



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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## “QUI HABITAT” ~ PSALM 91

My dear Sisters in Christ,

As we embark on a new leadership term at the state level, many organizational changes will occur, and many will stay the same. One of the gifts that members of our organization possess that our strength is based on is FAITH. I am always humbled and astounded by the testament of faith and strength I see in my CDA sisters. You inspire me to be the best Christian that I can be. It seems so appropriate that our National Regent Emily Guilherme’s motto, “Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains” – Matthew 17:2 was chosen.

It is such a challenge to remain faithful when there is so much around us that happens that makes it very difficult to stay faithful and hopeful in these times. As CDA sisters and warriors for Christ, we are under constant attack in our work for Christ. As Catholic Christian women, we must stand together, advocate, and speak up for the Catholic Church and our faith, beliefs, and values.



My theme for the next two years is “Qui Habitat” better known as Psalm 91. This Psalm is a psalm of protection and is invoked in times of hardship. We need this in our world today more than ever.

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### Mission Statement of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world. 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.



***Please join me in praying Psalm 91 daily:***

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty,
- 2 Say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”
- 3 He will rescue you from the fowler’s snare, from the destroying plague,
- 4 He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge;  
his faithfulness is a protecting shield.
- 5 You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
near you it shall not come.
- 8 You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see.
- 9 Because you have the LORD for your refuge and have made  
the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent.
- 11 For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go.
- 12 With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You can tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon.
- 14 Because he clings to me I will deliver him; because he  
knows my name I will set him on high.
- 15 He will call upon me and I will answer; I will be with him in distress;  
I will deliver him and give him honor.
- 16 With length of days I will satisfy him,  
and fill him with my saving power.

The state board has taken some time off this summer to rest and recoup from the Convention and to allow us to pray and think through our next steps for the next two years. We have secured a location for our State Retreat; it will be at Elks Lodge, which was renovated in Belen, NM, on September 22 and 23, 2023. We are working on finding hotel accommodations and keynote speakers. We will have our tentative agenda sent out within the next few weeks. We are heading to the Franciscan Renewal Center this week for our State Officer Retreat and Training; please keep us in your prayers and we always pray for all of our CDA sisters!

God bless you all,  
***Rosie Duran***  
NM CDA State Regent



# Unity and Charity

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas of New Mexico,

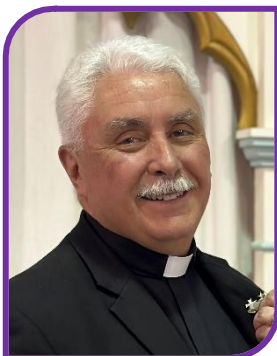
As your new Chaplain for New Mexico, I look forward to working with you for the next two years. I enjoyed my installation at San Miguel Catholic Church in Socorro on May 5<sup>th</sup> where I met outgoing chaplain Fr. Angelo Marquez. May he be a blessing for his Holy Trinity flock in Arroyo Seco near Taos.

I have been connected with Court Santa Cruz #1298 in Las Cruces since about 2009 when I was rector of the Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla. Several times I accepted an invitation to offer Mass for these Catholic Daughters before their regularly scheduled meetings. Afterward, I would often join them in the hall for a bit of food and fellowship before leaving to allow these women to conduct business. It was during this time that I learned that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are the female counterpart of the Knights of Columbus. Being a Fourth Degree Knight myself I immediately found a spiritual connection with these ladies and understand very well your motto of *Unity and Charity*.

I am a native New Mexican and born on my dad's birthday on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Las Cruces. My dad always said that I was his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday present! Both my parents, Ralph and Priscilla (who are now deceased) are from up north. Dad was born in Santa Fe and my mom in a little town between Los Alamos and Pojoaque called El Rancho. I have roots in both the northern and southern parts of the state. I love New Mexico. It is truly the Land of Enchantment or as I like to say, the Land of Ennnchiladas!

Although Spanish was my parents first language, they did not teach it to me or any of my four siblings. In their day, they could get in trouble and even get their mouth taped over for speaking Spanish at school. My mom, who always liked to talk, would joke that she always had tape over her mouth. I did however, learn a little bit of Spanish from my mom like "cállate la boca" and from my dad like asking me to bring him his "chopos." I do know a bit more Spanish but know that I speak more than I understand.

When growing up, we lived in Las Cruces, Roswell, Albuquerque and Clovis and finally in Omaha, Nebraska. I lived there for four years of high school before returning to New Mexico to attend NMSU where I majored in Secondary Ed and taught math for two years in Las Cruces and Anthony before joining the seminary for the Diocese of Las Cruces. Since priestly ordination on August 6, 1988, I have served as pastor in Ruidoso, Deming, Mesilla and Las Cruces and will retire in about six years – si Dios quiere – when I plan to help out in parishes for priests who need to be away.



I look forward to being your State Chaplain and helping you grow spiritually as well as working with Rosie Duran as State Regent, Crystal Montoya as First Vice Regent, Priscilla Bustos as Second Vice Regent, Bernadette Garcia as State Secretary and Debbie Maestas as State Treasurer. We all need your constant prayers and be assured of mine.

