

## **March 2007 Newsletter**

Dear Officers, Chaplains and Members,

Upon receiving this mailing, we will have entered into the season of Lent. This is a time to enhance our Christian life with prayer, self-denial and acts of charity. Lent provides us an opportunity to renew our awareness of our union with our Lord and rely on our prayers to help us strengthen our love and hope for peace within all humankind and ourselves. May your observance of this Holy Season serve to open your heart so you may embrace the joy of the Resurrection.

I am sure your State Convention plans are now in full swing. I hope your convention agenda provides time for spiritual, motivational, informational and fun activities. It is a wonderful time to renew friendships and make new acquaintances. This is one, of many, reasons I look forward to the National Convention as it provides an opportunity to see my Catholic Daughter Sisters from all over the country. My best wishes for a successful convention!

### **STATE CONVENTIONS**

The National Board thanks you for the many kind invitations to attend your State Conventions. As you are aware, we are not able to attend each one but one board member will be in attendance at your convention. Our sincere gratitude to the outgoing State Officers for your commitment to serve in this leadership position. Please continue to stay involved, as your experience is invaluable to our CDA organization. We wish the new State Boards continued success as you strive to fulfill the endeavors of our mission statement. We look forward to working with you and wish you the very best.

### **EVANGELIZATION ORNAMENTS**

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more information. A limited supply of these three ornaments will be available for you to order at your state conventions. They will be shipped directly from the National Office as soon as we receive the order.

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| <b>Item No. 21011</b> | <b>First Eucharist</b> | 4" Egg; pale golden background, with a "cluster" of grapes, grape leaves and wheat shafts.  |
|                       |                        | @ \$25.00, plus shipping and handling   |
| <b>Item No. 24001</b> | <b>First Noel</b>      | 4" Egg, Nativity scene with Baby Jesus in a Manger surrounded by baby animals and a small shepherd boy with a lamb gazing at the star |
|                       |                        | @ \$25.00, plus shipping and handling   |
| <b>Item No. 34001</b> | <b>Ave Maria</b>       | 4" globe – Midnight blue, covered with stars and a golden rosary encircling the globe   |
|                       |                        | @ \$30.00, plus shipping and handling   |

### **FUNDRAISER**

Thank you all so much for your generous response to our recent fundraiser. The revenue will be of tremendous help to our charities and expenses incurred to make our national office more accessible with the elevator addition. I hope you enjoyed your personalized CDA folder and the follow up of the labels recently sent to you as a token of our appreciation.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Local Financial Review form is enclosed, covering the period 10-1-06 through 3-31-07. Please return the original copy to the National Office **NO LATER THAN 5-1-07**, and make/forward copies for those listed on the bottom of the form. As you prepare your Financial Review, please keep in mind our National Projects and Programs.

### **NATIONAL DUES**

Courts which have not paid their November 2006 dues must make every effort to do so as soon as possible. A vote of the court is **not required** to pay State and National dues. If dues are not paid, you will not be eligible to vote at your State convention.

### **MORALITY IN MEDIA**

The collection of membership dues and donations to MIM through the National Office appears to be working well. A one-time annual court donation is sent directly to National Headquarters, and, in return, MIM receives one CDA check of support (see attached). Of course, if an individual in your court or the court itself wants to communicate directly with MIM, they may do so at any time.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

I am very pleased to announce the recipients of the Habitat International grants that were offered to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. For the first time in the history of our partnership with Habitat, CDA will be building four houses in 2007. How exciting! Those states receiving the \$25,000 grants are Virginia, Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas. CONGRATULATIONS!

### **NATIONAL PROJECT FUNDS**

We thank the Local and State Courts for their continued generosity to our National Projects and Charities. Enclosed for your reference is a guide listing the various charities and addresses to which you may send your donations.

### **LEGISLATION**

Much was accomplished by the National Legislative Committee during a recent meeting held in conjunction with the annual March for Life activities in Washington, DC, facilitated by Helen Johnson, National Chairman. Members of the Executive Committee joined the meeting and were pleased to take part in the discussion with Joan Rosenhauer – Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Social Development and World Peace who spoke on the bishops' issues campaign. [Follow this link to page one](#) of the Legislative Newsletter; follow this [Follow this link to the second page](#). Be sure to pass it along to your state and local legislative chairmen.

### **RESOLUTIONS IN SPANISH**

Copies of the Resolutions passed at the 2006 National Convention are available in Spanish at the National Office for your reference. We thank Sydney Cortes, State Regent of Puerto Rico, for this translation.

