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National Regent's Message

Helene Shepard,
National Regent



Dear Catholic Daughters,

As I sit down to write my very last National Quarterly, I can't help but ask the question: **Where did the past two years go?** They have been filled with much joy which comes to each of us as a result of our service. Yes, they have also been filled with much work as we travelled throughout the Nation.

At this time, I want to thank each of you for the wonderful work that you have done in your courts, parishes, and communities. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for all your dedication and service. I can only say that your reward is great with the Lord and with that reward comes the peace and joy that you deserve.

Elections will take place in all our local courts and new officers will be elected in May and installed for the next two years. Thanks to those who have said **yes** and stepped up to the plate to serve for 2018-2020. We must also thank those who have served for the past two years. No doubt, you will continue to serve in other capacities in your local court. God will bless you for your generous spirit.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the **57th Biennial National Convention** which will take place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I hope you are sending in your convention and hotel reservations, making your travel plans and reviewing the convention agenda so as to make the most of the experience. The State Officers of the State Court of South Dakota have been working closely with **Vickie Feist, Convention Chairman** and the National Board to make this a wonderful experience for all who attend this convention.

There will be many workshops that you can attend, so

that you can return home with lots of information to share with the members of your court.

Workshops on Tuesday:

Leadership: presenter Sherry Nilles

Spirituality: presenter Olga Samaniego

Legislation: presenter Margaret Sitte

Family: presenter Essie Walker

JCDA/Youth: presenter Arline Rich

Campus Courts: presenter Peggy Guckin

Membership: presenter Emily Guilherme

Lunchtime Workshops Thursday & Friday:

NCOSE National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Catholics for Freedom

Labouré

Parliamentary Chats

Catholic Mission Association

Population Research Institute

The full agenda of the convention is enclosed in this issue of the Quarterly. There will be a **Spiritual Concert** performed by **Kathy Troccoli**, a Grammy nominated, Award-winning, contemporary Christian music singer, songwriter, author, and speaker, on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Denny Sanford Convention Center. I am sure you will not want to miss this event.

As it is every week for CDA, Friday we will be a red, white and blue day honoring our service people. So, remember to pack your red shirt. There will also be a **Walk/Run for Love** for the benefit of our National Projects and Charities. We will meet in the arena for the group picture at 6:30 am. You can still order a shirt and register for the Walk. If you are not able to attend the convention you could still be part if it by sending in a sponsor sheet

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Are We Good Stewards? Or Simply Owners?

Fr. Jeffrey Maurer
National Clergy Consultant

Dear Catholic Daughters,

Winding things down...as a priest we are used to knowing that we can be called to another parish should the need arise. Most of us do not particularly enjoy it, some would rather not think about it and often it causes many tears on both ends of the altar.

But it is a good reminder that no one is irreplaceable and that's a helpful thing. Stewardship, not ownership, is what you and I are called to in our lives as disciples, and as Catholic Daughters. It's with great thanks to Helene Shepard and the National Board, some of whom will also be moving on, but it is also a new opportunity for all of us as we hand over the stewardship to our new (almost crowned) National Regent Olga Samaniego.

This time of year is when courts have new Regents... or not. Perhaps it's also a time to look at how our local courts are either beehives of stewardship or bastions of ownership. Sometimes this can be a challenging question. It's always easier to go with "the old dependable" in any organization. Sometimes a court, even against the Bylaws will have the same regent for 18 years!

Perhaps this summer, when things are slower, Regents and courts could develop "a three-deep plan" for which three ladies would make a suitable Regent in the coming 6 years. It's sometimes difficult to hand over control but it's only when we see the future with others can we actually have a healthy outlook for it.

I'm writing my last quarterly article. It's with a certain sadness that I hand over the reins as well, but I know that if I've done a good job, the organization can live without me...because it's not about me, or you but all of us with the Lord. May God bless your summer and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

God bless you, Father Jeffrey Maurer

**There is a season for everything,
a time for every occupation
under heaven —Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Slate of National Officers and Directors for the 2018-2020 Term

After discussion and voting, the National Nominating Committee recommends the following women as candidates for National Offices and National Directors for the 2018-2020 term:

**National Regent-Elect
Sherry Nilles from Iowa**

**1st Vice National Regent
Vickie Feist from South Dakota**

**2nd Vice National Regent
Emily Guilherme from California**

**National Secretary-Treasurer
Susan Moné' from Arizona**

Those nominated for the position of National Director are:

Carol Bogacz from West Virginia

Connie Dronette from Louisiana

Peggy Guckin from Pennsylvania

Susan Champion Hicks from Wisconsin

Rose Holschlag from Iowa

Debbie Lattus from Maryland

Carolyn Malik from Texas

Marialice Sagan from Michigan

Essie Walker from North Carolina

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with your donation to help our Projects and Charities.

