CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

September 2010

Dear Catholic Daughters:

As I sat in the Convention Hall at the Adam's Mark Hotel, listening and watching your deliberations, my mind wandered to my Benedictine roots. In the Rule of Saint Benedict one finds the following: "Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This message of mine is for you, then, if you are ready to give up your own will, once and for all. Every time you begin a good work, you must pray to him most earnestly to bring it to perfection".

The Rule of Saint Benedict has been the guide for my life and my basic spirituality. I will be quoting it over and over again, as I correspond with you and even meet with you. In Prologue of the Rule of Saint Benedict, we find two things that can be of highest importance to you as Catholic Daughters of the Americas. First, the very high place of obedience in this Rule and secondly, the importance of prayer.

You have a new National Regent as well as a New Board. You have State Regents and Local Regents, each charged with assuring that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas remain true to their ideals. This is a difficult task, but is made easier when there is total cooperation within the Order.

Are you ready to give up your own will? That is the question of formation for each of us. We give up our will when we acknowledge that there is wisdom much greater than our knowledge. As Catholic Daughters, we must recognize that our Order presupposes that we are willing to give up a great deal of personal freedom in order to grow in deep, inner spiritual freedom.

In modern culture, there is a strong emphasis on MY deciding, MY choices, MY way of thinking, etc. In the Rule, the emphasis is on accepting a way of wisdom that comes to us from others. The emphasis is on allowing ourselves to be formed by the wisdom of scripture, and the wisdom of our CDA Leadership. We must try to live the way they live in order to understand their wisdom. That means giving up our own will.

Each of us must become responsible for our own actions. We will only be able to take such personal responsibility if we have a life of prayer. Whatever we do, we must always do it with prayer. No matter what decisions we take in our lives, we are invited to pray about them first and to try to take such decisions from our prayer. Obedience and prayer. These are the cornerstones of a Catholic Daughter as we seek to love God and our brothers and sisters more faithfully.

May the Lord lead us all to everlasting life. May God give us deeper faith, strong obedience and a lively life of prayer.

Father Ed Lamp, D.Min
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Quarterly Newsletter
September 2010

Dear Officers, Chaplains and Members,

The 53rd Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Buffalo, New York, is now a fond memory for many of us. On behalf of the National Board and the entire membership, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks and congratulations to chairman, Helene Shepard and the Catholic Daughters of New York for their remarkable job hosting this national convention.

The National Board wishes to thank you the members for your vote of confidence in electing us to serve in these leadership roles and with the help of God and our Blessed Mother, we promise to represent the order to the very best of our ability. At this time, we also wish to express our gratitude for the many congratulatory messages and Mass enrollments.

Many times throughout the Bible we are reminded that "With God, all things are possible." We, as Catholic Daughters, have proved this repeatedly over the last 107 years. As we continue to grow in spirituality we continue to follow in the footprints of our Lord. You are each blessed with talents to share with one another and with those in need around you as Jesus taught us. I am proud to represent each of you. Your generosity is continually demonstrated in the work that you do for Catholic Daughters.

NATIONAL CONVENTION
Enclosed is our Post Convention Newsletter. Please share the information with t\your members.

NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Enclosed is a listing of your newly elected National Board. Please give copies to your officers so they may also update their records and mailing labels.

OFFICERS LIST FOR 2010-2012
An Officer list for your Court must be filed every two years at the National Office and with your State Regent (if applicable). Even if the officers remain in the same position, a new form must be filed. This form was attached to the March 2010 National Quarterly Newsletter. It should be sent in after the election of the officers has taken place. If you have not already done so, please send in your list today.

ROSTERS
Court membership lists are available from the National Office at any time. Please call, fax or email (cdaroster@aol.com) for any updated listing. This list should be reviewed periodically to be sure that member additions, transfers and deletions have been received at the National Office. It is a useful tool to have at your Financial Review. Changes must be made in writing by US mail or email.

