Merry Christmas! Blessings with Christmas joy in your hearts! From our families to yours.

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My dear Sisters in Christ,

The most beautiful season of the year, Fall, is a memory. Halloween brought costumed neighborhood children to our door. After missing those brave young ones last year, what a joy to live in the year 2021 when they could once again yell “Trick or Treat” and giggle a sweet “Thank you” for the candy placed in their plastic pumpkin.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It is truly a day to thank God for our family, our home, our country and our life. As women, Catholic Daughters are the heart of the home and the keeper of holiday traditions.

Thank you to those who have gone before us and given us the knowledge and pattern to follow.

Thank you also to those Catholic Daughters who have given us this wonderful organization in which we can grow as women of Jesus by following Mary, His mother.

Thank you for those who were courageous and willing to keep this organization alive and going strong.

Thank you, Connie Dronette, National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, for the prayerful, uplifting retreats. Learning about the lives of some women saints gave a completely new understanding of them. We are all called to be a saint. It was refreshing to learn that the saints were normal women living normal lives yet following the call of God.

Thank you for being faithful members of Catholic Daughters.

Thank you to this fantastic 2020-2022 National Board. What a joy they have been. Each one undertakes every assignment with love. It is the members who make Catholic Daughters great.

Christmas again brings families together to welcome the baby Jesus into our lives. May you and your loved ones have a prayerful Advent, a joyous Christmas and a happy healthy new year.

The 59th Biennial Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Convention will be held at the Sheraton Casino and Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico July 20-24, 2022.

Catholic Daughters from Puerto Rico are excited to welcome each and every one to their beautiful country. Included in this mailing is more information on the convention.

Watch for the First Call to Convention. It will arrive in your mailbox in December.

Wishing you a beautiful Advent and Christmas.

God bless you.

Sherry Nilles
National Regent
Dear Daughters in Christ,

May the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be yours. Advent, and then Christmas, are just around the corner. As we prepare to celebrate once again the birth of our Savior in time in the Incarnation, in our hearts in faith and love, and in the coming return in glory, we should take time to ponder these mysteries of salvation, and shape our lives accordingly.

These seasons are always so busy, in your families and parishes, and with your Catholic Daughters charities. There are so many blessings from God to celebrate and enjoy. Like Martha, we can do much that is good and necessary for others. Making time to sit at His feet in silence is also important, however. Like Mary, we must choose the better part. Certainly, this does not mean we should neglect the things we are responsible for doing. It does mean that we must insist on taking a few minutes each day, especially at the beginning and end of each day, to spend with Jesus.

Before we can be strong for others, we must first be strengthened ourselves. Before we can provide for others, we must first receive that which we shall give. It is Jesus's strength and generosity that animates us. Because we share in it, we can be for others what we are called to be. Even the infant Christ of the Christmas season is the Source from whom living water flows.

The angels, the shepherds, and the kings from the East came to Bethlehem and were enlivened by their encounter with Jesus. The angels sang joyful hosannas, knowing full well that the infant they adored was the King of Heaven they had served and worshipped since the creation. The shepherds in their simplicity believed in wonder because of the signs they saw. And the kings, knowing some of the truth, made room in their hearts for what faith teaches, and so believed.

In the silence which strengthens us, we cultivate the same joy, worship, simplicity, wonder, knowledge, and faith. Though we approach this silence only in brief interludes, it is enough to make all the other things we do reflect God’s love and salvation. We serve Him in serving others, because we are continually renewed and enlivened in our infant King.

My dear sisters in Christ, have a most blessed and joyful Advent, and a holy and merry Christmas. Please pray for me, just as I pray for all of you and your families.

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless
Bishop of Sioux City
National Chaplain
Blessed Christmas. I hope you receive one blessing after another this coming year. May this Christmas season bring you closer to all those treasure to your heart. I hope Santa is good to you this year because you only deserve the best.

Let this be a time that you remember that your life is greater than simply being a person in our world who has basic needs. It is this greater part of you, this greater purpose, this greater calling that gives meaning to all the lesser aspects of yourself and fulfills their roles. Without this greater purpose you would be fragmented, without this greater purpose you will struggle with survival and with fulfillment.

