Dear Sisters-in-Christ,

Since hearing the difficult news facing our new State Regent, Barbara Barnes, my heart has been heavy. How could cancer find her now? . . . just as she begins her term as Regent for all the Catholic Daughters of the State of Colorado. With that, I turn to scripture for comfort. Jesus says in Daniel 12:2-3, “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake some to everlasting life. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, shall be like the stars forever.” And in 2 Timothy 4:8, Jesus tells each of us, “There is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearance.”

It only takes a minute of time with Barbara to know her deep devotion to Christ and others. She exuberates a Christian life that brings so much joy to those around her. I remember when the officers of Court Our Lady of Peace #2728 were installed, she came to EACH OF US with the biggest smile and the warmest hug. I knew then that we were deeply loved, deeply prayed for, and deeply appreciated by Barbara. Barbara is a true inspiration to all of us!

As we walk together as Sisters-in-Christ, I urge each of you to live in the light of Christ like Barbara. Let God’s words of hope, love, and charity resonate in everything we do.

May God bless Barbara and each of you!

Melissa Mellen, Regent

Please pray for LYNN ALBERT, who is recovering from back surgery; BARBARA BARNES, our new State Regent, who has cancer of the liver; JAYDON (and his mother MARIE), Grandson & daughter of Susan Carabal (Wheat Ridge Court) who both have Covid; BEV JOPEK, who has internal bleeding; and EVELYN IRVING, who will have knee replacement surgery September 10th. Please continue to pray also for HAYDEE ENRIQUEZ who is still recovering from her surgery and PAULA BUNCE who is still recovering.

Let's always keep in our prayers all Catholic Daughters, parishioners of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Peter Chapel and all family and friends who are in need of our prayers.
Message from the Editor

What a wonderful honor to have our newsletter win first prize at the State Convention in our category (quarterly) as well as first place at National. The group of ladies from Court Our Lady of Peace who attended the Convention represented our court perfectly and had a great time too. We were also honored at Convention to win the State's Family Award and the Membership Award. For being such a new court, I think we have done very well and will continue to shine in the eyes of all Catholic Daughters.

My goal with this newsletter is to encourage all of our members to continue with the wonderful work we do for our church and our community. By putting this newsletter on the State's website, we can give ideas to other courts and we, of course, can learn from them.

Thank you to all of our members who have provided me with the information and pictures I need to make this newsletter a true example of our history as a court - keep up the good work ladies!

God Bless You All! Evelyn Irving, Newsletter Editor

UPCOMING COURT NEWS

Some of the upcoming events that are in the planning stages are:

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
As discussed at our August meeting, we are looking at a Membership Drive at both St. Peter's Chapel and Our Lady of the Woods. Currently, we are looking at the weekend of September 25 & 26, 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Our financial review covering the period April 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021, must be conducted in the month of October. The location, time and volunteers will be determined at the September meeting.

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DINNER
Father Marek is asking for help from the Catholic Daughters for the First Responders Appreciation Dinner set for September 11th.

LEADING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS
Father Marek has asked the Catholic Daughters to help lead the Rosary before Mass during the month of October. Those volunteering so far are Marcella, Kay, Lorraine (soon to be a new member) and Coletta.
COURT NEWS

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER
Our once a year opportunity to thank our Priest and Deacons took place on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in the Our Lady of the Woods parish center. We honored Father Marek, Deacon Dave Illingworth and his wife Anita, Deacon Mark Thuli and his wife Karen, and Deacon Bob Elliott and his wife Teresa. We had a wonderful meal as Vice Regent Savina Vejil made us her specialty Mexican dinner. All members contributed to the meal. Thank you everyone for making this such a memorable occasion.

