



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Message from the State Regent

My Dear Catholic Daughters of New Mexico,

On April 24, 2019, from five separate areas of our beautiful State of New Mexico, five State Officers from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas loaded their vehicles with robes, suitcases, boxes of files, supplies for presentations, energy snacks (for sure!) and, most of all, stacks of prayer cards that we would hold tight in our hands, prayerfully in anticipation of what we envisioned would be a gathering of women on fire with a burning commitment to our Motto and Mission Statement: to Embrace the principles of our faith by working together through Love for the promotion of justice, equality and advancement of basic human rights and dignity for ALL. This was a somber and reality-driven moment we were all privately experiencing-- I am sure. Do we? Will we? Could we measure up to the commitment we had undertaken--to lead by example for the good of all--to stoke the burning fires of dedication, action and bravery in order to defend and speak for those who cannot do so for themselves in all circumstances? Collectively, with our commitment as Catholic Daughters of the Americas to follow our motto of Unity and Charity, we must dedicate ourselves to this awesome responsibility of love and charity for the lesser of our Brethren. We stand

in earnest dedication to this awesome task of service because we are empowered by the unwavering example set by so many dedicated and strong Catholic Daughters who have gone before us. We are held up by this powerful support base to step up and harness the catapult of change and innovation brought in by the future leaders of our organization. This is an exciting time, a challenging environment; but at the same time, it is the same message: "Unity and Charity".

We would not be disappointed in the innovative and exciting venue which was presented to us by the hosting committees of Court Santa Cruz and Court Our Lady of Fatima. I want to thank you for a job well done. I commend the attendance of our members at the convention. Most of all, we had the honor of hosting our National Regent, Olga Samaniego and her husband, Ismael at this Convention.

I ask for your continued support to continue to make our organization strong in leadership and service according to our motto of service: "we promise to strive to work through Love in the promotion of justice, equality, and advancement of human rights and dignity for all."

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

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.

Dear Catholic Daughters of New Mexico,

First, I would like to extend our gratitude to Court Santa Cruz #1293 Las Cruces Court and Court Our Lady of Fatima #1298 Roswell; we appreciate all the hard work and time that went into organizing a very successful State Convention. Thank you, ladies.

As your State CDA Board begins a new term 2019-2021, we have hit the ground running. We will continue to keep everyone informed on the happenings in Catholic Daughter throughout New Mexico. We are currently working on a Website and State officers have new emails strictly for Catholic Daughters which will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

New Mexico Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) is off to a great start, we now have 2 courts instituted, the first one in Belen and the 2nd one in Santa Rosa. Carlsbad and Las Vegas will hopefully be instituting a JCDA court in the near future. It is very exciting to watch these young girls so enthusiastic to belong to something great as Catholic Daughters. We have to continue to pray and prepare for the future of CDA. If any Local Court is interested in starting Junior Catholic Daughters in your area or if you would like more information on JCDA, please contact me at my new email address: ygriego@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org Or on my cell 575-799-5189. I look forward to instituting many more JCDA courts in NM.

May God Blessing be upon you throughout the summer,

Yvette Griego
1st Vice State Regent
NM JCDA State Chairman

MARK your Calendar ✓

**The next NEW MEXICO STATE
RETREAT/WORKSHOP will be
held in Belen on
September 27 and 28, 2019.
More information will soon
be provided.**

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

We have much to be grateful for as we approach the summer. I know many of your courts will be in recess for the summer months and members will be looking forward to enjoying the long evenings with family and friends.

I want to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve as your New Mexico State Secretary for the last four years and for electing me to serve as your current New Mexico CDA 2nd Vice State Regent for the next two years. It will be my pleasure to continue serving this office and our courts of New Mexico to the best of my ability. Do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to visit your courts.

My deepest gratitude goes to the 2019 State Convention Hosting Courts for their outstanding job, dedication, and time in preparing and planning for this successful convention. Thank you, ladies. May you receive many blessings for your unselfish dedication to Catholic Daughters.

As you take some time off this summer to be with family and friends, I pray that as you rest, you take some time to reflect and to spend time discerning **“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening,”** so that when we return in the Fall, we can all continue to hear the Lord’s messages to each of us.