This is your Christmas now. It is not simply a commemorating holiday. It is not simply a remembrance of Jesus. It is not just remembrance of Family and friends. It is not simply a time to give gifts and to be giving for a few days out of the year. Though, it may include all of these things, the meaning of Christmas is greater. Let it be a time that you remember that you have a greater purpose in this world and that you have been sent in to the world to reclaim this purpose, to accept it, to experience it and to follow it so that it may be contributed.

This is Christmas for you. It does not happen only once a year, but it is a reminder that beyond all of our personal and immediate difficulties, you have a greater mission. You must feel it and allow it to emerge. You must recognize that alone you cannot fulfill it because it is not for you alone. You will experience the temptations in the world, and you will feel the conflict between this greater emerging part of yourself and your personal wishes, preferences and fears. Like Jesus, you must allow this greater power and greater purpose to eclipse your life, to envelop your life and to recognize and direct your life. This is Christmas. God bless you all.

Fr. Siby Punnoose
Clergy Consultant

Labouré Society

Help Rescue Vocations
A Note of Thanks

Labouré Society rescue mission was more successful than ever. Our aspirants are raising record amounts of funding to resolve their student loan debt and larger numbers of aspirants are “graduating” from our classes and entering religious formation at seminaries, convents and monasteries nationwide. None of this would be possible without your support of our general operations.

Thank you for being such a valued partner in our mission to rescue Catholic vocations.

Your support has a measurable and substantial impact in building and strengthening the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of the entire Labouré staff I thank you. Our staff will be praying together in our office chapel for all the prayer intentions submitted by so many of you when you made your donation.

Blessings to you and your families
Bill LeMire
Director of Advancement,Labouré
The Light of the World

Advent Prayer Service

If possible, set the room with a small votive candle at each place. A creche without the baby Jesus could be set on a small table in the front of the room.

Just before the prayer time begins, light the candles, and dim the lights.

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: One ceremony for the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was the lighting of four great in the Court of Women in memory of God’s presence. While in the Court of Women on this feast, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). These words imply that Jesus was God as well as the Messiah.

Reader 1: Jesus also calls us to be the light (Luke 11:33).

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.

The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is sound, then your whole body is filled with light, but when it is bad, then your body is in darkness.

Take care, then, that the light in you not become darkness.

If your whole body is full of light, and no part of it is in darkness, then it will be as full of light as a lamp illuminating you with its brightness.”

Leader: Who has been a light for you? (Everyone should have time to share a time when someone was a light for them.)

Reader 2: Let us pray, Emmanuel, Our world waits in darkness longing for Your light. In the midst of darkness, enkindle our hope.

As we long for lasting peace in our world, All: Be our Light.
As we long for families to be reunited, All: Be our Light.
As we long for enemies to be reconciled, All: Be our light.
As we long for cures and healings, All: Be our light.
As we long for decent jobs and economic security, All: Be our light.
As we long for love and community, All: Be our light.

Fulfill the deepest longings of your people and Dispel the darkness in our hearts and in our world. Let your Word ignite the hope the world needs to bring to life your love and justice. Amen.

Leader: Thank you Lord for dispelling the darkness in our lives. Thank you for calling us to be the light for others we encounter. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Song: Go Light your World by Kathy Troccoli
Who is eligible?
All adult members of Catholic Daughters who have made a significant contribution to CDA, to their church, or to their community (local, state or nation-wide).

Who can nominate?
Individual members, local or state courts, and all members of the National Board.

How can we nominate?
Send a letter of nomination to the National Regent.
Letter must contain
- What inspired you to nominate this member?
- Describe this member’s work and contributions.
- Explain the impact of the contribution or project.
- Include pictures of the member at work if possible.
- Add a history of the member’s work in CDA.

Nominations
Must be signed by nominator, dated and postmarked or emailed by February 1, 2022.

Selection
Will be made by ballot at the national board during the February National Board Meeting.