ADDRESS/NAME/TELEPHONE/EMAIL CORRECTIONS
Any time you need to make a correction to your membership list, please be sure that all information is provided on the correction your form. Listing only the Court number and Member ID leads to confusion and errors. Please be sure to list the members name as it appears on your roster with the changes needed each time.

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Audit form for the April 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 period is attached. Please be sure to make the appropriate copies when completed.
- Contact your Representative/District Deputy to arrange for the audit
- Regents are to appoint three members to serve on the Audit Committee
- Forms are to be returned to State and National by **November 1, 2010**

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 17, 2010. The theme for this year is "For in Him, we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) as we continue to pray for vocations. A sample Proclamation was in the June Quarterly newsletter.

YOUTH

19th Annual Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 23, 2010. Join volunteers around the country by taking ONE DAY to make a difference in the lives of others. Courts are urged to sponsor an event with a youth organization and/or a JCDA Court.

MORALITY IN MEDIA

Pornography Awareness Week – Sunday, October 31 – November 7, 2010 **and all year long.** Please involve your courts with the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign (WRAP).Websites for MIM information: www.moralityinmedia.org and www.obscenitycrimes.You can purchase from MIM plastic white ribbons, enameled white ribbon lapel pin, static decal clings or car magnets. Go to their website or contact WRAP Family, P O Box 493, Columbus, NE 68602-0493. www.wrapfamily.com

2010 CDA CONTESTS

Enclosed are the contest rules, guidelines and National Chairmen for the annual CDA contests and scholarships. **Please** be sure to enter your local court information on the appropriate areas for contact information. No entries are to be sent to the National Office. The Chairmen are:

Education Contest – Sherry Nilles
Newsletter Contest – Janet Martineau
High School Scholarships – To Be Announced
Graduate Scholarships – Sherry Nilles

NON-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT STATUS FROM THE IRS

The IRS has published a list recently listing all CDA Courts who are in peril of losing their 501(c) 3 non-profit tax exempt status. All CDA courts, (local, state and national) have a unique identification number (**E**mployee **I**dentification **N**umber). This number should be kept in a permanent file by the Regent and Treasurer. The National Office has a listing of all numbers in case you have lost yours. The IRS needs to have the most recent address of the Regent of the Court that is assigned to that number. Please be sure to send in the proper paperwork if you are a new regent. We have attached the IRS Change of Address form and a packet that is to be sent in its entirety to the IRS if you receive notices about filing a form 990. Please keep a copy of all these papers in a permanent file.

****CHECKS**PLEASE GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR TREASURER!!!!**

STATE AND LOCAL COURT TREASURERS – PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS OR CDA**. You must also be sure to have 2 signatures on each check. No personal checks are accepted at the National Office.

2010 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Attached is a summation of the financial position of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as of May 31, 2010.

LEGISLATION

Enclosed you'll find an *Operation Morning Star Legislative Newsletter* from Margaret Sitte. Please share this information with your membership.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE SECOND EDITION

Our Tools of the Trade book is available for purchase. This comprehensive tool has updated material useful to all Officers and Members on Procedures, Circle of Love, Ceremonials, Prayer Services and Bylaws. The cost is as follows:

Tools of the Trade Second Edition with Bylaws	$35.00
Tools of the Trade Second Edition with Bylaws and CD	$50.00
Tools of the Trade Second Edition CD – no bylaws	$35.00

The CD can be used on any computer that has a program to read a pdf file such as Adobe Reader (free download). You are permitted to print out from the CD but you cannot make any changes to the CD nor can you copy it as it is locked.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

Attached is Rev. Edward Lamp National CDA Chaplain's message to be inserted in the Tools of the Trade, Ceremonial Book. Please make copies and insert them into the Section I Eucharistic Liturgy for Reception of New Members (page 9 1997 edition or page 1-9 Second Edition), Section II Ceremony for Court Room Reception of New Members (page 8 1997 edition or page 2-8 Second Edition) and Section V Liturgy for Institution of New Court (page 11 1997 edition or 5-9 Second Edition).