### **EDUCATION AND NEWSLETTER CONTESTS**

Hopefully by now you are well into judging all the entries for these Contests. Keep in mind that the winners on the Local-court level must win on the State-level before they can be sent to the appropriate NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. The specific criteria must be followed in order to avoid disqualification and disappointment. Awards will be announced at the State Regents' Conference in August.

### **ANNUAL CDA HISTORY LECTURE – SUNDAY, March 11, 2007**

The Annual Lecture will focus on “The Current Showdown on Marriage: *What can and should the Church Offer*”? Helen M. Alvare will deliver her lecture at Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, DC, on Sunday, March 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. The Lecture, which will be followed by a reception, will be held in Hannon Hall on the CUA campus. The National Board and members of the University staff look forward to greeting you.

### **NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE**

April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention month. Public awareness is the first step in prevention. Please do your part in your community to help erase child abuse by volunteering your time and contributing funds. Your contributions may be sent to:

National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse  
332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600  
Chicago, IL 60604-4345

### **PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY – Sunday, June 3, 2007**

Sunday, June 3, 2007, will mark the annual Priest Appreciation Day, designated by our organization to honor priests who serve the organization, in addition to their many other duties, as well as any other priests whom you wish to

honor. Now is the time to start preparing to show appreciation to the priests who have shared their love of God with us during the past year. Without them, many of our ceremonies and projects would never have been realized.

We would suggest that Courts use spiritual bouquet cards available from the National Office for Priest Appreciation Day. A Mass is offered at Catholic University, Washington, DC, for those enrolled. Each enrollment is \$1.00 – paid when the Mass enrollment is sent in to the office. There is no charge for the card.

### **STATE REGENTS CONFERENCE**

The State Regents Conference will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL on July 19-22, 2007. The National Board will present workshops to assist the State Regents in the successful running of the State and Local Courts.

### **CDA TRAVEL**

Your National Regent, various National Board members, Helen Johnson, Tom Panas and Peggy O'Brien have represented you at the following events:

- Conferral of the Pastoral Medal upon the Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Budget meeting with CDA Accountant, Karan Itwaru, in New York
- Executive Committee meeting in Washington, DC
- Legislative Committee meeting in Washington, DC
- Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Pro-Life Rally and March for Life in Washington, DC
- Institution of New Courts for JCDA – Campus – Senior
- Annual CDA Lecture – March 11th
- National Representatives attending State Board meetings

### **ADDRESS INFORMATION**

New/additional e-mail addresses:

Libby Ramirez, Vice National Regent Elect  
Lucretia Coates, National Director

[Libby59@suddenlink.net](mailto:Libby59@suddenlink.net)  
[lcoates@comcast.net](mailto:lcoates@comcast.net) (home)

Temporary New Address

Sally Rytlewski  
24 S. Clinton Street, Apt. 2  
Albion, NY 14411

### **SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE**

The National Office located on the Westside of New York City is looking for a person with knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publishing – knowledge of Power Point helpful but not necessary. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please fax your resume with cover sheet to (212) 724-5923 or e-mail same to [CDofAnatl@aol.com](mailto:CDofAnatl@aol.com).

### **PRICE LIST**

- Enclosed is an updated Price List, effective immediately. Please advise your Financial Secretary to refer to this version when placing orders at the National Office.
- Please note that custom stationery / individual personalized cda address labels are NOT available through the National Office

### **NATIONAL PROJECTS**

The eight (8) standard **National Projects** are listed below; a donation of **at least \$10.00** is recommended for each Charity. All checks, **payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and earmarked for specific charity, may be forwarded to the National Office.

Apostleship of the Sea

- Covenant House
- Catholic Relief Services

- Disaster Fund
- Holy Cross Ministries (Father Peyton's Family Rosary)
- Mother Teresa
- Scholarships for Teachers of Exceptional Children
- SOAR! (Support our Aging Religious)

### **NEW COURTS**

It is with pride that we advise you of the institution of the following new courts. You may send messages of congratulations to the new Regents.