Submit nominations to
Sherry Nilles, National Regent
711 25th Avenue
Sheldon, Iowa 51201
cdasherry@gmail.com

The Woman of the Year will be announced at the 2022 National Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
The 59th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Convention Dates:

Pre-convention Workshops and Concert: Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Opening Convention Mass: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Convention Meeting Days: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, July 20-24, 2022
Closing Banquet: Saturday, July 23, 2022

Hotel Location:
Sheraton Hotel and Casino
200 Convention Boulevard
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

Hotel Reservations:
You have two options to secure your hotel room, online or by telephone:

Instructions to make your room reservation online:
Step 1 Go to https://www.marriott.com/reservation/unsuccessfulSell.mi
Step 2 Select your arrival/departure dates
Step 3 Select room type
Step 3 Enter name and payment information

Instructions to make your room reservation by telephone:
Step 1 Call 1-888-236-2427
Step 2 Once you reach a live agent, request the Sheraton Hotel and Casino, located at 200 Convention Blvd, Puerto Rico
Step 3 Identify that you are with a Group ("Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2022 National Convention")

Discounted Group Room Rate:
$149.00 USD, per room, per night
(Rate is available from July 7, 2022 through Thursday, July 28, 2022)

Last date to make a room reservation at the Catholic Daughters discounted rate is Thursday, June 14, 2022

Important General Information:

You DO NOT need a passport to travel to Puerto Rico
Currency used in Puerto Rico is USD
You can learn more about the current Travel Guidelines for Puerto Rico, including information pertaining to COVID and vaccination card/PCR negative test requirements at https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/info/travel-guidelines
Recently, I was blessed to be able to attend the National Council of Catholic Women Convention and spoke with a remarkable woman of God, Ms. Tessie O’Dea. She works for the ministry Cross Catholic Outreach, and after speaking for just a few moments, I want to encourage you all to do something incredible; it has to do with Cross Catholic Outreach’s “Box of Joy” campaign.

As we prepare to enter the joyous season of Advent, I would like to invite each court to consider making Box of Joy their central project. This amazing mission involves hundreds of parishes, thousands of volunteers, and one common goal: to fill boxes with essentials and transport them to the impoverished and vulnerable children in dire situations. These boxes will be filled with toiletries, school supplies, rosaries, toys, and clothing to children in countries such as Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Haiti, and Nicaragua. Just last year over 1,352 volunteers in 724 parishes worked joyfully and diligently to send Boxes of Joy to 61,422 children in 7 impoverished countries, and this year, Catholic Daughters if joining the mission.

What can you do to help? There are many ways. You can involve your parish by being a donation site. Your court can set a goal of how many children you’re hoping to bless, and then work together to receive donations for those boxes. Ask for donations at different parish masses. Create donation drop-off bins. Or encourage each family in your parish to put together just one box. We can easily work together to make a difference and share the love of Christ.

If that doesn’t seem like something your court is interested in doing, there are links where you or your court members may donate to the boxes online via Amazon Prime. Lastly, there is even a website which allows courts to donate a flat fee to this ministry through the web addresses featured below:

Amazon Donations - https://tinyurl.com/boxofjoyCDA
Cross Catholic Direct Monetary Donation - https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/

I encourage you all to say “yes” to making this ministry something that we all do to bless God’s children. Every Box of Joy represents one child who will feel loved, honored, and cared for. If your court can create just one box, or provide the financial means to bring a box to a child, imagine what a difference that will make in their life! These boxes may seem so small in size, but their blessings are abundant in the hearts of children. Be generous and help us provide for the most vulnerable in our world. If you or your court are not able to take on this project this year please consider it for next year, also please let me know if you participated. I would love to hear from you.
Although our National Convention 2022 in Puerto Rico seems far away, it will be here before we know it. Now is the time to be planning for the pre-convention requirements and deadlines to be met in preparation for the Convention.

The Bylaw for our organization is one of those pre-convention considerations. Bylaws are the foundation for our organization to keep all members on track and to keep consistency within the entire membership. Bylaws are the written rules for the conduct of business in our organization. Bylaws are the framework for us to have a firm, strong organization.

Who can submit a proposed bylaw change? Bylaws may be voted on and submitted by.
1) Campus Court, 2) Local Court, 3) State Board, 4) State Court, 5) National Board, 6) National Bylaw committee. Bylaws for proposed changes can be found in our 2020 bylaw book on page 49, Article XXI.

The National Committee on Bylaws shall receive and review all proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any Biennial National Convention by a two-third (2/3) vote of the delegates present, provided written notice has been submitted to the Local and State Courts four months prior to the Convention. Note, it is possible that not all bylaws submitted will be brought to the floor by the Bylaw Committee at the Convention.

