The National Board and National Office Staff
Wish all members and their family a Happy Easter Season

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My dear sisters in Christ,

It was my great honor to be an observer for the Catholic Daughters at the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Fall General Assembly in Baltimore. The joy of being able to meet in person was evident as the bishops greeted each other and worked together. Please read the Choose Life and Love SHARE magazine that will be in your mailbox in March. A more comprehensive article on the General Assembly meeting is included in that issue.

January 20 was the Vigil Mass for Life held in the beautiful Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. It was so good to see the church full of students, young children with their parents, mothers, fathers, families, religious sisters, priests, seminarians, all age groups praying and singing together. The following day was the March for Life. Emily Guilherme, National Regent-Elect and I were interviewed on EWTN. The temperature was in the low 20’s with a strong wind from the north, but nothing could stop the powerful feeling of standing for life from conception until natural death. Tom Panas, National Public Relations director for the Catholic Daughters will have more information and pictures in the next SHARE magazine.

Included in this packet are the forms for registration of delegates, alternates, state officers, guests and spouses, meals, exhibitors and vendors for the 59th Biennial National Convention to be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino, 200 Convention Blvd, San Juan Puerto Rico July 20-24, 2022.

Tours will be available Sunday, July 17, Monday, July 18 and Tuesday morning, July 19. More information on tours will be sent after April 1.

Workshops on Leadership, Spirituality, Family, Membership, Youth and JCDA, keeping a court active and alive, working together to make the best better will be held Tuesday, July 19.

Tuesday evening is a wonderful free concert presented by Msgr. Willey Pena and his troop from the university. It is entitled Enjoy a Fabulous Night of Puerto Rico Culture. The convention will open Wednesday, July 20 with Mass. Candidates Night will be held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday night. Voting for new officers, National Directors and the nominating committee will start the day on Thursday. The Memorial Mass will follow voting. State Night gatherings will be held Thursday night. Friday includes the God and Country Mass and Fun Night hosted by our awesome Puerto Rico members. Be ready for laughter, dancing, Puerto Rican special foods and then more fun! Saturday at 4:00 p.m. is the Installation Mass and the Appreciation Banquet. In between the Masses, prayers, fun and laughter will be our business meeting.

It will be so good to gather together in person, to share a hug or a smile and stories of our life the past four years.

See you in Puerto Rico!

Sherry Nilles
National Regent
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Included in this issue...
⇒ New local court Officer form
⇒ National Convention, Registration, meals etc
⇒ Resolutions in Motion
⇒ National Contests & Scholarships
Dear Catholic Daughters,

The joyful celebration of Easter is not too far off. Lent is the time of preparation for that renewed joy. Hoping that this may help you and your communities better prepare, I offer a brief reflection on temptation and mercy.

St. Padre Pio often said that we should not fear temptation, because being tempted proved we were still clinging to Christ, however weak we might be. Only those who have given up the spiritual battle cease to experience temptation. How simple and yet how profound an insight!

Jesus warned us about the attractions of the “broad and easy way,” and where that lack of struggle leads (Mt 7:13). He was not talking, first and foremost, about material wealth and comfort, although there is always the spiritual danger of relying too much on ourselves, rather than God (see e.g., Mt 5:3, and Lk 12:13-21). Rather, our Lord was talking about moral complacency (see CCC, #1696, 1970). It is all too easy to make compromises between the perfect love of God and neighbor, and the way the world demands that we act.

It is not enough to refuse to do an evil oneself; to be faithful to Christ’s law of love, we must both repudiate every evil, and seek somehow to free our neighbor from them, as well. Most of the way we do this daily is by the faithful witness of a life lived for God, according to our vocation and state in life. Given the realities of “the flesh, the world, and the devil,” this is already a way narrow and hard enough. It gets still harder, indeed it becomes “the way of the Cross,” when it demands our personal sacrifice to remain faithful.

