May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Without her saying “yes” to God the Father all the events that followed: Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection would not have happened.

“For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.” Pope Paul VI

How will you show your love and devotion to our Blessed Mother? Some suggestions I found include:

◊ Flower your Mary statue, if you have one.
◊ Pray the Rosary daily during this month of May.
◊ Share the Miraculous Medal. Have some blessed and distribute them as the Holy Spirit leads.
◊ Memorize a Marian prayer of Hymn. For example, the Memorare or Hail Holy Queen, or lean to sing the Regina Caeli or the Salve Regina.
◊ Get invested in the scapular. Wear it under your clothing. The original, most common is the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
◊ Read a book about Mary.

I look forward to seeing you all in June at the convention.

Christ’s Peace & Blessings,
Linda Peck
Colorado State Regent
Message from our National Representative

First Vice National Regent—Essie Walker

My Dear Sisters,

We as members of this great organization are truly blessed. Our faith in God and our organization has sustained us to continue to grow. As we move forward, it is important that we continue to focus on membership. Over the years, our membership has taken a slight decline. We are all members of the Membership Committee. Please join the CDA Membership Train as it makes a stop by your court. Your contributions will make a huge impact in helping to grow and move your courts membership forward.

Look into your heart to see how you can become more involved in your court. As I always say, you are the most valuable resource in this organization. Thank you for all you do in support of your parish, community and CDA.

Most importantly, please reach out to shut-in members and those in the nursing homes. Remember, these women are the pillows of our organization.

As we move forward, we must also remember our motto: Unity and Charity.

“Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come, we have only today, let us begin.” Mother Teresa

Blessings,

Essie

We are on the web at:
Catholicdaughterscolorado.org
A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength. Give skill, sympathy, and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those in research. Strengthen them with your Spirit that, through their work, many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941—Healing for Linee Leppink & Shirley Dalla, Diane Pierzina, John Hurt, and Bill Ljungquist who have cancer. Pray for women who have lost a child, people searching for work and purpose, sobriety for Noelle and help with her ex-boyfriend. For the souls of Kelli McLean’s mother, Andrea, Keith Lofquist and Ronald Palmershein. Prayers for Jackie Rodriguez’s health and safe vacation.

Court Holy Family #1794—Prayers for the neighbor of Kim Larimer—Kim shared her heart-warming story of how she talked, listened, and cried with her neighbor, resulting in his return to the Church after 20+ years!

Daughters of St. Monica #2743—Continued prayers for Deacon Bill; he is ill and was in the hospital. The court will keep members posted on his recovery.

Court St. Teresa #980—Pray that Governor Polis does not sign the abortion bills that passed. Pray for any protestors that may show up.

Court St. Anne #1622—Pray for Julie Grasmick—her cancer is inoperable; prayers for Marcy for her knee surgery; continue to pray for an end to the Ukrainian war and the people of the Ukraine.

Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035—Prayers for Judi Dukat and continued prayers of healing for Maria La Breche for her recent surgery.

Court Daughters of St. Elizabeth #2785—Prayers for Donietta for medical reasons; Barbara requesting prayers for her friend; Eddi Stritchco’s brother-in-law who has been diagnosed w/cancer; Allison asked for prayers for her brother; Thais asked prayer for a friend in the hospital.

Court Sts. Peter & Paul #2669 - Keep member Jean Addyman in prayer—she fell pretty hard and broke her shoulder.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Mother’s Day Prayer

Loving God, we ask you to bless all Mothers today. May they feel the joys of motherhood everyday. In all their struggle giving us a livelihood, may your love and compassion be with them for good. May every mother feel today, the pride and beauty of the family they bear. Through all pain and sorry Lord deliver them—in your strength and grace may they always stay! Amen
Seminary Burse—Mary Jane Armstrong

We love our priests! One way we show that love is by supporting our seminarians monetarily. It has been an ongoing project for the State Court to receive and annual donation from each court which is then announced and disbursed at the State Convention.

Due to the generous donations of all our Colorado courts at State Convention, Colorado CDA members can show their support to the Pueblo Diocese, Colorado Springs Diocese, and the Denver Arch Diocese. Why do we support all three dioceses? Because men come from all over to serve our parishes. It is one way we make ourselves known to the archbishop and bishops of Colorado.