There is an exception for an emergency amendment to be proposed at a Biennial Convention without the 4-month prior notice if it has been approved by the National Bylaw Committee by three-fourth (3/4) vote of the full membership of the committee. The Bylaws may be amended by such an amendment only if approved at any Biennial National Convention by three-fourth (3/4) of the National Court present.

Approved amendments must be signed by the State Regent and State Secretary or by Local Regent and Recording Secretary. Local courts need to send a copy of the amendments prosed with the rational to the State Regent. An example of how to write a Bylaw can be found in the Tools of the Trade, Section 4, page 62, Attachment 23.

All proposed Bylaw Amendments must be postmarked by January 15, 2022.
Five (5) copies of each amendment proposal are to be sent to the Bylaws Chair with one amendment per page. Send to: Carolyn Malik, Bylaw Chair, P.O. Box 243, Shiner, TX 77984
Leadership and Teamwork

As our local CDA courts have faced different challenges and obstacles over a period of time; many courts have still managed to carry out the mission of our organization. With that being said, now is the perfect time to focus on the importance of teamwork. Working as a team will benefit members and the court. The ultimate goal is to gradually reach out to all members to discuss ways they can contribute to the court's growth and their involvement. This is a means of keeping members involved, active and to give courts even more opportunities to fulfill the CDA mission of Unity and Charity.

The roles of court leaders will be crucial. Team communication is not always easy. Let's be honest, there will be issues to overcome when working on a team. It will be important to make sure everyone understands their role, the process, and the tasks. All team members should be on the same page; when it comes to understanding the work requirements and their part on the team. When speaking with members; let them know that their contributions are important and that all members have something different to bring to the table.

There are many benefits to promoting teamwork within our local CDA courts. These benefits will not only help the members but will enable the court to move forward in a more positive and inclusive manner. Think about teamwork when it comes to assigning the Spokes for Circle of Love, Fundraisers, and Setting Court Goals or just planning fun activities.

**Various benefits from working on a CDA team:**

- Enhances members personal CDA growth
- Promotes innovation. Members are making the decision
- Members will be more inclined to adapt to change
- More willing to help each other
- Members have the opportunity to provide information and offer feedback
- Build relationships
- Opens the line of communication
- Members are working toward the same goal.
- Way of coaching members

**CDA members shared their personal growth and court experiences:**

“My local court may be small in size, but the women involved work together very well. They focus on helping each other, share ideas for charities and what programs are meaningful, be it for the elderly, the poor, etc. They dedicate time to make masks for hospitals, our first communion classes, and this year have spent hours helping our Church.

I have witnessed the caring for the members and offer rides to those who may not drive, and some of our ladies are involved in Faith Formation. It encouraged me to join and work with a confirmation class. Our court Secretary is a leader who gathered a group to help clean and prepare the Faith Formation building as we move forward to fewer virtual classes and adopt federal guidelines, as we bring children to live sessions,” said Kathleen Devlin, Regent, Court All Somers #1435, Somers, Connecticut.

“Respecting others ideas, experiencing new friendships,” said Shirley Hall, Past Court Regent, Court Saint Rita #523, Tryon, Pennsylvania.

According to Debbie Lattus, Regent, Court Mary Francis #2421, Brunswick, Maryland, Mary Francis has "fine-tuned" teamwork! Working as a team, sharing the same faith and values, has strengthened our Court. Each member realizes they make a difference because they have a unique skill to add. Working together begins with a tiny idea and develops into a successful outcome. Teamwork is less stressful and is fun!

As one can see, teamwork really does benefit the members and the court.
Will you consider helping with this fantastic opportunity to evangelize our Catholic faith? After reading the following article and learning about Catholic Extension, please consider donating through your court or individually to Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We encourage local courts and state courts to have special fundraisers for this National Charity. This is one way we can answer Pope Francis’ call to support the poorest of poor Catholics in our country!

Catholic Extension has been described as one of the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church. Exactly what is it? Wikipedia states: “Catholic Extension is a national fundraising 501 organization which supports and strengthens poor mission dioceses across the United States.”

Serving one in every five people of the United States, Catholic Extension fulfills its mission of working in solidarity with people in America’s poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities. Catholic Extension focuses on six principal areas: developing leaders, building churches, strengthening ministries, reaching out to the poor & vulnerable, educating seminarians, and engaging youths. In past years Catholic Extension gave annual assistance to 550+ seminarians, 770+ scholarships to Catholic universities for lay leaders and religious sisters, and 2,000 grants awarded to dioceses. Additional grants have been awarded to help improve religious residences.