#### **Ct. Pope John Paul II, No. 2580**

Patricia A. Privitt, Regent  
2248 CR 4790  
Boyd, TX 76023

#### **Ct. Daughters of the Immaculate Conception, No. 2581**

Alaina K. Blend, Regent  
3204 Juneau Drive  
Corinth, TX 76210

#### **Ct. Mother Teresa, No. 2582**

Delia Funnell, Regent  
8033 23rd Street  
Zephyrhills, FL 33540

#### **Ct. Daughters of the Incarnate Word, No. 2583**

Cristina Mondini, Regent  
8531 Alyolar Circle  
Boerne, TX 78015

#### **Ct. Daughters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, No. 2584**

Rebecca Ann Schmidt  
P.O. Box 947  
1216 Washington  
Alice, TX 78332

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Peace in our Church, an increase in vocations and conversion

The welfare of our Holy Father  
An end to the terrorism, warfare and hatred that plagues our troubled world  
Respect for the unborn with an end to abortion  
Serenity for all those troubled and ill, as well as their caretakers

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please remember the following people who have recently passed away in your prayers – may their souls rest in peace. Messages of sympathy and prayers may be sent, as indicated below:

Alfred Ramirez  
Husband of National Regent Elect, Libby Ramirez  
Mrs. Alfred Ramirez:

4605 E. North Street

Victoria, TX 77901

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 21	Ash Wednesday
March 1-31	National Women's History Month ( <a href="http://www.nwhp.org">www.nwhp.org</a> )
March 2	Read Across America Day ( <a href="http://www.nea.org/readacross/copyright.html">www.nea.org/readacross/copyright.html</a> )
March 11	Annual CDA Lecture – Catholic University in Washington, DC
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar./Apr./May/June	State Conventions
April 5	Holy Thursday
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter Sunday
May 13	Mother's Day
May 17	Ascension Thursday

May 28	Memorial Day
June 3	Priest Appreciation Day
June 17	Father's Day
June 25 - 30	Habitat for Humanity Build in Virginia
July 19 – 21	State Officers' Conference – Belleville, IL

*Claudia R. Bosch* **DEADLINE REMINDERS**

- **National Newsletter Contest** winners must be received from State Chairman by May 1, 2007.
- **National Education Contest applications** must be postmarked April 15, 2007.
- **NCEA/CDA Special Education Scholarships** – all applications and letters of recommendation must be sent to NCEA by March 1, 2007.
- **National Graduate Scholarship** must be postmarked by May 1, 2007.
- **National Scholarship for JCDA/Youth** must be postmarked by May 1, 2007.

**The National Board wishes you and your loved ones God's Grace and Blessings for this joyous Easter Season.**

“THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH;  
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES.....”                      Isaiah 40:31

**Happy Easter~**

**Claudia R. Bosch, National Regent**

## “Women Embracing the Gift of Humanity”

[Below: Court Donation Form](#)

Enclosures:

- *Morality in Media* Dues Notice
- *Morality in Media* Newsletter
- Financial Review form
- *Operation Morningstar* Newsletter
- National Projects
- Price List
- Evangelization Ornament sheet

### **Court Donation Form**

Dear Officers, Members and Chaplains:

Greetings! Hopefully you are pleased with the new approach to financially support *Morality in Media*. The National Board continues to support the fine work of MIM and urges you to continue your support. March, having been designated as National Women’s History Month, it seems appropriate for Catholic Daughters to speak out as women for decency.

It’s hard to imagine anything more at odds with the mission of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas than a criminal enterprise that turns women and children into sexual commodities for profit. The global trade in hardcore pornography, especially through the Internet, is that enterprise.

This vile trade degrades women, breaks up marriages, corrupts children and contributes to sexual crimes against adults and children. It also helps fuel a global demand for “sex workers” that is being met in part by modern-day slave traders who move countless adults and children across international borders each year. All too many are brought into our own country.

Over the decades, Morality in Media has achieved many legal victories against obscenity in the marketplace and indecency in the media, and has established itself in the raucous public marketplace of ideas as a strong voice of moral sanity. As bad as things are (culturally speaking) one can only imagine how much worse they would be without the faith-filled work of Fr. Morton Hill, Morality in Media’s founder, and others at MIM. Many laws now on the books at the federal, state and local levels are there (in large or small part) because of the work of MIM’s legal department.

I urge you to give Morality in Media the support it has earned. It needs to continue the fight until the war against obscenity and indecency is won, not by the pornographers, but by the American people! (The membership form at the bottom is for your use in registering your Court as a new or continuing organizational member of Morality in Media).

Sincerely,

Claudia R. Bosch  
National Regent

**Return with court check, payable to catholic daughters of the americas 10 West 71st Street New York, NY 10023  
Please earmark in the lower left-hand corner “MIM”.**

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Court Regent: \_\_\_\_\_ Court No.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

Court Donation for Membership

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Additional Donation

Total Donation

Check Number

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