FAMILY FUN DAY
Our first ever Family Fun Day took place on Saturday, June 26, 2021 in the Our Lady of the Woods parish center. It was open to all parishioners of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Peter Chapel and all families and friends and we had many families from both parishes join us. The theme of the event was "Red, White and Blue for the 4th of July" (since it is so close to our event). Our silent auction was a great success and we had games and prizes for the children. Our pulled pork lunch (hot dogs for the kids) was a big hit and we had more desserts than we could handle! There are already conversations about this becoming an annual event!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Since we cancelled our 2020 Christmas party, we voted to have it on July 13, 2021.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
We want to welcome our new member since the last newsletter:
Janet McKay
In the words of National Regent, Sherry Nilles, from the Spring issue of SHARE, "Jesus did not promise a free ride or a life without sorrow, pain and worry. What He did promise us is that He would be with us every moment of our lives because of the love He shares with us. All He asks in return is that we love one another as He has loved us. We have faith in our Risen Christ. We have hope through Jesus that all will be well with our world if we believe in and listen to Him. We love one another because Jesus taught us to love by His death on the cross. Amen." What a beautiful way to express how unique and special the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is. It expresses how proud I am to be a Catholic Daughter.

Our National Regent-Elect, Emily Guilherme, invites all of you to the National Convention July 20-24, 2022 in beautiful PUERTO RICO! The theme is "Let all you do be done with love." You'll be able to relax on the beach, take a dip in the crystal blue waters of the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic, eat amazing food, but there will also be dynamic workshops - engage with others on evangelization, recruitment and spirituality. You can also join some of the most amazing tours to see more of their beautiful land and you don't even need a passport. Emily says "I am looking forward to coming together with you in praise and thanksgiving to our God, who is faithful in all things."

At the August 10, 2021 court meeting, Sandy Cozad, State Secretary and our State Representative, presented our court with a certificate and a blue ribbon for first place in the National Newsletter Contest. This is a great honor for us!

All courts in Catholic Daughters have a beautiful banner with our motto: UNITY AND CHARITY. However, Court Our Lady of Peace did not have the opportunity to purchase one when we first became a court -- so at the August meeting, our State Representative, State Secretary Sandy Cozad, presented us a vintage banner on behalf of the Colorado State Board. When they found out that we were in need of one, Sandy got their permission to present us with the banner from Court St. Mary #513, which was instituted on June 20, 1920 and disbanded December 13, 2006. It is made of velvet and is beautiful! All we have to do now is get a stand and a pole to hang it on.

Let us ponder the powerful words of Mother Teresa:

“I can do things you cannot,
You can do things I cannot;
Together we can do great things.”
(WRAP) WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

What is WRAP?

In 1987, Norma heard her priest lament the sale of hardcore pornography in her Pennsylvania community. The priest observed that prosecutors and law enforcement believed most people did not care. Norma was shocked to hear this. She knew she cared, and looking around her at her friends in the pews, she knew that they cared, too. Norma pondered how she could activate people so everyone who cared about decency could have a voice. The vision of a white dove came to Norma, its wings evoking the image of the tails of a white ribbon. Norma realized a simple white ribbon would be the perfect symbol for purity. This is how the first White Ribbon Against Pornography campaign began. Thirty-four years later, WRAP campaigns are going strong. Each individual brings fresh ideas to current campaigns. A heightened awareness of the harms of pornography and successful strategies to combat it come to light each campaign.

Two simple actions everyone can do during WRAP week are to pray and to wear a white ribbon. The WRAP campaign begins the last Sunday of October. Your voice and your creativity are needed as, united, we stand against pornography and for the promotion of respect and true love.

Julie Hatch / Local Chairman Quality of Life & State Chairman Legislation

National's website says: White Ribbon's purpose is to increase public awareness of the harm done by exposure to pornography. “With your passion, prayer and with the help of God, we will be able to fight the battle against pornography, one ribbon at a time. Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light.” Norman B. Rice

FROM ONE PUMPKIN TO ANOTHER!!