Here are some ideas for how courts determine their donations:

- From the general fund
- Designated fundraiser or project
- Monthly donation jars or 50/50
- Combination an any of the above
- Include it in your annual budget—pay in installments or one payment
- Get creative!

Several years ago, it was decided that each court pay $75.00 per year to the seminary burse. We know that the cost of educating a seminarian is quite high. We would like to match our goal that was set last convention of $2,700.00 in which each dioceses received $900.00. Wouldn’t it be great to beat that amount?

If your court has not made their donation yet, it would be appreciated to do so by April 15, 2023. The State Board thanks all the courts for any amount they can give. Your generosity is appreciated by us and the dioceses.

God Bless,

Mary Jane Armstrong
Colorado State Treasurer
Local Court News

Please make sure your court is emailing a copy of their minutes to brownrr30@yahoo.com so that we can share your local news with the rest of the courts in our state.

Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743: They are planning a Men’s breakfast on June 15th at the Denver Athletic Club honoring fathers.

Court Holy Family #1794: They raised $1,455.45 at their last bake sale! By their next bake sale in November, they will be able to accept credit cards.

Court St. Anne #1622: One of their members offered up her home on Saturdays to watch episodes of The Chosen and have discussion and lunch afterwards as a Lenten Retreat.

Mount of the Holy Cross #941: Their court will say a rosary before the Right to Life walk on June 24, 2023 hosted by Mesa County. CDA members will wear their purple shirts.

Sangre de Cristo Court #1810: They donated needed items and gift cards to a local agency that assists victims of Domestic Violence. They finally got their new sign hung up at their thrift store!

Court Sacred Heart #1606: They will be having a Spring Tea Party, date and time TBD. They will be hosting Highway Cleanup on April 22nd @ 9am.

Courts Sts. Peter & Paul #2669: Their court will host a Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities on May 11th. Their court also donated money to the youth group to attend the youth conference—there are 8 students attending. They will be handing out red carnations for Mother’s Day weekend, after all masses.

Court St. Teresa #980: They purchased “shower tokens” for the homeless population; they utilized their soup supper donations for the state charity, Canine Companions, they will donate a total of $500.

Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035: They will host “Shower of Birthday Blessings” at the Villa Manor Care Center in Lakewood, CO—cards and donations of regular size lotions, soaps, or other toiletry items to include in the birthday baskets.

Court Daughters of St. Elizabeth #2785: Their court is brainstorming some great fundraising ideas! They raised $5,000 for the parish at their Christmas Market!
How is Mary the Greatest role model for Christian Mothers?

Mother’s Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is “blessed among women” (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.

Mary was “full of grace,” or put more simply, God lived within her. This came naturally because of her upbringing. St. Ann was Mary’s mother, and the elder Ann taught her young daughter to be loving and kind, attentive to God’s Word, and obedient to God’s will. With such a firm foundation, Mary was so favorably disposed to God that when the archangel Gabriel appeared to her and said, “You will bear a son,” with deep faith she trustingly replied, “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:31,38). Every Christian mother loves God with all her heart and responds favorably whenever God calls.

Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:35); it was by the grace of God that she conceived. Every conception is a miracle, and every Christian mother knows that she is a partner with God in the ongoing work of creation, deeply aware that her child is a gift from God. As a result, when a Christian woman is blessed with a pregnancy, she rejoices in her child as Mary rejoiced in Jesus, she completes her pregnancy rather than end it in abortion, and cares for her unborn child with good nutrition, medical check ups, and the avoidance of smoking, alcohol, or any drugs that could have a harmful effect.

Once Mary became pregnant, she immediately went to visit Elizabeth, her relative, who also was pregnant (Lk 1:39-45). Christian mothers do not focus solely on themselves and their own families. Instead, they have the marvelous ability to assist relatives and friends who are in need.

Not long after Mary became pregnant, she offered a magnificent prayer to God, one of the most beautiful prayers in all of Scripture, the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55). Mothers who follow Mary’s example are deeply prayerful, and speak to God from their hearts day-by-day.