On Wednesday and Thursday we will have the opportunity to attend Adoration and Benediction followed by Mass at 9 am. Friday Mass will be at 5 pm.

It is bitter sweet closing this final message in the National Quarterly. It is important, that I thank each of you for your wonderful service for the past two years. I am so pleased that you have carried out the theme, "To Serve the Lord with Gladness."

God bless you. I look forward to greeting each one of you in Sioux Falls this coming July.

In Unity and Charity,

Helene

My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Not far from where I am writing you, there is a statue in Times Square of Father Francis P. Duffy, the well-known priest who served as chaplain during World War I. Father Duffy, who died in 1932, was born in Canada before immigrating to the United States, where he earned a doctoral degree and was ordained a priest. He dedicated his life to serving his country: first, during the Spanish-American War, then during the First World War. His bravery and dedication to his men earned him many accolades; he is still the most decorated priest in the Army's history. More importantly, however, he also gave his life to God: as a priest he served not only the spiritual needs of soldiers, but also as a pastor of two parishes in New York and a seminary professor. Toward the end of his life he was also instrumental in combating the anti-Catholic sentiment of his day, arguing that one can be both a faithful Catholic and loyal American.

Another "Duffy" (though unrelated) whom I am sure is especially dear to you is Mary C. Duffy, Supreme Regent from 1923 – 1950. Miss Duffy was also an immigrant, arriving in the United States from Ireland as a young girl. In her life, too, we see an inspiring model of service. During her tenure, the Catholic Daughters of America not only emerged as an independent organization, but substantially increased service and outreach to communities across the country and internationally—an effort that continues with tremendous impact today thanks to all of you! Under her leadership, the Catholic Daughters of America carried out countless charitable works throughout the Great Depression, and demonstrated extraordinary generosity during World War II. Though these activities were never about recognition, Mary Duffy was awarded one of the most prestigious papal honors, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal, by Pope Pius XI.

Both Mary and Fr. Francis Duffy exemplify the story of American Catholics: immigrants who were fiercely

A Message from the National Chaplain



devoted to helping others in service of God and country. That story continues today through your commitment as Catholic Daughters of the Americas, as well as through the work of so many other Catholic organizations. What is the next chapter in this legacy of service? In what ways will you, Catholic Daughters, advance the fine tradition of Mary Duffy in the twenty-first century?

I am sure these will be just some of the topics for discussion at the 57th Biennial National CDA Convention, this July 17-22 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It will be a time of prayer, reflection, and action, as well as great warmth and friendship. On Friday, July 20, I am honored to be celebrating the God and Country Mass with you—I hope to see many of you there!

Behind the statue of Father Duffy in Times Square is a large Celtic Cross. On it is inscribed Father Duffy's name and some of his achievements, along with a simple epitaph, which I hope may someday be ours as well: A life of service for God and country.

May God Bless you and your families!

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Coming to our National Convention Sioux Falls, July 2018

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, National Chaplain will be the celebrant and homilist on Friday, July 20th at 5pm Mass.

We look forward to the time we will spend in prayer and celebration with the Cardinal.

The End of BOGO! is Near

Olga Samaniego, National Regent-Elect; ,
National Chairman for Membership and Court Development

This term's **BOGO! Contest** is coming to a close. Please ensure that your court's roster is up-to-date and that all applications for new members have been mailed in to the National Office. In order for everyone to count, all applications for new members must be mailed to the office and postmarked by June 1, 2018.

Additionally, in order for new courts to count for the **Court Development Contest**, new courts must be in process by June 1. All charter applications and charter fees must be received, and courts must have received a name and number

by June 1, 2018. Institutions may take place in June. Winners will be awarded at the National Convention. State Regents will be nominating women from each state for the St. Faustina award. Recipients of this award are those who have been instrumental in Membership and/or Court development in the state. If you would like for someone to be considered for this honor, please contact your State Regent.

