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***“Let all you do be done with love”***

1 Corinthians 16:14

**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.

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#1298***

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Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! I pray that this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and ready for a year filled with love and many blessings. Over the course of 2020, the NM Courts lost 30 members statewide. I hope that if you were not able to log in to the memorial service on the 31st, that you will watch the rerun on the NM CDA State FB page. I believe it will also be posted on the NM State court website.

I pray that 2021 will finally allow us to meet in person, but if not, that more members will log on to the virtual meetings on Zoom. We will continue our work despite the inability to meet in person. The court continues with the monthly donations as usual to our designated charities. We will also be meeting in the month of January/February to set the new budget for the year. Please remember our budget is a guideline for our court. We want to meet the needs of our Court and our religious community, while being good stewards of the money that is raised. During our January meeting, we will again tackle the issue of investing the money member Marilyn Steffel left for the court. The committee will be ready with a recommendation, and we have had some new developments since our last meeting.

I recently attended a funeral and was so touched by the message Fr. Mark gave from Odessa, Texas. He shared that he read on a hospital wall once, and it stayed with him. It read, “What we do for ourselves, dies when we die. However, what we do for others, lives far passed our lives....”, I found that saying to be so profound and touches much of what our Court does.

May the Blessing of the Lord be upon you.

In Unity and Charity,  
Bernadette Pina Garcia  
Regent

“it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving”

--Mother Theresa

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** Please keep our CDA members that are homebound, that are recovering from surgeries, who are suffering from cancer or any other health concerns, pray for those that may be lonely and may not have the ability to venture out of their homes due to the epidemic. Also please keep in your prayers all those that have contracted the virus and recovered and those that have passed away due to Covid-19. We also continue to pray for our members who have passed away this year; Marie Therese Holguin, Corrine Luchini, and Cuca Silva, also her daughter Irene Silva Bowers who at one time was a member of our Court.

**Prayer:**

Jesus! I believe that You came into the world for sinners; that You came to heal mankind. I believe You are the Divine Physician, and that You can cure all of our ills. I believe in Your words: *Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.* Heal, Lord Jesus!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**First Saturday Rosary - 10:00 am at St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church:**

Dedicated for Peace, Family, Life, and Vocations—and any other intentions we may have. Please wear purple top. Please view on Facebook page when unable to attend.

**IHM Perpetual Adoration Chapel:** Court Santa Cruz continues Adoration on Sunday’s from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please plan to participate in this very spiritual and blessed hour with Jesus. Adoration is held in the church, the Blessed Sacrament is on the Altar, you may enter through the side door using the key code or you may enter through the church doors during the day.

**LAST QUARTER Events: (October, November, December)**

**October 3** – First Saturday Rosary at St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church, 10:00am. Wear your Purple top. Please pray along with us through our CDA Facebook page when unable to attend.

October 4 – Respect Life Sunday

October 7



**October 15** – Semi-Annual Financial Review, 6:00pm at DD Rose Mary Medina’s home.

**October 18** - National CDA Day:  
*Congratulation to Rebecca Archuleta CDA of the Year Ct. Santa Cruz*

**October 19** - Regular CDA Virtual Meeting 5:30pm.

**October 24** – National Make A Difference Day



**October 31** – Happy Halloween



## November 1 - All Saints Day - Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen. Read more at:

at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/prayer-saints-day>

## November 2 – All Souls Day

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home, and within my family.

Amen

## November 3 – Election Day (Pray taken from National Newsletter)

### Oración para el tiempo de elecciones presidenciales

O Señor nuestro, Padre justo y amoroso, te damos gracias por el precioso don de la vida que está gravemente amenazada por la cultura de la muerte.

Conscientes de los peligros que nos afrontan en este momento, te pedimos nos guíes para elegir a los líderes que nuestra nación verdaderamente necesita:

- Líderes con la sabiduría para discernir Su plan providencial,
- Líderes que entiendan la fragilidad de la condición humana,
- Líderes que enseñen a nuestros ciudadanos a respetar la ley,
- Líderes con la fortaleza de enfrentarse con gracia a suspositores
- Líderes con el conocimiento de los verdaderos derechos humanos
- Líderes cuya piedad los haga consciente de sus propios límites
- Y líderes cuyo temor reverencial les advierta de su juicio moral.

Oramos para que los derechos inalienables de la vida, la libertad, y la búsqueda de la felicidad, prometidos por nuestros precursores sean conservados, protegidos, y defendidos para todos, especialmente para aquellos más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad.

Que el Señor misericordioso nos sostenga en nuestra lucha por vivir en paz como una nación bajo Dios. Amén.

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### A PRAYER TO MARY AT ELECTION TIME

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care and beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son.

Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

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November 16 - Regular CDA Virtual Meeting 5:30pm. Memorial Service for our Deceased Members

## November 26 – Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything thy goodness sends.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

December 5 – Christmas Social/Corporate Communion at IHM Cathedral 5:30 pm mass. More information will be presented at a later date.

## December 8 – Prayer to Our Lady Immaculate

Most holy Virgin, who wast pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage.