Catholic Extension’s funding supports isolated and/or financially under-resourced Catholic dioceses in the United States. These “Extension Dioceses” are reviewed and approved by Catholic Extension’s Board of Governors.

Catholic Extension is the only producer of Catholic calendars that gives 100% of proceeds to fund grants that benefit poor mission dioceses where faith is thriving, but the resources are scarce. Many parishes in the United States give out these calendars for free.

Catholic Extension is fulfilling Pope Francis’ call for all Catholics to be more “missionary.” By sending donations for Catholic Extension, we are fulfilling the Corporal Works of Mercy.

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**Remember Our Projects and Charities!**

Each year Catholic Daughters provide funding and much needed financial help for those who have suffered losses, illnesses, and especially at this time from pandemic.

Courts are asked to help financially alleviate some of the problems our sisters in Christ, friends, family and neighbors are suffering.

**National Projects are:**

- Habitat for Humanity
- Holy Cross Family Ministries
- The Labouré Society
- S.O.A.R. (Support Our Aging Religious)
- National Center on Sexual Exploitation (formerly Morality in Media)

Each court is asked to consider sending $20 for each of the National Projects.

**National Charities are:**

- The North American College
- Catholic Relief Services
- Apostleship of the Sea
- Covenant House
- Mother Teresa
- Tutweiler Clinic
- The Disaster Relief Fund
- Catholic Extension
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- SmileTrain

As your courts are meeting in-person now, please consider making gifts to our projects and charities.

Please send your gifts to Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023

May God continue to bless you for the loving care shared for all God’s people.
Never Say Never
By Barb Jensen, National Director

Don’t say you can’t do it! Anyone, if you meet the qualifications, can be a National Director and really should give it a try! It is a very fulfilling obligation and you get to meet so many wonderful CDA sisters across this great nation. Read through the following qualifications, duties and guidelines and seriously think about running for a National Director position. Never say never—you can do it!

**Qualifications for a National Director**

- Be a current and enthusiastic member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
- Be a current or Past National Director, a current or Past State Regent, and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist. (Bylaw Article VI, National Court, Sec. 3C.)
- Be supported by her state court with a majority of the State Board giving written approval to endorse her as a candidate for National Director.
- Be able to respond promptly to all emails sent by members of the board or State/Territorial Regents. Your response can sometimes simply be “Got it” or “Thanks.” This acknowledges that the email arrived at your address. “Reply” only, not “Reply All”.
- Be computer literate and able to write reports on a computer.
- Be able and willing to travel to board meetings, state and national conventions, assigned state board meetings and the State and Territorial Officers Conference.
- Be able to make presentations to groups.
- Have knowledge of the current Bylaws and Tools of the Trade.
- It is not necessary, but strongly suggested, that at least your first term as State Regent be completed before applying for a National Director position in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
- Not more than two (2) members of the National Board shall be from the same state, with one as a National Officer and the other as National Director. (Bylaw Article VI, National Court, Sec. 3D)

**Duties of a National Director**

- Attend at least one board meeting a year of the state or territorial court under your jurisdiction, along with their state convention, and, attend and participate at one workshop. Permission must always be granted by the National Regent for travel which is to be reimbursed by national funds.
- Attend national board meetings twice a year and whenever a meeting is called by the National Regent.
- Maintain monthly communication with the State Regent in the states assigned to you, either verbally or in writing, and write geographical reports on each state and/or territorial court for each national board meeting. These reports are distributed at the national board meetings.
- Write articles for SHARE and the National Quarterly on topics assigned by the National Regent. The articles require approval by the National Regent prior to publication.
- Serve on or chair at least one committee of the national board and/or one area of the Circle of Love.
- Prepare a 45-minute to one-hour speech on national issues to be delivered at any state convention you attend. The contents of the speech require approval by the National Regent.
- Complete other duties as assigned by the National Regent.
National Board Guidelines (cont.)

Serve as a representative in a supervisory capacity for states or territories assigned to you.

Keep all deadlines set by the National Regent or Committee Chairmen. Deadlines are set for a reason, strict adherence to deadlines will keep things running smoothly.