God bless you all.

Dr. Catherine Collins
NM State Second Vice Regent

Happy Summer! I am so grateful and blessed to serve as your State Secretary for the 2019-2021 term. I hope to get to know all about my CDA sisters throughout the beautiful state of New Mexico. My position will bring me much closer to you as I will be handling membership, financial reports, minutes and dues. As we begin our new term please remember I am here to serve you and our State board with whatever is needed.

Your Sister in Christ,

Rosie Duran

State Secretary



Prayer for a Trip

O God, You called Abraham Your servant out of Ur and kept him safe and sound in all his wandering. We humbly ask You to protect us Your servants. Be for us a support when setting out, friendship along the way, a little shade from the sun, a safeguard in time of danger, and a haven in shipwreck.

Bear us up in fatigue and defend us under attack. Under Your protection, let us fulfill the purpose for our trip and return safe and sound to our home.

copied from [Catholic Book of Prayers](#)

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with great appreciation and respect that I have been bestowed the honor of serving as your State Treasurer. Thank you to the 2019 State Convention Hosts, Court Santa Cruz #1298 and Court Our Lady of Fatima #1293. Ladies, the countless hours of preparation paid off. Brava! Job well done.

As we begin our summer journey of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation, I ask everyone to "ask not what your court can do for you, but what can you do for your court". Can you help with recruitment? Can you help with the phone tree? Can you gently remind your court officers of upcoming programs or other traditional events? Yes! We all have room to improve as members of a court and as officers in our court. United we are CDA. We are all in this organization for various reasons, and what keeps us together is Unity & Charity. Let us continue to Unite with one another, all while raising up our charitable efforts to a higher level.

I look forward to working with each of you and I am always available to you. I leave you with a favorite quote of mine by Maya Angelou.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style"

Many Blessing,

Jessica Chavez-Lance

New Mexico State Court Treasurer

Dates to Remember

July 18-20: State & Territorial Officers Conference

September 27-28: Annual NM State Workshop and Retreat

October 6: Respect Life Sunday

October 20: CDA Sunday

October 26: Make a Difference Day

October 29-November 2: White Ribbons Against Pornography Week



Catholic Daughters of the Americas[®] National Projects



Catholic Daughters of the Americas[®] National Charities

1. Apostleship of the Sea
2. Catholic Relief Services
3. Covenant House
4. Disaster Relief
5. Catholic Extension
6. Missionaries of Charity
7. National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
8. Pontifical North American College
9. Tutwiler Clinic
10. Smile Train

Let's keep in mind ways to support these programs so important to the welfare of so many.



Please, as we all go about our daily business and family matters, say a special prayer for our sister Catholic Daughter and District Deputy Louisa Rodrigues. She has been recovering from an injury to her leg. However, she was hospitalized a few days regarding fluid in her lungs. She is home now. Call her and give her encouragement.

If anyone is having health problems, etc. please let us know so we can all rally with encouragement and prayers to them and their families.
Thank you and God Bless you all!



33rd Biennial State Convention Las Cruces, New Mexico April 26, 27, and 28, 2019

**Hosted by Court Our Lady of Fatima #1293 and
Court Santa Cruz #1298**

Installation of State Officers for the 2019-2021 term.

CDA New Mexico State Officers

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

National Regent's Message



Olga Samaniego
National Regent



MY DEAR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS,
Welcome to spring! Everything is blooming and growing. I hope each court is blooming and growing, too. You have come through a very harsh winter, and you have been doing a wonderful job taking care of God's people. I would also like to encourage you to keep up the good work. That's what I would like to do, but I am afraid asking you to keep up what you are doing, isn't going to be enough in the days to come. If you are alert to what is going on around you, you know that we are facing some challenges. Our society is in a difficult place. Our church is hurting. We are at war on many fronts. We face a war on poverty and a war on the poor and on the refugees from wars. We face a war on drugs and a war on violence. We face a war for the souls of our children—for the soul of our country. During times of war, CDA has always stepped up to the plate. I am asking you, once again, to step up—to respond not only by continuing to do all the good things that you have been doing, but also by doing more.

