



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas



## New Mexico State Court

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### Message from the State Regent



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My Dear Catholic Daughters of New Mexico,

First of all, although a bit late, I want to send out a heartfelt thank you to the hosting courts of our 2019 Fall Retreat which was held at the Parish of Our Lady of Belen on September 27 and 28. The Regents and officers and the members of Court Our Lady of Belen #1359; Court Saint Alice #2666; and Court San Miguel de Socorro #2730 were hardworking, generous and so creative in hosting all the needs of our September Retreat, whose cooperation and willingness to go beyond the required standards was admirable. Their hard work resulted in a perfect and well-thought-out activity filled and productive two days for a meditative Retreat and Training Program. Kudos to Sandra Jacquez, brand new Regent of Court Our Lady of Belen and her Retreat Chairperson, Lillian Zamora, for a job well done. We, the State Court, thank you and all the hosting courts for a wonderful and rejuvenating experience. The Retreat was well attended by officers and members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas courts in New Mexico. We also thank our members who attended the Retreat and Training and hope you enjoyed the presentations. Last, but not least, was the wonderful food that was provided by the Host Courts. THANK YOU!!

*Of much importance*, please take note of the Sanctity of Life Day on January 19, 2020. As your State Chairperson in Legislation, I am hoping for another strong and positive support by all our Catholic Daughters and courts across the state to be active participants during the upcoming legislative session as far as Pro-Life and Abortion and End of Life legislation that might be coming up. Let's be present as much as we can at the hearings or by telephone, letter writing and petition signing. Thank you!

Our First Vice State Regent, Yvette Griego, the State Chairperson for instituting Junior Catholic Daughter Courts (JCDA), is following a mandate from National Office on renewing efforts to create JCDA Courts. I am happy to announce that she is presently working on instituting a third JCDA Court in the Carlsbad area under the sponsorship of Senior Court San Jose #2252.

I want to thank the diligence and attention to responsibilities of District Deputies. This is a very important factor in whether our courts are operating according to the rules and regulations of our Order, Catholic Daughters of the Americas. To be in compliance, local courts must be diligent in arranging for a timely financial review of their financial records. The timely financial review that the District Deputy conducts is an important link to the State Regent on whether a court is on a sound financial standing. It is important to schedule a timely financial review according to the timelines set up: Financial Review shall be completed every six months - during the month of April for the period of October 1 through March 31 – and during the month of October for the period of April 1 through September 30. **(continued on page 3)**

### 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.*

# November 2019: Month of the Holy Souls

November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints’ Day

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls’ Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

All Souls’ Day is a day to pray for all souls. Among Catholics, prayers are offered for those in purgatory, waiting to get into heaven. On All Souls' Day, Catholic churches have a Book of the Dead, in which parishioners have an opportunity to write the names of relatives to be remembered



*Día de Muertos – October 31<sup>st</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

The annual Mexican celebration, Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), is a time when families gather to honor and remember deceased loved ones. It is believed that the souls of the dead return to visit the living families in homes, businesses and cemeteries. The Aztec honored their dead with fiestas and rituals during the harvest season. They viewed death as the beginning of the cycle of seasons and life.

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.  
As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead,  
strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

*For those in our State and Local Courts experiencing illness, we pray:*  
Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[OurCatholicPrayers.com](http://OurCatholicPrayers.com)

*For those in our State and Local Courts experiencing the loss of loved ones, we pray:*  
O sweet mother Mary, who knew the sadness of mourning those your heart loved most, Jesus, your Son, and Joseph, your devoted spouse, pray for us in our time of loss. Amen. [Catholic.org](http://Catholic.org)  
Especially please pray for the souls of our departed Catholic Daughters who have been called to their Heavenly Home: Rita Ruiz, Charter Member of Court St Helen of the Cross in Portales, and Tomasita Martinez and Dolores Trujillo, members of Court Sacred Heart #2242 in Ranchos de Taos.



“Only God could create a path where the son of two sharecroppers from Manning, S.C., could rise to represent the people of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the Congress of the United States of America,” Cummings said in his first speech from the House floor after his April 1996 swearing-in.

“I’ve often said on the floor of the Maryland House of Delegates that our world would be a much better world, and a much better place, if we would only concentrate on the things we have in common, instead of concentrating on our differences,” Cummings said. “It’s easy to find differences, very easy. We need to take more time to find common ground.”

**Elijah Eugene Cummings** (January 18, 1951 – October 17, 2019)

a sharecropper’s son who rose to become a civil rights champion and the chairman of the U.S. House Oversight committee. He represented Maryland’s 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. with his home in Baltimore.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS NEW MEXICO STATE RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2019

HOSTING COURTS: Court Our Lady of Belen #1359, Belen, NM; Court St. Alice #2666, Mountainair, NM; Court San Miguel #2730, Socorro, NM

OUR LADY OF BELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Belen, NM



Our two days spent in Belen were filled with training for our local court officers and all court members. The State Court provided informative guidance for all those in attendance to share with their CDA court members.

A presentation on the three Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, was given by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent, Dr. Catherine Collins. This stressed how the Archangels are important in the history of our salvation, and how they differ from Guardian Angels.



Our National Representative, Connie Dronette, from Georgia, was our guest speaker at the Friday Night Dinner. She also gave a demonstration on the ease of preparing a prayer corner for your Court as well as in your home.

Our thanks to Connie for taking time to join us to share her varied experiences.

Message from the State Regent (*continued from page 1*)

Financial Reviews are due at National Office by November 1 and by May 1. It is the responsibility of the Local Regent to contact the District Deputy to set up the Financial Review. Caution: Courts are to be vigilant in utilizing large amounts in Savings Account to charity. Please ensure that you are mailing your Financial Review form and dues to national office on the date indicated at the bottom of the form. I have received all the Financial Reviews at this time.