God bless you all,  
**Father Richard Catanach**  
NM CDA State Chaplain



*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

*Philippians 4:13*

I have come to the realization that we are blessed to have so many faithful members in our New Mexico Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts. It was great to see so many members attend and participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention. The Convention was a well-planned and well-organized convention. Many thanks to the hard work of State Regent Catherine Collins and State Officers, along with the four Host Courts.



Our State is fortunate to have dedicated members step in and run for a State Office. Congratulations to the Newly Elected State Officers! I know you will continue to build and develop our membership throughout the state.

As Immediate Past State Regent, I was honored to attend our State Biennial Convention held in Taos, NM. It was a privilege to work with our National Supervisor Susan Hicks, as she allowed me to shadow her on all the various aspects during convention. Susan is a veteran National Director and generous with her knowledge of all things CDA. This enabled me to supervise as National Director the other State Conventions with confidence.

As National JCDA Chairman, it was an honor to be invited to the Institution of Lady of the Morning Star Junior Catholic Daughters Court in Los Lunas. Another new JCDA Court, Our Lady of the Meadows was instituted Saturday, June 3, 2023, in Las Vegas, NM. Keep up the good work ladies. Congratulations on leading the charge in instituting new JCDA Courts. Junior Catholic Daughters are the future of CDA!

Your Sister in Christ,  
***Yvette Griego***  
National Director



Dearest Sisters,

It is truly an honor for me to serve New Mexico CDA as First Vice State Regent. I am so grateful for this opportunity and thankful for your support.

Our theme is such a beautiful prayer of safety and reassurance of God's promise and protection. God invites us to find our hope, salvation, and refuge in Him. It is all about dwelling in safety and security. When we are tired, afraid, or sad, we all want a place to go where we can find rest and peace. When we feel lonely, we need a shelter and we all need our safe places. We can take refuge in the presence of the Lord, knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love. I encourage you to read and reflect on Psalm 91 any chance you get. Every time I read it, I am reminded to always allow God to be my refuge and shelter, for He is our dependable Protector and Comforter.



I ask for your prayers for the CDA membership, and please know that I am praying for each of you, too. May our Blessed Mother be our model in all we do and say and may we use the talents God has blessed us with for the greater good of CDA. I am looking forward to seeing you in September! My most favorite times are the ones I get to spend with my CDA sisters!

Love and blessings,  
***Crystal Montoya***  
NM CDA First Vice State Regent

My Dear Sisters,

Hopefully you and your families are doing well and are in good health. As we begin our next two (2) years, I am so honored and grateful to have been elected to the position of Second Vice Regent. The last two years as your State Treasurer have been a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to the next two years. I am very hopeful that we will be visiting many courts around the State. It is always such a great honor when we get to share fellowship with our CDA sisters.



If I can be of any assistance to you, please never hesitate to reach out. If you have a problem that I can help you with I will try my best or get you the help you may need.

All my prayers,  
***Priscilla Bustos***  
NM CDA Second Vice State Regent



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am honored and humbled to have been elected to the NM State CDA Court. Initially, as the State Treasurer and then asked to serve as the State Secretary after Esther Bargas resigned. We wish her well in her future endeavors and pray for her and her family always, as she moves to Oklahoma. Since the 2023 State Convention in April, CDA life has been non-stop with meetings, instituting new JCDA courts, receiving and recording Court dues, filing semi-annual financial reports, along with adding new members to the courts. I'm truly enjoying all the communication. I look forward to travelling to the different courts around the state, with my fellow state officers, and getting to know everyone personally. May God Bless you and keep you in his care. The next two years are going to be wonderful as we continue to grow in Unity and Charity as Catholic Daughters.



Sincerely,

***Bernadette Pina Garcia***

NM CDA State Secretary

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am so humbled and grateful to have been appointed as your State Treasurer for the next two years. We will all miss Esther Bargas, may Oklahoma welcome her with open arms and see her as the precious treasure she is. These last few weeks have been filled with excitement, growth, and change. I look forward to visiting each of you and your courts during the next two years.



I ask that you keep us, the NM State Court Officers as well as your Local Court Officers in prayer as we guide our sisterhood into the future. Remember that we are all human and we make mistakes, be kind, loving and forgiving to each other. Charity and Unity are what has brought us together in this sisterhood, may we continue to grow closer together in our faith through Our Lord Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother Mary.

May God bless you and your families,

***Debbie A Maestas***

NM CDA State Treasurer



# Convention Recap







**SAVE THE DATE**



**STATE RETREAT  
& WORKSHOP**

**BATTLE READY!**



**ARMED & FAITHFUL**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON!**

# NM JCDA Updates

THE FUTURE OF CDA!



NM JCDA Courts

Our Lady of the Most  
Holy Rosary #1359  
Belen

Immaculate Heart  
of Mary #2276  
Santa Rosa

La Rosa de  
Guadalupe #2252  
Carlsbad

Our Lady Queen of  
Heaven #1298  
Las Cruces

Our Lady of the  
Morning Star #2594  
Los Lunas

Our Lady of the  
Meadows #1301  
Las Vegas

*The question  
about having a  
JCDA court isn't,  
"Why?" but,  
"Why not?!"*



Our Lady of the Morning Star #2594  
institution in Los Lunas.



Our Lady of the Meadows #1301  
institution in Las Vegas.