Now, I know what you are thinking, because I think it, and I even say it, too. "How can I do more? I am busy—I work; I have children and grandchildren to raise. I volunteer with CDA; there are only so many hours in the day." I understand that we are already busy, so I don't really mean that we should be doing more *things*; I mean that we all need to doing things in a more *purposeful* way. We need to look more deeply at the way we are responding to our call to service. We don't want to be doing things because we've always done them—even if they are good things. We need to be looking at everything that we do as a court and as individuals, and we need to determine not only why we are doing something but also taking note of how we are completing each task.

Our call to service changes over the years. We need to be asking what the Lord is asking of our court **today**. Where would He like us to be involved? Often time, courts don't take time to determine what it is that they are being called to do. Because of that, they lose sight of whom they are really serving—they forget that in everything they do, whether it is providing meals or raising funds, they are serving God, so, they lose their strength, they lose interest, and they lose their commitment. There is no power in their service, and soon some members begin to drift away.

We need to listen for the Lord's guidance together. We need to spend time in Eucharistic adoration together. Whatever the Lord is calling our court to do, He will prepare us to do. He equips us for the service to which we are called. Asking for guidance is a prayer that is always answered. After praying and listening to God together, **then and only then** do we set our projects and our goals.

Once we determine what the Lord would have us do, we each need to take a close look at ourselves as individuals to determine how we are fulfilling our tasks. Every single time we feel called to undertake something, we need to understand the complete purpose of the project. If we are called to provide meals for shut-ins, are the meals the whole task or is there more? Is the time that we spend with the person we are feeding as important as the meal itself? Are we being called to feed a person's spirit in addition to feeding his or her body? If we are called to work with the children of the parish in CCD, is teaching them about their faith enough, or are we being called to show them a person of faith? Are we being called to teach them to pray or are we being called to show them a person of prayer? As we are teaching them about God, are they seeing God in each of us?

I saw this written on the internet somewhere, and it has really stayed with me. "We need to do more than give people a message—we need to be the message." Now more than ever, the world needs Catholic Daughters. Now more than ever, we need to be witnesses of God's love for His people. We need to light the path toward God and help others to find Him. I have complete faith in the women of CDA to fulfill God's call!

National Chaplain's Message Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

The Bread Lies Under the Snow

In the spring of 1963, St. Pope John XXIII was in the final stages of his life. Someone asked him during that time whether he would regret not living to see the fruit of so much of his work as Pope. The story goes that he responded with a story from his childhood on the farms among the mountains of northern Italy: "the bread lies under the snow."

In the land where he was born and raised the winters were extremely tough. The snow piled up, the sun shone less, and the wind blew hard in between the hills. The farmers who were his family realized in the darkest part of the year that the snow would provide the water to nourish the ground to support the growth of the seed that had been planted before the winter. The packed-in snow also protected the seed from being blown away by the howling wind. The seed would become the wheat which would be harvested and become the source of the bread that would nourish them through the dark days of winter. The childhood memory taught the listener about the connection among the seasons of nature, and the seasons of life. Pope John XXIII knew that he would die one day soon, and he also radiated hope that the good fruits of his labor



Bishop Brendan J. Cahill
National Chaplain

would continue to blossom with new life after his death.

The good fruits of our labor continue to blossom, and sometimes we are blessed to see these fruits. Here we are in the spring-time and the signs of new life and growth are all around us.

New members of the Church have committed their lives to Christ and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In our churches we are preparing for First Communions and Confirmations and celebrating the Easter season and Pentecost. Catechists, sponsors, musicians, servers, lectors, and so many other parishioners offer their gifts to provide new life through the sacraments of the Church. We have a new energy and a quickened step to get things done – the entire Church blossoms in this season.

As active Catholic Daughters we've known that the rhythm of the Church reflects the rhythm of nature, and that "the bread lies under the snow." May you and your families be especially blessed in this season, to see the beauty of new life blossoming all around you and to radiate hope to anyone who may feel overwhelmed by darkness this day.

+Brendan