyn Ritchey, Texas, Chairman

Brenda Anderson, South Dakota

Nymia J. Rivas, Puerto Rico

Theresa Duran, New York

Sheila Moore, Louisiana

Marie Veloz, Arizona

Barbara Carpenter, Oklahoma

Kim Meduna, Nebraska, First Alternate

Lisa Mc Cann, Pennsylvania, Second Alternate



Just a reminder!

Local Court Regents/local court documents

CDA Bylaws, Amended July 2020,
Page 35-36, Sec. 7

Please review the documents the Court Regent must submit to the State Regent monthly and annually.

Please go through Duties of Court Officers with each one of your officers.

Remember to give each officer a copy of the By-laws, Amended July 2020. All members may receive a copy, but each court officer should have an updated version.

Remember to use the retention schedule. This is very important and helpful for saving and destroying court information.

Court Ave Maria #1166 Great Falls

It is with a heavy heart that the State Board announces that Court Ave Maria will be disbanding later this year.

The State Board thanks Court Ave Maria members for their great service provided to their parishes and community over the years.

We will miss our CDA sisters!!



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.

NATIONAL PROJECTS AND CHARITIES

Catholic Daughters of the Americas supports five National Projects. Every court is asked to contribute \$20 a year to each of these projects so they can continue their good works.

The five projects are:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Holy Cross Family Ministries
- Laboure Society
- SOAR!
- National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Catholic Daughters also support ten National Charities. Courts are asked to choose who they wish to make contributions to each year. They are:

- The North American College
- Catholic Relief Services
- Apostleship of the Sea
- Covenant House
- Mother Theresa
- Tutwiler Clinic
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Smile Train
- Catholic Extension
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Collectively, all contributions equal huge checks to these organizations at National Conventions. Please consider even a small donation.



2019-21 MONTANA STATE OFFICERS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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- * Circle of Love: Quality of Life

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- * send Jo Ann your dues and payments of any kind / membership forms
- * Circle of Love: Family / National Projects & Charities

TREASURER

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- * contact Pam if you want to verify you paid your dues
- * Circle of Love: Local Newsletter / Youth & JCDA

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