The essence of every temptation is to avoid this sacrifice, to make another compromise between fidelity and what seems necessary. For a disciple of Christ, this is the same as rejecting the Cross. It is in the moment of temptation, then, when we are most truly at the foot of the Cross, watching Christ die for us. The Passion plays out in us, spiritually. The bleeding and suffering Christ looks directly into the eyes of our heart, tells us of His great thirst for our love, and begs His Father in Heaven to forgive us for crucifying Him by our sins. If we resist the temptation, repeating the great baptismal “No” to sin and “Yes” to God’s love and grace, then we cling firmly to Him, remaining at the foot of the Cross and not fleeing. If we give in to the temptation and commit the sin, then we abandon the Cross in that moment. Yet, it is central to the Paschal Mystery that Christ remains near us, calling us back, and offering infinite forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of Confession.

It is not, therefore, the temptation itself, or even the failure to resist it, that drives us away from God. We can and do sin and repent, over and over again, and God never tires of forgiving us! This last is part of the profundity of St. Pio’s insight – that God never tires of forgiving us! But because we are weak and imperfect, we tend to experience the constancy and recurrence of temptations as another, inevitable failure. We might come to think that repeated temptation, or repeatedly falling into the same sin, proves how far we are from God. In fact, all it proves is how much more we need God’s mercy and love, and how little – indeed, not at all! – we can gain salvation by our own efforts.

It is only our stubborn refusal to accept His mercy that drives us away from His love. In that spiritual state of despair, we cease to struggle against sin and evil. Our compromises have grown so large that they encompass our whole life, and there is no place left to stand within one’s heart where the Cross can any more be seen. This is the “broad and easy way,” broad because it gives scope to every self-indulgence and soul-deadening sin, and easy because there is no struggle involved in following it.

In the preparations of Lent, we are called to a greater discipline, a renewal of sacrifice, so as to see more clearly the choice every moment before us, between these two paths. In the struggle to be faithful, we gain our salvation – or rather, Christ gains it for us by His perfect fidelity, and bestows it on us by His infinite love. By “seeking the narrow gate,” we are ever clinging to Him, in spite our weakness and many falls. Hence the confidence, the saving faith, hope, and love, with which we are taught to cry, “Jesus, I trust in you!”

May this season of Lent indeed renew in us Christ’s faith, hope, and love, and may we all live with more faithful witness to our Risen Savior.

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless

Bishop of Sioux City

National Chaplain
Greetings to all. Many people get a yearly medical checkup. Lent is a good time for a spiritual checkup to help deepen our relationship with God.

Pope Francis tells us that Lent is a new beginning, a path towards continual conversion of heart and a journey towards Easter. Ash Wednesday is the day we begin the season of Lent where we acknowledge ourselves as sinners and deserves God’s mercy as the Body of Christ. Ashes are placed on our foreheads while we hear the words “Repent a believe in the Gospel”. During the Lenten season we are constantly reminded three words, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer: When we pray “go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. This a good time took at our prayer life and find ways that will help us get closer to God. It also means going to Mass on a week day, reading the scripture and a day of reflection.

Fasting: We can fast from food or meat or abstain from any of our regular habits. We can fast from judging others, fast from pessimism, fast from complaining, fast from bitterness and fast from self-concern.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving traditionally means to give money of food to those who are less fortunate. More meaningful way to give alms is to give of our time and love to the poor and needy. We can volunteer at a shelter or soup kitchen or visit lonely people in a nursing home.

1903 Society
Submitted by Susan Moné, First Vice National Regent

HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

As a member of Catholic Daughter of the Americas, you could share a special honor. You can join with many of your CDofA sisters through-out the country in a unique group! Do you have membership in the 1903 Society? If not, what are you waiting for? Now is the time!

Membership comes in different ways. You can have your own personal membership or maybe in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. You can be a member of a court that belongs to the 1903 Society in the court name or in honor or memory if a special member that has contributed to your court in special ways. Does your State Court have membership in the 1903 Society? Your State Court may have joined as the State Board, or they may have taken up collections from the state membership so all CDofA members of your state belong.

The fund from this unique membership serves an essential and much needed purpose. The 1903 funds are in an account earmarked for the repair and maintenance of our beautiful National headquarters in New York City. The brown stone building was built at the turn of the century and purchased by business savvy women who looked to our future with hope and faith as we grew. Like any building or house, it needs regular maintenance and repairs to keep her in good shape. And in almost 120 years, the building has needed update to keep her functional but keeping her lovely 1905 charm.