SALE OF ARTICLES

Please note: Our Short Sleeve Purple Shirts #378-s are fitted shirts with darts in the front and back. To avoid returning the shirt, please order a larger size than normal.

New items: 301-s Lunch Bag/Cooler, 384-s 2010 Convention Tote Bag,
385-s 2010 Convention ID Badge Holder.
Price Increases: 177 – CDA patch $2.50, 177PIN – CDA Patch with pin back $3.75

STORE ON WEB SITE

Have you seen it? On the Catholic Daughters web site www.catholicdaughters.org we now have our Sale of Articles as a store. An officer from the Court can place orders for less than $50.00 and it is sent to the National Office via email. You can also go there to look at a picture of any item we have for sale. Any orders that are over $50 can be printed out and then sent in the mail with a Court check to cover a 50% deposit. No one may order without the permission of the Court. All invoices are billed to the Court and must be paid with a court check. No personal checks are accepted.

See What's inside our Store: www.catholicdaughters.org – click in upper right corner "STORE"

In District_Deputy_Jewelry:	In Apparel:	In Apparel:	In Other_Supplies:
District Deputy Pin with cut letters	Short Sleeve Purple Shirt with CDA emblem	Short Sleeve Purple Shirt with CDA emblem	Vocation Prayer Cards
Only $ 6	**Only $ 28**	**Only $ 28**	**Only $ 0.05**

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep in your prayers Past Nebraska State Regent, Eleanor Pruss who passed away. She was State Regent of Nebraska from 1982-1986.

NEW COURTS

We will be instituting 2 new Courts in California. Information is not available in time for this newsletter. What has your State done do increase membership? Do you know of a Parish or Town that is looking to start a CDA Court? Please contact your State Regent, State Supervisor or the National Office for further information and help.

The newly-elected National Board looks forward to working with you as you prepare for your CDA year. If we can assist in any of your activities, do not hesitate to contact us. Your recently appointed National Representative is your direct link between your court and National, so please keep her informed of your events and activities.

May our Blessed Mother continue to watch over us as we embark on our journey together over the next two years.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tomassi
National Regent

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- National Board Directory
- Local Court Financial Review
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- 2011 High School Scholarships Contest
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- Independent Auditor's Report
- Operation Morningstar Newsletter
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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
FINANCIAL REVIEW
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, _____ – SEPTEMBER 30, _____
OR (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, _____ - MARCH 31, _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON YOUR RECORDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 OR MARCH 31 WAS_____

COURT NAME _____COURT # _____ CITY_____ STATE____

1. **Total amount paid out by check for Religious, Charitable, and Educational purposes. Include amounts paid to National Office and State Court for these purposes.** **Total $_____**

2. **Paid to National Court:**
   National Dues, Assessments and Insurance **$_____**
   Supplies, Jewelry and Gift Items **_____**
   Paraphernalia (robes, banner, flags) **_____**
   _____ **_____** **Total $_____**
   Other (specify)

3. **Paid to State Court:**
   State Dues and Assessments **$_____**
   Special State Court Projects **_____** **Total $_____**

FUND BALANCES

	LAST REPORT	CURRENT REPORT
CHECKING ACCOUNT	$_____	$_____
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	$_____	$_____
MASS FUND	$_____	$_____
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	$_____	$_____
CD'S	$_____	$_____
TREASURY ACCOUNTS	$_____	$_____
OTHER FUNDS (SPECIFY)		
_____	$_____	$_____
_____	$_____	$_____

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS OF COURT $_____

We, the undersigned Financial Review Committee of the Court hereby certify that we have reviewed the Court books, examined and checked the bank accounts and that the foregoing report is a true and correct statement of the funds of this Court.

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District Deputy/State Representative

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Your District Deputy/
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RETAIN: A copy for Court files

REPORT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO APPROPRIATE DESIGNATIONS BY NOVEMBER 1 OR MAY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.