Welcome back to a brand-new year! Can you believe that it is already September. The summer just flew by! I am so looking forward to working with you all this year, God willing. All 5 of your State Board members attended the National Officers Conference in Paradise Valley, Arizona this summer. It was such a spiritually uplifting experience! We learned so much about how to do our jobs. Our brains are stuffed full of ideas and things that we are excited to share with you at our State Workshop. Save the date and make plans to come to the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs June 24-26, 2022. Plans are being made to make it a spiritual, fun, and educational experience with lots of fellowship and giggles!! Our next State Convention will be in Grand Junction June 2-4, 2023. Thank you to Court Mount of the Holy Cross for hosting it. We did not get the bid to host the National Convention in 2024. Louisiana is going to be the host state for it. They are excited about hosting the Convention. As you are starting your new year, please remember to prepare standing rules and a budget for approval by the members of your court. Financial Reviews will be coming up in October. Be sure to get a roster from National and compare it carefully with your court roster so that you don’t get billed for dues for members who are no longer part of your court. At your September meeting, you should select your Financial Review Committee. Contact your State Representative soon to set the date with her so she can be at your Financial Review. I would like to say a special thank you to the new State Board: Linda Peck, 1st Vice State Regent; Rachel Brown, 2nd Vice State Regent; Sandy Cozad, State Secretary; and Mary Jane Armstrong, State Treasurer. These ladies have already given their time to attend the Conference, and have really stepped forward and gone above and beyond in taking on extra duties to help me through these uncertain days.

I am so excited to be working with you all for the next two years!

Barb Barnes, Colorado State Regent

MISSION STATEMENT:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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.
Message from our National Representative

As I write this message, I am in your lovely state of Colorado visiting our son and his family in Denver. We’re enjoying a little change of pace from packing and unpacking as we move from our home of 36 years into our new house to begin a new journey. So, it’s been a hectic summer. I do hope that all of you are enjoying your summer and some freedoms we all missed last summer. It’s so refreshing to be able to gather in person with our CDA sisterhood.

I am sorry that family events kept me from attending your State Convention. I had been looking forward to it. But you were in good hands with National Director, Barb Jensen. She gave me a report and said that your convention went well and was productive. Congratulations.

Last month I had the pleasure of spending some relaxing time visiting with your new Colorado State Board. As we got to know each other, they shared with me their focus and goals as they lead Colorado forward in the 2 years of their term. You are in good hands! Thank you to these dedicated ladies who answered God’s call and said “yes” when asked to serve. Give them your support in whatever way they need you and keep them in your daily prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide them to growth and success for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Colorado.

September is just around the corner and so many of your courts will be gearing up to start a new season. Hopefully, all your court’s will be able to get back to a “normal” schedule with meetings, prayer services/retreats, fund raising, festive events and celebrations. I will be praying for all of you in my daily prayers and mass. May your families be blessed, your courts successful and productive as you serve the Lord in Unity and Charity. Always keep Spirituality first and foremost and the Lord will guide you in the right directions.

We are on the web at:
Catholicdaughterscolorado.org
Prayers

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:


FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:

Barbara Barnes, Colorado State Regent and her family. Barbara has been diagnosed bile duct liver cancer. She is still undergoing tests and will know more after the 1st of September.

For all our Catholic Daughter Sisters and their families who are in need of our prayers.

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For the Church: That the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of the Church, will guide the Church with her maternal love.

For all healthcare workers: That God will renew their strength, keep them safe from the virus, and help them to be signs of hope to all who are ill.

For students as they return to school: That God guide them as they grow in knowledge, skills, and friendships.

For all who have lost homes, jobs, or property to wildfires: That God will give them strength renew their spirits, and open opportunities and resources for them.

Listen to God’s voice that speaks in our hearts

“This is my son, my beloved. Listen to him!” (Mk. 9:7)

How can we recognize his voice? How can we distinguish it among many other voices? How can we tune in to its wavelength? One powerful moment when he speaks to our souls is when we pray. The more we try to love God present in our heart, the more his voice makes itself heard, guiding us from deep within.