You can join the 1903 Society for….you guessed it $1903! There are payment plans available to suit any budget. For those who completed payment of the $1903 in the past 2 years you will be presented a plaque at the National Convention in Puerto Rico in July. You still have time, so act quickly and I’ll see you in Puerto Rico with your plaque! Now is the time to join.
With our National Convention in Puerto Rico quickly approaching, I have the pleasure of introducing the myriad of opportunities for adventures and tours that will be available to you while we’re enjoying our fellowship with each other on this beautiful island. Numerous restaurants, Shopping, beaches, rainforests, and historic sites abound, and here are a selection of things that will help immerse you into the beautiful island life. Our friends at Destination Puerto Rico have tailored these adventures just for the Catholic Daughters of the America’s, so I invite you to peruse these excursions and get excited!

Old San Juan

Just 15 minutes from metro area properties one finds a UNESCO historical site like no other. Breathtaking scenes splashed with centuries of history, rich culture, music, world class shopping and some of the best restaurants in the Caribbean. San Juan is definitely a must see when in Puerto Rico!

City Tour of Old San Juan

Explore Old San on an in-depth walking tour of the city, learning about the various points of interest including Fort San Cristobal, a mainstay of the San Juan fortification system; La Rogativa sculpture; Cristo Chapel; and the “Puerta de San Juan” (Door of San Juan). You’ll see the beautiful 17th century Spanish ironwork on the restored homes and note the blue-black glazed cobblestones used to surface the narrow streets of the Old City. In addition, you will have time to explore interesting shops, boutiques and art galleries that have made this historic area their home.

Old San Juan Historical Sail

Departing from Pier Old San Juan cruise port aboard the Amazing Grace, a topsail schooner, you will take in the beautiful views of our Historical City while sailing along the Bay, listening to our history of over 500 years. Enjoy the beautiful views of the bay, El Morro, La Fortaleza and Paseo La Princesa among other beautiful backdrops and mesmerizing landscapes. This 90-minute sail includes refreshments.

Arts: Museum and Murals Tour

Your experience will start at the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico (Museum of Art of Puerto Rico), where you will receive a guided tour of their permanent collection and have time to enjoy their sculpture garden as well. From here we’ll take the exploration outdoors and explore some of the streets of Santurce and Miramar to see some of the more modern and vibrant street art that adorns these neighborhoods.

Piñones & Loiza Culture Experience

Visit the nearby coastal areas of Piñones and Loiza, the epicenter of Afro-Puerto Rican culture, and see that there is more history and culture to be discovered outside of Old San Juan. Discover the roots of the island and learn about our African heritage, visiting a gallery featuring temporary revolving exhibits of local art, exploring a small cave in which artifacts dating back to the Tainos have been found, participating in the Turban Workshop, and learning all about the local dance called Bomba.
**Hacienda Muñoz Coffee Plantation**

Coffee is an important part of Puerto Rico’s history, once grown in all towns throughout the island. Still a popular Puerto Rican product, the island has experienced a newfound focus on growing quality coffee. This tour will give you the opportunity to visit a lovely working Coffee Plantation, only 50-65 minutes from San Juan, in the town of San Lorenzo.

Upon arrival at the plantation, your knowledgeable guide will welcome you and take you on a guided walk through the hillside plantation during which you will learn of the history of coffee, the planting, care, growing and harvesting, roasting and packaging of our coffee, as well as the current state of the industry on the island, and the working machinery they use to create their artisanal coffee. Following the tour, enjoy a delicious coffee beverage made with this intoxicating bean along with a pastry or snack cake, before returning to your resort.

**All Day Trip to Ponce**

This tour starts bright and early, heading inland on the trans-island expressway, through the lush green hills of the interior and across the Cordillera of mountains to the drier Caribbean side of the island to Ponce. Your tour will begin with a panoramic view of the Caribbean coast from El Vigia Hill, towering several hundred feet over the city of Ponce at the point where the central Cordillera starts to rise – it was from here that early residents scanned the horizon for pirates. Immediately below this look-out point is Serrallés Castle, the baronial estate of Puerto Rico’s most powerful rum producing families, who produce Don Q Rum. You will actually tour this “castle” which is a magnificent example of Spanish Revival architecture popular in the 1920’s and includes furnishings that date back to medieval Spain mixed in with what were then the “modern” appliances of the early 20th century. You finish this segment of the tour actually feeling that you have met the members of the Serrallés dynasty.