Thank you for all you are doing to recruit new members for CDA. It's not about numbers; it's not about bragging rights (My organization is

bigger than yours!), it's about the work. It's about having women, when we are long gone, who will continue to minister to God's people and to serve His Church. Women have always been the heart of God's Church. CDA gives women the opportunity to be His hands, as well. Remember that Catholic Daughters **Can Do Anything!** Reach out and invite someone to visit and join your court today!

I look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls! May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you today and always!

Summertime and the Living is... Faith-filled!

Essie Walker, National Director, National Chairman of Family

Summer is almost here, and one can feel the excitement in the air. School is out for some children and the adults are looking forward to that most needed vacation or just time away from the daily life challenges. Summer is a great time to vacation with family and friends. However, we must not take a vacation from our spiritual life. Our relationship with God must always have a special place in our daily lives. One thing, we cannot do is to let go of our spiritual growth. Now is a good time to make a spiritual bucket list for the summer months.

All during the year, we have given of our time and talents in our church and community. With school being out, churches and communities offer a variety of opportunities to serve children, families and seniors.

It's important that children of all ages be included in the family activities. Hold a Bible Study Series; pick a theme for the summer and invite other children in the neighborhood to join in. Organize a teen bowling league. Plan a father and son campout on the church grounds or in the community. Organize a reading club or weekly kid's story hour. Plan a mother and daughters day trip.

Use the extra daylight hours to visit a nursing home,

or your elderly neighbors. This is an excellent time to reach out to that CDA member or family member you haven't seen or heard from in a long time.

Find ways to stay connected to the Christian Community. If your prayer group is not meeting for the summer, still come together to share and pray for one another. Scripture reminds us: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting One Another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching..." (Hebrews Chapter 10, Verse 24-25). Remember, food to the body is like prayer to the soul.

Regardless, where you and your family travel this summer, make every effort to locate a church. There is no better way to continue your spiritual journey and grow in your relationship with God. God's people are worshipping all over the world.

"The family that prays together stays together; and if you stay together, you will love one another with the same love with which God loves each one of us. Love begins in the family. Where there is love there is unity, peace and joy." Mother Teresa.

Are you ready for the pin swap?



Be sure to bring extra state pins to the National Convention to swap, share and trade with new friends and those you have known for years.

Wanted!!

All Catholic Daughters to attend the

57th Biennial National Convention

July 18-21, 2018

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
at the Denny Sanford Convention Center

REWARDS:

Unity, Fellowship, Spirituality, Fun, Frolic & Witnessing the Circle of Love in Action

Reservation forms available
from Local Court Regents for:

Delegates * Alternates * Members

They are also on the web.

Plan Early!
Don't miss this opportunity!
Come and See!

Thank You Father

Priest Appreciation Day is June 3rd. Please remember your chaplains and local priests in your prayers and have a special thank you celebration for them. We don't thank our priests enough for all they do for us. Cards are available at the National Office.

What's Due?

Dues: all courts have received their Dues and Liability Insurance Invoices. These must be paid upon receipt.

Financial Reviews: each court is required to hold a review of their books every 6 months and send a copy of the **Financial Review Form** to the National Office, their State (if applicable), and their District Deputy.

Officer Lists: whether or not your officers are changing, each court must send a **New Officer Form** to the National Office as soon as the election is held. This will ensure a smooth transition of records and the timely receipt of all correspondence by your court.

State Financial Reviews: each State Court is required to submit a Financial Review to the National office once a year. Are you up to date?

National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD

**Vickie Feist, Second Vice National
Regent, Convention Chairman**

WOW—the 57th Biennial National Convention is almost here! Your National Regent Helene, her board, and the hosting state court have been busy preparing this to be the best national convention ever and you will not want to miss it!

It seems word has gotten out about this being a fantastic convention because an absolutely unbelievable number of hotel rooms have been booked for our convention! We have extended the number of rooms in the 4th hotel after we fully booked the first 3! There still are plenty of rooms available at the Dakotah Lodge that is just up the road from the convention center with free shuttle to/from the Denny Sanford Convention Center as well as the airport. All 3 hotels have free shuttles to/from the convention center so no needs to worry about getting around.

CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

God & Country Mass is now at 5pm Friday
Clergy, Spiritual Advisor, and men's
luncheon is on Thursday

The State Regent Luncheon is on Friday

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

May 21:

Circle of Love Run/Walk registration

June 1:

All tour registrations due for tours that
have not already closed or been cancelled

Meal Registration Forms

Special Dietary Meals Forms

June 15:

Meet the Candidate Table Registration
Forms

Leadership for the Future

Sherry Nilles, National Leadership Chairman

Congratulations! You have just been elected Regent of your court. Let me be the first to thank you for accepting this challenge and sharing your gifts and enthusiasm for Catholic Daughters.