Fall is on its way, so I thought this would put thanks in your heart and make you smile:

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all the dirt off of you, then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

BLESSING FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Dear God, 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, and for dear friends in Christ. Amen.
ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER

As you know, our Court has adopted One Nation Walking Together as one of our Circle of Love efforts under "Family". Once again, the spirit of giving is filled with LOVE in this group. Asked to help, CDA gathered what they could and Irene Demers and Savina Vejil delivered a variety of foods to the ONWT warehouse in Colorado Springs in July 2021. ONWT distributes food and goods to the Indian Reservations who are in great need and live in states surrounding Colorado (South Dakota, New Mexico, Montana, and others). Our Court is trying to help ONWT ensure that native people do not go to bed hungry.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Pope's intention for June: The Beauty of Marriage - Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community. May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

The Pope's intention for August: The Church -- Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

WELCOME Bishop James Golka as our third Bishop for the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Bishop-elect Golka's ordination as a Bishop was set for June 29, 2021 at Holy Apostles Parish. When attending the State Convention this year in Cortez, we had a National Director joining us from Nebraska and she let us know that Bishop Golka is familiar with the Catholic Daughters. To welcome our new Bishop, Marcella Sullivan made a special card and Evelyn Irving sent it to Bishop Golka to let him know we are at his service if he needs us.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Alzheimer's Association Walk-a-thon

Chairman of the Quality of Life Committee, Julie Hatch, reported on the Alzheimer's Walk-a-thon scheduled for October 2, 2021 in Colorado Springs. She has asked for some fellow walkers and if walking "is not your thing", then possibly a financial donation. The core element of the Alzheimer's Association's mission is "to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research. The Association is committed to discovery of the causes, better and earlier diagnosis, more effective treatments, prevention strategies and ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's."

In the meantime, Julie had received word that there might be a problem with this organization because they were dealing with human embryonic stem cell research, which is not always the "Catholic way". Julie contacted the appropriate people at our Diocese and was told that we were clear to be a part of the Alzheimer's Walk as a Catholic person. Therefore, if you wish to volunteer to be a part of the walk-a-thon as a walker or a financial contributor, please contact Julie Hatch at Email: mtnmamajulie@yahoo.com.
For being such a small court, we had a great representation from Court Our Lady of Peace: Melissa Mellen, Irene Demers, Linda Jensen, Julie Hatch, Fran Brown & Evelyn Irving. Since this was the first State Convention for many, it was a great learning experience and we made many new friends and memories with the ladies around the State of Colorado.

The newly elected State Officers are:

Barbara Barnes (Durango) -- State Regent
Linda Peck (Grand Junction) -- First Vice State Regent
Rachel Brown (Alamosa) -- Second Vice State Regent
Sandy Cozad (Security) -- State Secretary
Mary Jane Armstrong (Sterling) -- State Treasurer

I am sure there will be a complete report given at our September meeting, but I wanted to give special mention to our own Linda Jensen who was elected to the Nominating Committee for the next State Convention in 2023, which will be held in Grand Junction. Also, our court won the Membership award and the Family Award. In addition, Evelyn’s newsletter won first place at State Convention for our court and second place for the newsletter for the Security court.

Julie Hatch was elected Secretary and Evelyn was re-elected as the Treasurer of the Past Regents Club of Colorado. There were so many wonderful aspects of the convention so if I have missed some, I am sorry. I can't forget to mention that some of the Court Our Lady of Peace ladies played Hand and Foot each evening.

Below, you can see some of the pictures commemorating the convention so you can see what a great experience and great fun we had. Hopefully more of you would consider attending the next convention with us. Please note that I have so many pictures, I can't put them all in this newsletter, but I will have copies made for Angel to put in our Scrapbook.

Evelyn Irving

As an officer in your court, and as a participant in the Convention, the State Board assigns the delegates to a particular task for the Convention. This time, Irene Demers served on the Financial Review Committee to review the State's Books. Julie Hatch served on the Standing Rules and Time Keepers Committee. Melissa Mellen and Fran Brown served on the Credentials Committee and Irene and Fran also helped register the attendees. In this way, each delegate gets a chance to feel a part of the Convention, not just a part of the audience.
Dear Sisters in Christ,

Recently, I read a story by Father Ron Rolheiser that challenges us to ask ourselves the following question: How big is your heaven?

Father goes on to point out that Jesus wants everyone at the table. Jesus wants all of His created human sons and daughters united in peace in heaven. I must admit that when I think about how many humans have populated the earth, before my parents and grandparents were born, let alone before me, I can become overwhelmed with the enormity of it. It’s like the stars in the heavens in number.

