



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Montana

September 2021



*Message from State Regent
Patty Kepp*

Hello My Sisters,

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their support and faith in me as the new State Regent. Kelly did an awesome job and I truly hope I can fill those shoes. A huge thank you to Court St. Mary #645 in Livingston for a state convention we will never forget. The members and volunteers did an excellent job! We were very much entertained! 🤗

The Montana State Board has planned the "2021 Fall Spiritual Reflection and Workshop" on October 2nd. Information is on page 2 of this newsletter. We are working diligently to make this day spiritual, educational and enjoyable. Lunch will be provided—so all you'll need to bring is yourselves and if you would like, silent auction items are always welcome! We will have State Board CDA items for sale, as well as Court St Mary #645 will be selling Catholic Daughters glassware. Please share the newsletter and invitation with your court members.

Our new CDA year is upon us as we begin our fall meetings, activities, charitable events and welcome our sisters that we have not seen over the summer.

Court Regents, remember to include your officers in the planning of your meetings. Financial Reviews (FR) are due by November 1st. You will need to let me know when you have scheduled your review in October so one of the State Officers or a District Deputy may attend. (Weather permitting). Be sure to send your FR to all the necessary contacts when complete. The court Regent needs to send the courts minutes and Treasurer's report each month to the State Regent. Please see page 36 of the 2020 Bylaws for all documents to send.

**"MT CDA needs YOU, we need YOU!"
Please—Please consider the Office of
State Secretary!!!**

Thank you all for everything you do for CDA and your parishes. Without you we do not exist!

In Unity and Charity,
Patty Kepp, Montana State Regent



*Message from National Regent
Montana Representative
Sherry Nilles*

Prayer

The power of prayer makes a difference in our lives.

We pray for-
our loved ones
peace in the world
healing
our Sisters in Christ

We pray in thanksgiving for God's help and love.

Each prayer comes with a commitment to service as we serve one another in the name of Jesus.

A quote from Nobel laureate
Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)
"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy."

We discover a unique joy in helping others.

You give service every time you wipe a tear, bake a cake for the monthly CDA meeting, help a person who needs assistance either financially or physically or serve as a court officer or chairman. Service takes us out of ourselves and puts us in contact with new people who may add joy to our lives.

We are Sisters in Christ who pray and support each other.

We are the Catholic Daughters of the Americas!

*Sherry Nilles
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Do
Anything





Message from State Chaplain Father Greg Staudinger

Montana Courts, welcome from the hazy, crazy, lazy days of summer that is coming to an end soon. It has been a hazy and crazy summer with all the fire and smoke in the sky, with the summer high temperatures these months. Its been cooler the last couple of weeks. It does make one ready for winter and the blowing snow, then we will wish for summer again, what a vicious circle we live in. With September upon us, and the falls winds with blowing leaves. It's time to start up our Courts again with new projects and work in the parish, state, and national. Hope we can welcome back into our Courts old and new members. We should be busy as bees what is coming to our Courts, getting back in the swing of things from summer to fall. May we give to each other a hearty hello and welcome back, their is someone we haven't seen all summer! May your Court have a good and prosperous year. Have a good one!

Fr Greg Staudinger, State Chaplain

CDA Glass Stemware

Court St. Mary #645 of Livingston has glass stemware for sale. A table will be set up at the Oct 2nd Fall Spiritual Reflection. If you would like more information ahead of time you can contact Jo Ann at 223-9046.



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 Harper, State Website Editor.



You're Invited 2021 Fall Spiritual Reflection and Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church

226 Wicks Lane, Billings

Conversation with God—5 Minute Prayers

Chaplet of Divine Mercy—Mary's Way of the Cross

Chat with St. Vincent's Chaplain

Team Building

Circle of Love

Sharing Ideas

Spiritual Rosary

Informational
Updates



Silent Auction

CDA Items for
Sale:
Seat Cushions,,
Polo Shirts,
Earrings, etc...

Court St. Mary
#645: CDA
glassware for sale

DEADLINES—DATES—REMINDERS—IDEAS

Deadlines

November 1, 2021: Local courts semi-annual financial reviews complete by October 31st.