Each member of the Catholic Daughters has been given special gifts. Take a good look at what you have to share. Is your gift planning and organizing? Maybe you have a special ability to write or speak. Could your gift be encouraging others to share their talents? Does it please you to see members work together for the greater good? Do you see the bigger picture and encourage other women to be a part of that? As the highest ranking member in your court, you can share every gift available to you.

Communication with your members must start with the first meeting you conduct. Have an agenda prepared and handed out to all members. Consider doing a booklet for the year with the programs, dates and location of each court meeting. Ensure that the other court officers are prepared to share their gifts. Is the secretary ready to read the minutes from the previous meeting? Does she have correspondence? Is she prepared to take notes during the meeting? Has the treasurer prepared a proper financial report? Do committee chairmen have a report ready to file? Conducting a well-organized first meeting will set the tone for your term.

Have you appointed chairmen for each Circle of Love segment? Choose those who have a passion for each branch of the Circle of Love. By supporting the chairmen with positive comments, new leaders are being prepared who may be willing to consider taking an office in your court. Encouraging other members also allows members to work together. Collaboration that is learned at Catholic Daughters meetings can be a part of building teamwork ethics. Teamwork is needed by every group or organization.

Enjoy your regency! Study the bylaws and Tools of the Trade. Contact former officers for help. They are willing and excited to help you. The National Board is ready and happy to help you, also. May God bless you in your new role.





Sherry Nilles,
National Chairman 1903 Society

1903 Certificates

To be recognized and receive your plaque for Perpetual Membership in the 1903 Society at the 57th Biennial Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, all payments must be completed prior to June 1, 2018.

Questions? Please contact:

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The Power of Prayer

National Director Peggy Guckin

I wish to thank all my CDA family for all their prayers especially during the critical time of my surgery. Thank you to the many courts and members who have sent Mass intentions and get-well cards from across the country. Please continue the prayers as I recover. Looking forward to seeing you all in Sioux Falls, SD, in July.

Important items enclosed with this issue

Year End Prayer Service
Operation Morningstar Newsletter
CDA Sunday Proclamation

New Courts

Please welcome and pray for the officers and members of our newest courts. May they enjoy many years of Unity & Charity in our great Order. Feel free to send them a note of congratulations.

Court Our Lady of the Lourdes #2737 Scottsbluff, NE

Regent: Amy Graham
907 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337

Court St. John Vianney #2738 Bell City, LA

Regent: ReINETte Guillory
6918 Schultz Road, Bell City, LA 70630

Court Our Lady of Fatima #2739 Exton, PA

Regent: Melissa Secott
928 Railway Square, West Chester, PA 19380

Court Angels of Mercy #2740 La Joya, TX

Regent Mary Ann Rosales
525 Lake Point Street, La Joya, TX 78560

Court Fr. Joseph Cazenavette #2741 Madeville, LA

Regent Kathleen Dominique
1695 Jessie Richard Road, Church Point, LA 70525

Prayers Needed

Please pray for the repose of the soul and comfort of the families of our beloved deceased, may they rest in the peace of Christ.

We also pray for the recovery of those members and friend of CDA in need of spiritual and physical healing.

Past National Regent Joanne Tomassi was recently hospitalized for a heart attack. She is now home, resting and healing well. Cards may be sent to Joanne at 480 82nd Street, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706

Special thanks to all the CDA Prayer Warriors for your prayers from:

Past National Regent Shirley Seyfried and her family thank you for all the prayers offered the Armendariz Family, Shirley's daughter and grandchildren. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



JUST A LITTLE NOTE...

Catholic
Daughters
are amazing!

In a year fraught with tragedies and disasters, CDA has risen to the occasion and assisted in the recovery of countless crises.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO LIVE OUT OUR MOTTO OF UNITY & CHARITY!

For more information about how you can be even more involved,
go to: catholicdaughters.org/nationalprojects



New Arizona Law Enhances Abortion Reporting and Prevents Forced Abortions

According to LifeSiteNews, the Arizona legislature recently passed groundbreaking legislation to enhance Arizona's abortion reporting laws. The new law imposes stricter standards on abortionists in an effort to prevent women from being coerced into abortions. The law also requires more detailed reporting on reasons for and complications from abortion.