The wicked serpent, against whom was hurled the first curse, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Do thou, then, O Blessed Mother, our queen and advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of the enemy, receive the prayers which, united with thee in our single heart, we implore thee to present at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares which are laid out for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in so many dangers, may the Church and Christian society sing once again the hymn of deliverance and of victory and of peace. Amen. (EWTN)

#### **December 12 - Pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mystical Rose, make intercession for holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your

most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen. (EWTN)

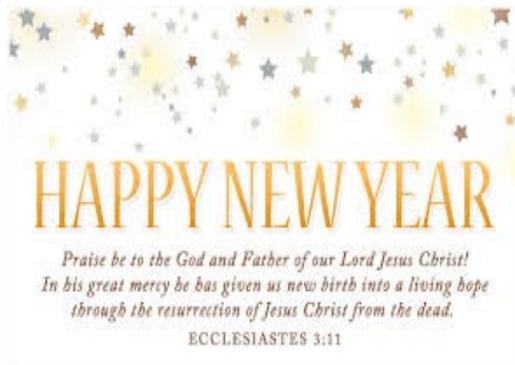
#### **December 25 - Merry Christmas**

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen. (Catholic online)



**Next Quarter Events: (January, February, March)**



**January 1, 2021 The Octave Day of Christmas – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**



**January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord**



**January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 18** - Regular CDA Virtual Meeting 5:30pm.

**January 20** – Sanctity of Life – Virtual Novena’s through CDA Facebook Page

**January 28 & 29** – Pro-Life Mass and March, Washington D.C. Televised on EWTN

**February 14 – Jr. CDA Sunday and St. Valentine’s Day**



**February 15** – Regular CDA Virtual Meeting 5:30pm/Presidents Day

**February 16** – Strove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)

**February 17** – Ash Wednesday

**March 1** - Seminary Fund Due to State Secretary

**March 15** – Regular CDA Virtual Meeting 5:30pm

**March 15** - Newsletter Due to Bonnie Montoya/ Circle of Love Due to Designated Chairs (postmarked)

**March 17** – St. Patrick's Day



**March 28**



**State News:** (Taken from State Regents December 2020 State Newsletter)

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the first ever Virtual State Retreat/Workshop held in September. It was not without glitches, but we overcame the technical difficulties and were able to offer a thorough training of the various local offices. We greatly appreciate the dedication of our NM membership to Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

A huge thank you to everyone who led a Rosary for Peace in our Nation during the month of October up to Election Day. We appreciate everyone who logged in to pray along with us. Thank you to Kathryn Lara and her daughter Sophia, who led the rosary on several occasions; it was genuinely appreciated.

Call to convention is enclosed in this newsletter, as required by By-Laws of the Order. I would like to express that our main concern is the health and welfare of our members. Should the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions still be in place during convention time, the business session

of the State Convention will be held online and through the mail. Until further notice, the planning and preparations of the 34th Biennial State Convention will continue as usual.

Let us continue to pray daily for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and safety of all our members. State Officers have continued to lead in prayer the daily novena, please join us on our Facebook page during the noon

hour. Let us also offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the re-opening of our Message from the State Regent (*continued*)

Churches in the Santa Fe Diocese and keep Archbishop John C. Wester in our prayers during the time of pandemic. *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)*

Ladies, make sure to reach out to friends and members by calling them, just to say hi. Your Sister in Christ,

Yvette Griego,  
New Mexico State Regent

**National News:** (Taken from National Regent's Message November Newsletter)

My dear Catholic Daughters,

It is with a humble joy filled heart I can announce that the 2020-2022 National Board was installed during a beautiful Mass in Des Moines, Iowa. All Covid19 precautions were observed including masks, social distancing and a very limited number of attendees. Thanks to the outstanding Iowa State Court, including their spouses, the Mass and Reception were available online. I was honored that Past National Regents Claudia Bosch, Shirley Seyfried, Helene Shepard and Immediate Past National Regent Olga Samaniego could attend. Thank you for the beautiful cards and Masses I received from so many courts. May God continue to bless you.

Our first National Board meeting was held before the Installation Mass. It was a time of getting to know each other and making plans for the next two years. This is an outstanding board of Catholic Daughters who are excited to work together and make the best better. Please continue to pray for all of us. Prayers are so powerful and especially prayers from our sisters in Christ.

S.O.A.R (Support Our Aging Religious) was originally planned for September 17, 2020 but became a virtual event rather than an attended event. I was most honored to represent the Catholic Daughters during the virtual event. Thank you for your continued support for the women and men who have given their love and lives to Jesus.

The "Fun D" calendar have been sent to you. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to fulfill our Mission Statement. Hopefully, YOU will be a winner!

In the past several months, many of our sisters have experienced disasters in their states. California, Oregon, Louisiana, and Iowa have suffered from fires, hurricanes and unusual weather causing much

harm to homes, schools, and businesses. Thanks to your generosity, checks were sent to the bishop of each diocese affected to help with the many losses suffered. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Included in this National Quarterly is information on the workshop for state and territorial officers, the March for Life on January 29, 2021, and a beautiful prayer service for Advent.

May you continue to share the gifts you have as we enter this advent season and the Christmas holidays. God bless us, everyone!  
Sherry



<b>January</b>		<b>February</b>		<b>March</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
03	Debbie Ortega	01	Cathy Lindsay	05	Diana Galla
05	Amelia Davis	15	Yvonne Bower	06	Vicky Pena
07	Lucille Garcia	15	Belen Holguin	12	Martha A. Garcia
14	Aida Gomez	28	Juanita Bustamante	21	Martha R. Garcia
15	Gloria Galaz			22	Vita Montano
16	Vangie Cuaron			22	Minerva Zamora
21	Amy Apodaca			24	Bernadette Garcia
22	Patricia Messigner				
25	Martha Lucero				
31	Virginia Huber				