March 1, 2022 deadline:

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

Dates

Saturday, October 2: State Board presents "Fall Spiritual Reflection and Workshop". All members invited. St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Billings 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 3: Respect for Life Sunday

Sunday, October 17: CDA Sunday

Saturday, October 23: Make A Difference Day

October 31-November 6: White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) Week

Reminders

Remember to contact the State Regent when you have scheduled your Financial Review for October.

Ideas

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

CDA needs "YOU"

We need "YOU"

State Secretary



Please step forward, volunteer your time, abilities and sisterhood!
Eligibility: local court officer or state officer for two (2) years.

Duties: Record the minutes of the State Board meetings; Sign vouchers from the State Regent for the expenses of the State Court, officers and chairmen; Receive all monies of the State Court & issue a transmittal to the State Treasurer; Transmit all monies to the State Treasurer; Represent the State at meetings of the National Court, expenses may be paid by the State Court; Perform other such duties as assigned by the State Regent and/or as listed in the Procedures Manual.



Patty Kepp
State Regent

Member:
Ct. Our Lady of
Fatima #1979
Hardin



Jo Ann Harper
1st Vice State
Regent

Member:
Ct. St. Mary, #645
Livingston



State Secretary

Your Name Here



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Pam Boner
State Treasurer

Dual Membership:
Ct. St. Katherine
#239, Glendive &
Ct. St. Cecelia
#1151 Billings

Please join us - you won't regret it!



Installation of Montana State Officers at the 37th Biennial State Convention June 10—13, 2021 in Livingston, Montana

State Board Calendar—2021 **Tentative Calendar—2021**

- July 9: State Board Transitional meeting held in Billings.
- July 15-18: State Board attended the State Officer Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona
- August 21: State Board quarterly meeting in Billings and installed 2nd Vice State Regent Gale Kreitzberg. Thank You Gale!
- September: Montana State Newsletter publication
- September 21: State Board "Zoom" meeting
- October 1: State Board meeting in Billings
- October 2: State Board presents "Fall Spiritual Reflection & Workshop"
- October: State Board Officers and/or District Deputies to visit courts for Financial Reviews (weather permitting)

Prayer for Leadership

God did not call us to succeed.

God called us to serve.

God did not call us to win.

God called us to work.

God did not call us to live long.

God called us to live for God.

God did not call us to be happy.

God called us to be hopeful.

God did not call us to fame,

God called us to faith.

God did not call us to seek power.

God called us to seek peace.

God did not call us to loot from the earth and from each other.

God called us to love our earth and each other.

(From Guide my Feet by Marian Wright Edelman)



For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

Bethany Fuchs of Court Our Lady of Fatima, #1979 in Hardin has graciously volunteered to represent the Montana Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Please pray for her as she represents CDA at the Synod of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.



Just a reminder!

Local Court Regents/local court documents

Education Contest: Information packets will be forthcoming and mailed or delivered to the Court Regent, please forward to your local Court Education Chairman.

Newsletter Contest: Information will be forthcoming and mailed or delivered to the Court Regent, please share this information with your Court Newsletter Editor.

Please review the documents the Court must submit to the State Regent monthly and annually. Bylaws pages 35-36

Please go through Duties of Court Officers with each one of your officers. Bylaws pages 35-38

Remember to give each officer a copy of the Bylaws, 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.

2022 59TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 20-24, 2022 - PUERTO RICO

"LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE WITH LOVE"

PUT THIS
ON YOUR
CALENDAR

National Board, Directors and Clergy

National Chaplain: Bishop Walker Nickless

National Clergy Consultant: Rev. Siby Punnoose

National Regent: Sherry Nilles, Iowa

National Officers

National Regent-Elect: Emily Guilherme, California

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Marie Veloz, Arizona

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Kim Meduna, Nebraska, First Alternate

Lisa Mc Cann, Pennsylvania, Second Alternate



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
- Apostleship of the Sea
- Mother Theresa
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Catholic Relief Services
- Covenant House
- Tutwiler Clinic
- 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.



2021—2023 MONTANA STATE OFFICERS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



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