SB 1394 requires abortion facilities to report whether an abortion is elective or sought for specific medical reasons, and any known medical complications the woman experiences as a result of the abortion.

The bill also requires abortionists to ask women if they are being coerced into aborting, or if they

are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or incest. Women are not required to answer. The bill protects the anonymity of the women by expressly forbidding "any other information or identifier that would make it possible" to identify them.

"We need to reject the notion that asking a woman, allowing her the opportunity to disclose her coercion into having an abortion, is somehow shaming," Republican Sen. Nancy Barto, the bill's sponsor, said. Both pro-life and pro-abortion publications have reported on evidence that abortion coercion is common, with a 2004 study published in the *Medical Science Monitor* finding that as many as 64 percent of abortions involve coercion.

Continue Pressing Congress to Defund Planned Parenthood, Protect Conscience

The \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill Congress passed this past spring to fund the government through 2018 included half a billion dollars to fund Planned Parenthood. President Donald Trump made defunding Planned Parenthood one of his four top priorities for defending life, but the House and Senate failed to deliver.

Taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood allows the nation's largest abortion provider to carry on its dehumanizing work. The bill retains language forbidding taxpayer funds from being used on abortions (except in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergencies), but those loopholes are wide enough to provide for many abortions.

The omnibus bill also failed to provide conscience protection for health care workers who do not want to participate in abortions. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, New York, and Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, St. Louis, issued a joint statement expressing their disappointment.

"The failure of Congress to include the Conscience Protection Act (CPA) in the 2018 omnibus appropriations bill is deeply disappointing. The CPA is an extraordinarily modest bill that proposes almost no change to existing conscience protection laws on abortion—laws that receive wide public and bi-partisan support. The CPA simply proposes to provide victims of discrimination with the ability to defend their rights in court to help ensure that no one is forced to participate in abortion. Those inside and outside of Congress who worked to defeat the CPA have placed themselves squarely into the category of extremists who insist that all Americans must be forced to participate in the violent act of abortion. We call on Congress not to give up until this critical legislation is enacted."

Call and email members of Congress requesting they vote to pass the Conscience Protection Act and to defund Planned Parenthood this year.



Comprehensive Sex Education Violently Assaults Children and Their Innocence

by Fr. Shenan J. Boquet

Excerpts taken from Human Life International Sprit and Life Newsletter, April 16, 2018. Fr. Boquet will be speaking at the CDA National Convention this July.

If a man stopped two children on the street and asked them if they knew where to buy condoms and lubricant, or how to perform anal and oral sex on one another and showed them graphic illustrations of those same sex acts, he would rightly be arrested and charged with indecency. But the sad irony is that that same man could be invited by your children's school into the classroom, to do and say the exact same things, and the government would pay him to do it.

They would call it "facts-based" sex education.

You might object that they do it with parents' permission, so it's different. Unfortunately, that's only true some of the time: often, they'll do it without asking parents' permission, or even worse, by refusing to inform parents when sex education classes are happening, or to allow them to pull their kids from class during those lessons. Certainly, they're hoping that most parents won't look too closely at what they're teaching....

Take the "Welcoming Schools" curriculum, pushed by the extremely well-funded and powerful anti-family Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The deception starts with the very name of the curriculum. The program is clearly not so much about "welcoming," as about tearing down the moral and ethical barriers that keep your kids safe from the wolves of sexual and emotional exploitation, STDs, unplanned pregnancy, and spiritual death.

One section of the curriculum, aimed at children from kindergarten to grade five, describes how educators should read the book "I Am Jazz," about a "transgender" girl, to their students. It then provides a variety of activities by which a teacher can train their students to become transgender "allies," and to "expand" their "perception and understanding of gender."

Another section of that curriculum introduces young children to a cornucopia of sexually charged and perverse terminology. "LGBTQ Definitions for Children," featuring a photo of kids that appear to be as young as four or five years old, gives definitions for words like bisexual, genderqueer, gender expansive, lesbian, queer, and transgender...

Then there's Planned Parenthood's "Get Real" program. In that program, kids in grade six through eight are told that feeling "comfortable and ready" is a primary criterion for engaging in sexual activity, introduces oral and anal sex, describes interrupted sex as a form of "abstinence," tells kids they can get birth control without their parents knowing, mentions sex with multiple partners, and of course directs students to Planned Parenthood's even more graphic website, where kids can learn about every sexual practice under the sun, and how to get an abortion without their parents finding out.