On the first Christmas Mary gave birth to her Son, and she immediately wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes (Lk 2:7), and thereby cared for his physical needs. Christian mothers care for their children’s physical needs as they feed them, clothe them, change their diapers, rock them to sleep, take them to doctor’s appointments, and nurse them through illness.

Several weeks after Jesus was born, Mary, along with her husband Joseph, presented their newborn Son Jesus to the priest in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38). By doing this, Mary consecrated Jesus to God, she acknowledged that God had a plan for her Son and agreed to do everything in her power to cooperate course of tragic events, to offer love and support in whatever way they can.
How is Mary the greatest role model for Christian Mothers?

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Next, evil King Herod tried to kill Jesus, so Mary fled to Egypt to protect her son (Mt 2:13-15). Christian mothers keep their children away from evil forces that could harm them: violent or abusive adults, undisciplined playmates, and bad television programs, to name a few.

Mary and Joseph took their son Jesus to the synagogue in Nazareth each week in observance of the Sabbath (Lk 4:16), and they took him to the Temple in Jerusalem once a year for Passover (Lk 2:41). For Mary, regular church attendance was automatic. Mothers who follow Mary’s example go to Mass each week, and they take their children with them, because it is so important to pray with others and be connected to other faith-filled families.

The gospel says that Jesus was obedient to Mary (Lk 2:51), which implies that Mary was firm and demanding with her Son. Christian mothers do not let their children do whatever they want, but have high standards for Christian conduct, have a set of house rules, and insist upon them.

When Jesus was crucified, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and suffered with him (Jn 19:25). She never abandoned her child, even during adulthood, particularly when things were at their worst. This sort of enduring love is exemplary for Christian mothers. Children get into trouble, sometimes for the right reasons, sometimes not, as children or as adults. Mothers like Mary stand with their children throughout life, especially when things go bad, even if they are unable to alter the course of tragic events, to offer love and support in whatever way they can.

About Father Michael Van Sloun

Father Michael Van Sloun is pastor of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata, Minn. As a former school principal, high school instructor and athletic coach, he has always been a teacher. He now teaches the faith as a homilist, Bible study leader, retreat director, pilgrimage guide and author of numerous articles.

STATE CONVENTION REMINDERS

Here are a few friendly reminders for donations for the State Convention in June.

1. Each court is also responsible to bring (2) door prizes—wrapped or in a gift bag with your court name.
2. Please submit any resolutions as soon as possible to our State Regent, Linda Peck, P.O. Box 93, Fruita, CO 81521
3. Please remember that your local court is responsible to help with donations for the convention bags. Please plan on providing 75 items for attendees.

Some suggestions:

⇒ Pens and/or pencils (w/court name & number—optional)
⇒ Blank note pads
⇒ Book marks
⇒ Prayer cards
⇒ Hand sanitizer
⇒ Lotion
⇒ Lip balm
⇒ Handmade items
⇒ Stickers

News Alert!!!

Did you know that in 2025 the Colorado State Board will be celebrating 100 years!

We also have three courts that will have and will be celebrating 100 years right around that same time frame!

Can you guess who they are?

Remember it is at State convention bids are presented courts interested hosting the next State Convention take place. Don’t miss this milestone opportunity for courts to possibly work together for a GRAND CELEBRATION!
ATTENTION ALL PAST REGENTS!

Ladies, shortly an invitation to all Past Regents will be sent to you. **DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE FUN** we will have at our Biennial Business Meeting set for Friday, June 9, 2023, prior to the opening of the State Convention in Grand Junction. We will be renewing old friendships, voting on new officers and voting on a Bylaw Amendment, submitted at the 2021 State Convention. Then we will all enjoy a wonderful lunch together. Lunch will end soon enough that we can still have Communion at the Opening Mass set for 1:00 pm.

Please return your meal reservation to me, your dues (only $6 for TWO YEARS), a list of all deceased members of your court (please indicate if she was a Regent), and any email or phone or mailing addresses you may have had in the last two years.

**Deadline: May 15, 2023.**

**I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PAST REGENTS CLUB OF COLORADO!**

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