Render assistance, advice, instruction, when asked.

Inform the National Regent of any problems in your states/territories as soon as they become known to you.

Follow through on correspondence from National after speaking to the National Regent pertaining to Court problems. You will receive a copy of all communications sent from the National Office to your states. Follow up with the State Regent.

Be familiar with State and/or Court programs.

Encourage Membership Drives and promote National Programs.

Assist the State Regents with Conventions, Installations and Receptions. Please remember the correct terms:

Be prepared to speak on assigned topics.

Send a copy of your board meeting report electronically to the National Secretary-Treasurer two weeks prior to the national board meeting and bring one copy to the meeting to be given to the National Regent once your report is given.

Attendance at all National Board meetings is mandatory unless a valid excuse has been given and accepted by the National Regent.

Contact the states that you have been assigned to supervise within thirty (30) days after receiving this information. At this time, you can introduce yourself and request information you will need as a State Supervisor.

Contact your respective states within two weeks following each board meeting and relay information concerning dues, missing forms and other records needed by the National Office.

If you are a new Board member, you must provide a certificate of participation in the Safe Environment program.

When you receive an invitation to an event, it is your responsibility to respond at the earliest possible time. Invitations are not to be ignored. Before making any reservations for travel to visit states or to attend state or national functions, contact the National Regent for permission.

Review the minutes of the previous meeting prior to the opening of the current meeting.

Come prepared to present a three-minute oral report on the status of your states. This is to include areas of concern as well as areas of praise.

Keep a phone log and copies of important emails and copies of all written communication with the board or your assigned states.
Chaplain Emeritus Anthony Bolman

Anthony P. Bolman was ordained a priest in 1960 and retired from the priesthood in 1999. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI honored Fr. Bolman with the title of Monsignor. Monsignor is a pontifical honor given to secular or diocesan priests in recognition of their dedication and exemplary service to the church. Monsignors are appointed by the pope and are honorary members of the Pontifical Family.

Msgr. Bolman served in many parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. It was while serving as pastor of the different churches, that he first became involved with Catholic Daughters, as a local court chaplain in 1978.

In 1984, Janet Ortiz, State Regent at the time, began her conversation with the Rev. Anthony Bolman about the possibility of him becoming our next State Chaplain. Fr. Bolman already loved the Catholic Daughters and the work they were doing locally, statewide, and at the national level, so it wasn’t very difficult to sell him on the idea of being the State Chaplain. Soon thereafter the Very Rev. Anthony Bolman became the New Mexico State Chaplain and served in this capacity for almost 38 years.

The New Mexico Catholic Daughters wish to offer their most sincere gratitude to Msgr. Bolman for his love and dedication to the mission of Catholic Daughters. He most certainly has lived up to the motto of “Unity and Charity.”

Msgr. Bolman, you have shared your love of Our Lord, your perseverance, humor, and countless hours to our organization. On behalf the State Board, we say thank you, and you will always be our treasured State Chaplain.

RKi Insurance
(Robinson-Kramer, Inc)

RKi who issued insurance policies for Catholic Daughters in the past, has discontinued offering those policies but still services them. The company’s 800 number is not in service at this time due to flood damages at the office in Virginia. Phone calls will be answered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at this phone number 703-968-9300. A FAX number is also available 703-968-9581.

Please contact Martha at the National Office with any questions.
MARCH FOR LIFE 2022
Washington, DC
January 19-January 22, 2022

Theme: Together Strong Life Unites
We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death
and every moment in between

The March for Life Expo at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel is an opportunity for attendees to connect with pro-life organizations and ministries from across the country. It is open Wednesday, January 19-Friday, January 21.

Capitol Hill 101 is a free seminar, giving participants the opportunity to learn how to make their voices heard by their elected representatives. Lean from the pro-life movement how to effectively navigate the legislative system from Capitol Hill to Town Hall.

A Pro-Life Vigil Mass will be held the evening of Thursday, January 20 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. To attend the Vigil Mass you MUST register. Please go to www.USCCB.org for registration information.

March for Life Rally starts at 12 noon on Friday, January 21. This free event features a live concert and inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders on the National Mall.

The Annual March for Life will be held Friday, January 21, 2022, in Washington, DC, starting at approximately 1:00 PM. The march starts at the National Mall and continues up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court and Capitol Buildings.