Next you will head to the city’s center that has been lovingly restored to its original turn of the century splendor and features a spacious tree-lined plaza, which encompasses the Cathedral and fanciful red and black Parque de Bombas (firehouse), which was imported from a world’s fair. Horse drawn carriages are usually found at the square as well. Time will then be allowed for lunch with your girls at one of the restaurants located near the plaza. Following lunch, you will go directly to either a coffee plantation or the museum of art to finish your day experience before returning to San Juan.

**Old San Juan Churches and Chapels**

A certified tour guide will walk you through the streets of Old San Juan exploring this 500+ year old city and how the Catholic faith was a critical piece of settling the city. Visit churches, chapels, and historical landmarks along the way as you experience the city from a unique perspective and transport yourself back to times gone by with the interesting and informative narration.

After reading these incredible extension tours, I know you must be ready to register, and soon you can! You will have an opportunity to register for these tours starting in April, so until then, encourage your Catholic Daughters, Family and guests to register for these wonderful and exciting tours. Looking forward to seeing you in San Juan at the National Convention! You will not want to miss out on this incredible journey.
Ceremonies and Robes belong together in Catholic Daughters of the Americas. As we prepare for the National Convention and the changing of the “guard/officers” in our courts, let us remember to check the Tools of the Trade for the recommended ceremonies and the proper way to wear your robe. Check Sections III and IV in the Tools of the Trade for a refresher in proper protocol for ceremonies. Also check out Section VI under Ceremonials Description of Robes and CDA Symbols. Section VII Ceremonial Dress Code was updated September 20, 2021. Please check those changes.

It is important when attending a ceremony and robes are required/requested, that they are clean, pressed and the prober length from the floor (11 inches) with white shoes. More is in the Tool of the Trade to help you.

The spring 2021 Share issue, page 17, has more to review on the Protocol for ceremonies and robes.

Wearing a Catholic Daughter Robe is “SPECIAL” to our great organization.

Irene Gramza
National Director

Please note:
The 59th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held July 20-24, 2022, at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. All court dues must be paid as of December 31, 2021 in order to vote during the convention. Please contact the National Office for dues information.

Martha
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 W 71st Street
New York, NY 10023
Email cdofanatl1@aol.com
RESOLUTIONS in MOTION

Essie Walker, 2nd Vice National Regent and Tess Cersovski, National Director

One copy of each Resolution being submitted must be POSTMARKED by May 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Tess Cersovski or Essie Walker.

A written resolution is a document that contains an issue that a local court, state court, or committee wants all CDA members to be aware of and offer solutions to solve the issue. A Resolution is the act of resolving or determining upon an action or course of action. Working together with other court members on a resolution provides a variety of viewpoints which can complement each other’s ideas. Because a resolution gives a special level of importance to a motion, it needs to be expressed formally in writing.

Before one starts to write a resolution, remember these important points: Be clear about what you want, understand why you want it, be specific about what you want, be committed to the outcome, and put it in writing. The RESOLVED statement(s) are written first followed by each WHEREAS point.

SUGGESTED FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS
WHEREAS, in this paragraph state the issue of concern; and
WHEREAS, continue with whereas statements for number of points needed; now therefore be it RESOLVED, sum up action to be taken and if the purpose is grave, a second resolved night be in order.

EXAMPLE
WHEREAS, there is a need for greater devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary; and

WHEREAS, Mary is the Mother of Jesus; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that The Memorare be prayed at each CDA Court Meeting for the intentions of all Catholic Daughters members.

Submitted by: Name and number of Court
Date: Date of meeting at which resolution was passed
Regent: Signature of Regent

Contact Information: Email address and/or phone number

(Please note: the above is just a “fictitious” example and is not something that is being proposed at this convention.)
Local courts will be electing new officers this spring. Please respond with a resounding “Yes” if asked to serve in your local court.

ARTICLE XIII LOCAL COURT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 3 ELECTIONS

C. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in the alternate years to the State elections and shall hold office for two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A plurality vote shall elect. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election.

D. Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation thirty (30) days following election.