Yet when I ponder the question, how big is my heaven I begin to get his point that we must think much broader, way beyond our relatively small circle of people.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches us three stories that are woven together to make a single point. First, The shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep in order to search for the one stray; next, the woman who has ten coins, loses one, and cannot rest until she has found her lost coin; and finally, the father who loses two sons, one to weakness and one to anger, and will not rest until he has both back in the house (also known as the Prodigal Son).

Father Ron says this better than I can…

“...In particularly the middle story, the one about the woman with the lost coins, because it is the clearest in making this point: A woman has ten coins, each worth about dime. She loses one, frantically searches for it, puts on extra lights, and sweeps her house, and finally she finds it, is overjoyed, calls in her neighbors, and has a celebration that clearly costs more than what the coin itself was worth. Why her frantic pursuit and great joy in finding one small coin?”

“What’s really at issue is not the value of the coin but the loss of wholeness: For a Hebrew at the time, 10 was a number of wholeness, 9 was not. We might recast the story this way: A woman is the mother of ten children. Nine come to visit her regularly and share their lives with her, but one is alienated and refuses to come home or ever talk to her. The woman cannot rest and tries everything imaginable to try to reconcile with her daughter and eventually her daughter comes round. They reconcile. She is overjoyed, phones her friends, and throws a party. Her family is whole again!”

I suspect that each of us in some way is grieving for a family member who is not in contact with us or with our faith tradition. Our heaven too must be a wide one. Like the woman who lost a coin, we too shouldn’t rest easy when others are separated from us. The family is only happy when everyone is home.

The devil is in the damage and God is in the healing. Each of us must carefully and prayerfully determine the best path forward. Nobody says that forgiveness is easy, but as Catholics, it is necessary.

What ultimately characterizes a genuine faith, and a big heart is not how pure our churches, doctrines, and morals might be, as good and correct as these things are, but how wide is the embrace of our hearts and our ability to forgive.

In Christ,

Deacon Dave
FAMILY --
Emily Pappadakis reported on "One Nation Walking Together". There is more information on ONWT on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Irene Demers says: "Thank you to all of those responding to Care Portal's Social Outreach to families in need. Please remember to document your response on the response forms noting your name and case number."

Because of all the efforts of both of these ladies, their team members, and all members of our Court, as we participate in the Teller County "Care Portal" program though Our Lady of the Wood Parish and wonderful contributions to "One Nation Walking Together", Court Our Lady of Peace won First Place in the State's FAMILY Contest at the Colorado State Convention in June at Cortez, CO. CONGRATUALTIONS goes to all members of Court Our Lady of Peace!!!

QUALITY OF LIFE --
Julie Hatch reported on the Quality of Life team going forward with two events: (1) WRAP - White Ribbons Against Pornography - CDA National has scheduled this for October 28 - November 4; and (2) the Alzheimer's Walk-a-thon in Colorado Springs set for October 2, 2021. There is more information on the Alzheimer's Walk-a-thon on Page 6 of this newsletter and more information on WRAP on Page 5 of this newsletter.

SPIRITUALITY --
Fran Brown, the leader of the Spirituality team, has been continuing her efforts in making Rosaries - along with six other ladies. If you would like to join them, or if you would like to learn to make Rosaries, please contact Fran Brown.

Don't forget that the first Thursday of the month has been designated as the day the Catholic Daughters will participate in Holy Hour. Fran will send out reminders.

Our Next Meetings
We meet at Our Lady of the Woods on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm on the upper level of the old church building so there is plenty of room for social distancing. Our September meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm. Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm and the November meeting is set for Tuesday, November 9th at 6:00 pm. Please come early at 5:30 pm for refreshments and to "catch up" with your fellow Catholic Daughters! If you would like to be a guest at our meetings, then please come at 5:30 pm to meet us and get acquainted.

Website Information
Colorado State Board Website
To learn more about what is going on at the state level, please visit: catholicdaughterscolorado.org. There is also a link to the National Board’s website on the Colorado state website or you can go directly to National at catholicdaughters.org.