Chiara Lubich - Word of Life, March 2000
Highlights from the State Convention

The Catholic Daughters of Colorado 48th Biennial Convention was held June 4th through the 6th, 2021 in Cortez and was hosted by Court Sacred Heart #1606. Their chosen theme was “Mother Mary, Queen of All Saints”. All decorations followed that theme well - although there was a very fun Western theme on that Friday so we all dressed up as cowgirls.
Highlights from the State Convention - Contest Winners!

The following awards were given out during the State Convention. Congratulations to all our winners for a job well done!

Circle of Love, Education: 1st Place, Court Sacred Heart #1606
Circle of Love, Family: 1st Place, Court Our Lady of Peace #2728
Circle of Love, Leadership: 2st Place, Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035
Circle of Love, Legislation: 1st Place, Court Sts. Peter & Paul #2669
Circle of Love, Quality of Life: 1st Place, Court Daughters of St. Monica #2743
Circle of Love, Spirituality: 1st Place, Court St. Anne #1622
Circle of Love, Youth/JDCA: 1st Place, Court St. Anne #1622
  2nd Place, Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941

Father Bill Carmody Pro-Life Award: Court Sacred Heart #1606

Newsletter: 1st Place, Court Our Lady of Peace #2728
  2nd Place, Court Holy Family #1794
  3rd Place, Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941

Website: 1st Place, Court Mount of the Holy Cross #941

New State Charity

During the convention a vote was passed to add Canine Companions as one of our state charities. Carol Drury of Court St. Teresa #980 will be forwarding a packet of information regarding this charity to all Court Regents. Please watch for it.
Highlights from the State Convention - New State Officers

Please welcome our new state officers: State Regent: Barbara Barnes, First Vice State Regent: Linda Peck, Second Vice State Regent: Rachel Brown, State Secretary: Sandy Cozad, State Treasurer: Mary Jane Armstrong, State Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Novack, National Rep: Susan Moné. The Officer Installation Mass was held Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Cortez with Bishop Berg presiding.

REMINDER: Financial Reviews are due in October. Please form your committees during your September meetings and contact your advisor to schedule review dates. Advisors are as follows:

Barbara Barnes: Cortez, Durango and Wheatridge
Mary Jane Armstrong: Sterling, Brighton, Lakewood
Sandy Cozad: Security, Woodland Park
Rachel Brown: La Junta, LaMar, Alamosa
Linda Peck: Grand Junction
National News

The theme for the National Education Contest has been set: “With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26 or “Where is God in my life when I am struggling.”

Please refer to the National Quarterly for more information and contest rules.

The State & Territorial Officer’s Conference was held last July 15-18, 2021 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. The event was well attended and everyone learned a great deal about their new leadership roles as State Officers while having lots of fun.

The next CDA National Convention will take place July 20th through July 24th, 2022 in Beautiful Puerto Rico!
Local Court News

Because of the summer break, not every court had something to submit for this edition of our state newsletter, however, we look forward to news of their events and fundraisers next month.

COURT SANGRE DE CRISTO #1810
The court recently had to change the name of our thrift store which has been in existence for many years and went by name “St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store”. In the summer of 2020, Regent Evelyn Smith received a letter from an organization based out of the Denver area with the same name, so they “politely” asked us to change our name due to copyright issues regarding a logo. So finally the membership voted to change the name to “St. Vinney’s Thrift Store” since that is what people would refer to it as anyway. So, it is now official with our banking information and through the city as well.

COURT STS. PETER & PAUL #2669
Our Court will finally be able to resume our ministries of “Coffee and Donut Sunday” and our parish Pancake Breakfast. We have not been able to have these two ministries since before covid and it is finally time to get back to helping our parish and having all our parishioners get together. Our first Coffee and Donut Sunday will be August 29th in Big Mack of our parish. Our first Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, September 19th after the 7:00am and 10:00am Masses. It is so wonderful to be back to visiting with all our parishioners.

At our next Catholic Daughters next meeting on September 9th, members will discuss all the court functions for the rest of 2021 and for 2022.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743
This court is planning a Parish Festival again this year to include a lunch and dinner from 11am to 8pm. There will be a beer garden and raffle/drawings in the PLC.

They we will be hosting Coffee & Donuts again beginning on August 1st.

The Spiritual Advisor for Court 2743, Deacon Bill has officially retired, however he would like to remain serving as spiritual advisor pending permission from Father Chicas.