...So this is how it works: The sex educators go into the schools, present graphic details about sex to mixed-sex classes with only a modicum of attention given to the meaning of sex (babies are scarcely ever mentioned, except as an unwanted outcome of sex!); to no one's surprise, many of those teens (your kids!) promptly leave and decide to try out what they've just learned. But Planned Parenthood's not worried: they're there to help clean up the mess and make a tidy profit in the process.

It's a perniciously brilliant business strategy. As one former abortionist put it: "How do you sell an abortion? In the U.S. it's very simple: You do it through sex education."

Separating children from their parents is at the heart of the graphic sex-ed strategy and abortion business model. "(W)hy aren't administrators being transparent with parents about the content of sexuality resources?" asks Elizabeth Johnston, known as the viral blogger "Activism Mommy," who is also one of the organizers of the Sex Ed Sit Out (held in several cities April 23rd). "It's as if they have something to hide. That should frighten parents everywhere."

Visit the Human Life International website at www.hli.org for more news, information and talking points on this and other important issues

Submitted by Margaret Sitte, National Chairman of Legislation; Approved by Helene Shepard, National Regent

Prayer Service

to Celebrate the End of the Year & to Honor Out-going Officers

Supplies: Five white roses and five candles in holders (may be tall, votive, or battery-operated), printed lyrics to "Now Thank We All Our God" by Martin Rinckart, and a statue of Our Blessed Mother. Additional members may be used to light candles and present roses in order to involve more members in the service.

All: Sing first verse of "Now Thank We All Our God."

Leader: Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts. Thank you for giving us the strength, energy, time, and sense of resolve to remain faithful to our commitment to service. You have inspired our actions and guided our steps, and we thank you for the light of your Spirit that has illuminated our path. We ask, Lord, that you bless our leisure time as our court recesses for the summer. Grant us your peace. Renew and refresh us and prepare us for service in the fall.

Reader 1: Lord, we give you thanks for our Regent, _____. She had led us into service with joy and enthusiasm. She has made us a team, and she has encouraged us to use our gifts and talents. We present her with this rose, and we light this candle which symbolizes our prayers of thanksgiving for her service to our court.

Reader 2: Lord, we give you thanks for our Vice Regent, _____. She has been the closest support for our regent, and she has been prepared to step in for her if needed. She served on committees, raised funds, and worked tirelessly on our behalf. We present her with this rose, and we light this candle which symbolizes our prayers of thanksgiving for her service to our court.

Reader 3: Lord, we give you thanks for our Recording Secretary, _____. She has faithfully record the business and documented the history of our court. We have counted on her for her accuracy

of reporting and her clarity of thought. We present her with this rose, and we light this candle which symbolizes our prayers of thanksgiving for her service to our court.

Reader 4: Lord, we give you thanks for our Financial Secretary, _____. She has cared for our membership and collected our dues with compassion and diplomacy. She has worked with our national office to ensure that our roster is accurate, and she has checked on members who have missed meetings and has reported their needs and illnesses. We present her with this rose, and we light this candle which symbolizes our prayers of thanksgiving for her service to our court.

Reader 5: Lord, we give you thanks for our Treasurer, _____. She has guarded our finances and has ensured that we have remained within budget. She has paid our bills and balanced our checkbook, and we were blessed to be able to entrust our funds to her. We present her with this rose, and we light this candle which symbolizes our prayers of thanksgiving for her service to our court.

Leader: Lord, we express our gratitude for the officers and members of our court. We have been given a great gift in our sisterhood, and we offer thanks for each woman with whom we serve. Bless and protect us all. Now let us sing a verse of "Now Thank We All Our God."

Olga Samaniego,
National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas have served God faithfully and joyfully since 1903, and

WHEREAS, Catholic Daughters, as members and as committed Christians, have given their time and treasure to alleviate the suffering of those affected by hurricanes and other natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, They perform the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and affirm the dignity of every human being, and they continue to make a difference in their parishes, communities, throughout the Americas, and in Kenya, and

WHEREAS, Catholic Daughters, transformed by the Eucharist, seek to live life as authentic Christian witnesses to the love of God for His people and for all His creation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, In recognition of their contribution to their communities and to the world around us, October 21, 2018, is declared CDA Sunday in the City of

Signature

Date