A Legislative Brunch will be held Saturday, January 22, at the Embassy Suites DC Convention Center, 900 10th Street, NW, Washington, DC at 9:00 AM.

The March for Life was cancelled last year, 2021. It has been held since 1973. I am so delighted that the March for Life, Mass and the Legislative Brunch will be held this year.

Please consider joining other Catholic Daughters from around the United States for this march that supports life.

The Catholic Daughters and their families will meet at the National Museum of Natural History, the intersection of 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, in Washington, DC. We will join the March as the participants are walking by. We will have our Catholic Daughters of the Americas banner with us and ask that you will help carry it through the March.

If you cannot attend, please pray for those who will be attending and for all the babies killed through abortion. May those babies live in the light and love of Jesus and His mother Mary.
Dear Catholic Daughters of the America,

My name is Bernadette Mulhern, and I was one of the recipients of the Catholic Daughters $1,000 scholarship. I am so thankful for this award! This helps me and my family more than you can ever know. I just entered my freshman year at Aquinas High School in La Crosse, WI, and I’m so excited! The school has been great so far, and I have been enjoying it. This year I plan on being in the school musical, robotics, 4H, IMPACT, a Catholic girls’ group, Tri-M, and more. I’m excited for what lies ahead this school year and for all the activities I’ll be in. It feels great to help people in my volunteer activities, and it is also really nice to receive help too. The scholarship will help me with school greatly. Even though you may never meet me in this world, I hope to see you in Heaven. Until then, I will be praying for you.

Thanks again, and may God bless you!

Sincerely,

Bernadette Mulhern

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### Upcoming Deadlines

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Whereas, the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas was established on February 22, 1926 to create a National Youth Program for Catholic girls ages 6 through 18, and

Whereas, the goals and objectives of the JCDA program are divided into a Threefold Program of Message, Service, and Community including the motto “Be Useful” and a standard of “love God, serve others, live nobly,” and

Whereas, each Junior Catholic Daughter, having an active faith in God, experience personal and spiritual growth through liturgy, prayer and faith-based activities, and

Whereas, each Junior Catholic Daughter participates in enriching lives through service to others in their family, parish, community and world following Christ’s example, “What I have done, so you must do.” (John 13:13-15)

Whereas, opportunities be provided each Junior Catholic Daughter a lifelong journey leading to the development of leadership skills, therefore be it

Resolved, each Junior Catholic Daughter seek meaningful behaviors with Joy and gladness to fulfill the JCDA Program, and be it further

Resolved, that Sunday, February 20, 2022 be observed as the Ninety Fourth Annual National Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are 

LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

In 2018 Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children who are 15 weeks and older in their mothers’ wombs. This LIFE-saving legislation was challenged and is going to be heard by the Supreme Court.

Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health could be the landmark case that overturns the Roe v Wade decision. The oral arguments will be heard on December 1, 2021, but the decision is expected in June 2022.

These next 9 months are critical for all of us as Catholic Daughters. We are being invited with the Respect LIFE office of the Archdiocese of New York to fast and pray on the 22nd of each month in the hopes that on the 50th Anniversary (January 22, 2023), Roe v Wade is finally overturned.

Prayer for the Supreme Court

Holy Trinity, Source of LIFE and Truth, we entrust our nation to you. We ask for mercy for the decades of legalized abortion that has been permitted in our land. We ask that the sacredness of every human LIFE be protected and upheld both in law and in culture. In a special way we commend to you the Justices of the Supreme Court. Please grant them clarity, wisdom and right reason. Overthrow, at last, by your power, the scourge of abortion in our land and usher in a new era of protection for the unborn. By the power of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection may Your perfect justice be established on earth. Amen

More good news is a new social media platform being launched and promoted that supports our Catholic faith based beliefs. It is called Triumph of LIFE and there is a great video by Sister Dee Dee that explains it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

Lastly, the two year old child at the center of a legal battle between her parents and the U.K.’s National Health Service died 90 minutes after medical personal removed her machines on Monday, October 18, 2021. Alta Fixsler brought so many people of different faiths and countries together to fight for her right to LIFE. It was devastating that the U.K. rejected the pleas from both the U.S. and Israel who wanted to provide care for this innocent girl.

Eileen Peterson
Catholic Daughters of America
National Legislation Chair