In addition, I encourage the District Deputies to complete the interviews on the form by conducting a visit to the Local courts as soon as it is convenient. I have received one such report, and I want to thank her for sending the report of visits to her courts. More information with emphasis on training and technical knowledge for our District Deputies will be provided in the next State Newsletter.

Another note of interest: The Circle of Love Reports have been mailed out to the Local Courts and I am in the process of mailing out the Circle of Love forms to the State Chairperson. I would like to impress upon the Local Regents and Local Chairpersons as well as the State Chairperson on the matter of judging the entries

on the Local level as well as the State level. Please do not use other Catholic Daughters courts or committees to judge the entries that are received. It is recommended that we should be going out into the communities and asking specific people or groups to judge the entries.

I feel that using people in the communities to judge the entries creates a view of what the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are doing within the church and community. We should also publicize our winners in our local newspapers and if at all possible, in the Catholic publication in our state, *People of God*. Use pictures of the winners whenever possible. Thank you for your hard work. Let's make a good showing at our National Convention in Dallas in July 2020.

I want to recognize the brand-new Regent, Crystal Montoya, for Local Court Saint Maurus #2601 in Loving, NM . She is outstanding for stepping up to the plate to take on the role of Regent.



Pictured left to right: Crystal Montoya, Court St. Maurus Regent, Fr. Juan Carlos Ramirez and Sylvia Jimenez, District Deputy.

#### **CDA Sunday Commemoration**

Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." To commemorate CDA Sunday and to carry out those beautiful words of Mother Teresa, Court St. Maurus #2601 of Loving, NM, presented Cristo Rey Mission, a neighboring parish in Malaga, with a beautiful bell & collection basket. For many years, the church would ring a hand-held bell to signify the beginning of Mass. The parishioners were grateful for our act of kindness and the men of the parish immediately made plans to mount the bell on a pillar in the church. It was a special moment for regent Crystal Montoya to be able to present such special gifts to the parish she grew up in.

May you all enjoy a Holy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends or even at a Thanksgiving feast serving those who are homeless or in need. Let us be thankful for the blessings we have received from our Heavenly Father and, in turn, let us share with those in need. Happy Thanksgiving! Advent is approaching.

In Unity and Charity,  
Angela Herrera, Regent  
New Mexico State Court



#### Duties of the State Vice Regents

- ▶ You have been elected by the membership of your state:
  - to ensure that CDA grows in your state
  - to work on problems
  - to build on successes
  - to move your state forward
- ▶ Vice Regents should be aware of all problems/concerns in the court.
- ▶ Vice Regents must study the Bylaws and Tools of the Trade
- ▶ Should be assigned specific duties:
  - Assist the State Regent when requested.
  - Assume the duties of the State Regent in her absence.
  - Assume the office and duties of the State Regent or First Vice State Regent, whichever office is vacated due to resignation, removal, or permanent disability.
  - Represent the state at meetings of the National Court. Expenses may be paid by the State Court.
  - Be informed of all state and national matters.
  - Perform other such duties as may be necessary for transaction of business of the State Court or as directed by the State Regent.

Dates to Remember

November 11: Veterans Day  
 November 28: Thanksgiving  
 January 19, 2020: Sanctity of Life Day  
 January 24, 2020: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life, Washington DC  
 February 1, 2020: Nominations for CDA Woman of the Year due

*Excerpt from CDA September Quarterly Newsletter*  
 ...As you are listening to the Lord for direction this year, ask the Lord to reveal to you the gifts and talents you have not been using. Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Many of us are used to saying, "Oh, no. I could never do that! I'm not strong enough or good enough or young or old enough. I could never lead." But the fact is, you can do more than you ever thought possible if the Lord is leading and supporting you. So, be open. The new CDA year is beginning, and the possibilities are endless! Go to the Lord with open hearts and willing hands, say to the Him, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:9. God's peace and joy be with you.



National Regent



A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND  
 11 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage  
 August 30 - September 9,

From: Albuquerque, NM  
 Price per person: \$4,665  
 Includes: Roundtrip Air, Four Star Hotels, Land Transportation, Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Tips included except for Lunch, Entrance Fees to sites on Itinerary, Daily Masses, Professional Christian English speaking Guide.  
 Pilgrimage led by:  
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 Booking and registration online at [www.lpip.org](http://www.lpip.org).



Be sure to save the date and mark your calendars for the next National Convention for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to be held July 15-19, 2020, at the downtown Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas. There will be tours and lots of stores at which to shop. You can visit the George W. Bush Presidential Library as well as the 6th Floor Museum from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy.

**CDA New Mexico State Officers**

State Regent	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent	State Secretary	State Treasurer	State Chaplain
Angela Herrera	Yvette Griego	Dr. Catherine Collins	Rosie Duran	Jessica Chavez-Lance	Msgr. Anthony Bolman

# Catholic Daughters of The Americas<sup>®</sup>



*Woman of the Year*



## **Who is eligible?**

All adult members of CDA who have made a significant contribution to CDA, to their church, or to their community (local, state, or nation-wide).

## **Who can nominate?**

Individual members, local or state courts, and all members of the National Board

## **How can we nominate? Letter must contain**

### **Nominations**

### **Selection**

### **Submit nominations to**

Send a letter of nomination to the National Regent.

- ◆ What inspired you to nominate this member?
- ◆ Describe this member's work and contributions.
- ◆ Explain the impact of the contribution or project
- ◆ Pictures of the member at work if possible.
- ◆ Add a history of the member's work in CDA

Must be signed, dated, and postmarked or emailed by Feb. 1, 2020 Will be made by ballot of the national board

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