May God bless you as new officers are nominated and elected to keep our great organization alive and serving all God’s people.
Recruiting should be an ongoing effort for Court Survival

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it Shine, Let it Shine, Let it Shine!

Contact National Director Dawn Fortenberry with any questions – (225)324-8610 or dawnie55@eatel.net

Ladies, are you getting excited? Our Membership Contest is in full swing. All you need to is grow your Courts and membership numbers. Easier said than done, right? I know many snares and walls have hit us lately in being able to meet, growing our Courts and just plain getting together with that nasty “C” word still hanging around. Sometimes these things discourage our energy and enthusiasm, but we must push on and charge forward; shine your light! Jesus Christ, Himself, hit many obstacles along the way, but that didn’t stop Him from His ministry and mission.

I pray all of you have been thinking about your Courts, your members, and how to energize them and motivate their enthusiasm. All things must start with love! When we have love in our hearts, it’s just like our lights are turned on and bright for the whole world to see. This light attracts others to want to find out what all the fuss is about. Show them!

I have learned that our spiritual connection and prayerfulness will attract more members than our busyness in projects. What I mean by that is we sometimes put more effort into fundraising and projects, than the simple most important needs of our membership, their spiritual nourishment. Many new members I have encountered are hungry for that! Please focus your Courts activities around prayer. This is what we need more than anything.

With our Membership Contest going on, I hope your Court has been working on development. It’s not that difficult to win and with many Courts not being able to do much, this could be a fundraising effort, as well as an added bonus to your Court, more members. Prepare the tools you need for a membership drive. Start with prayer, put on a happy face, and go out and shine your light with love and laughter! I’ll be praying for and with you. Good luck! Hope to see your Court’s

Congratulations to our New Court

Court St. Joseph Protector of Families #2775 of Texas.

Toni Hurt, Regent
8600 Darlina Drive
El Paso, TX 79925

Congratulations to the officers and members of this court!
Feel like Covid put your courts out of touch? Your court newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with the members of your court. Many courts had virtual meetings but not all members are able to participate in that aspect of social media—we missed the face-to-face meetings of the past. I hope by now most courts are back to meeting regularly. Getting a newsletter from your court helps to keep everyone informed. We can read it at our leisure and as many times as we feel the need.

Please help your members feel connected by writing a newsletter from your court. It’s a great way to make members who have been sheltered in place still feel like a part of your court. If you have never written a newsletter before, it doesn’t matter, and there’s no time like the present to start. Tell everyone what is going on in your court.

For those of you who already write a newsletter, just a gentle reminder of the requirements that will need to be followed if you want to enter your court newsletter in the national newsletter contest. These requirements were listed in the National Quarterly Newsletter, are on the National Website and was recently sent out to all court regents by our Worthy National Regent. Go to the website at catholicdaughters.org, then click on the “member resources” tab (or on a smart phone the three bars in the upper left corner of the screen), then click on “forms”, then click on “contests”, then click on “national newsletter contest information—2022”. The Spanish version is also there, right below the English version. Please read the requirements very carefully and follow the guidelines. All the information must be included on the entries. Everything is on the website from deadlines and requirements to suggestions, a cover sheet and scoring sheets. Your local court and state court will set their own deadlines. The deadline to the National Newsletter Chairman Barb (Jensen) Ward must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2022. Newsletters will not be accepted for judging after the deadline. All entries must be mailed to: Barb Ward, 3160 North Buttercup Circle, Frederick CO 80516. If you have any questions email me at bjensen1621@hotmail.com. Newsletters are one of the most important tools for your court!

Catholic Daughters want to offer students and adults the opportunity to learn more about themselves and each other through these education contests. We all have God given talents and some are expressed in writing, some in music or art. In April of 2021 my mailman delivered over 300 entries to the education contest and scholarship entries combined on the National level.

The 2022 Education Contest information was mailed to all the Regents; both State and Local, last fall and here we are getting ready to judge them locally as of February 1st and move those winning entries to their state education chair by March 1st. State chairs will then have their judges find the winners of each category and move them on to the National chairman and have them postmarked no later than April 1st. State Chairman please note: my address has changed and is; 2015 225th St. Milford, Iowa 51351. It will be exciting to see what talent emerges and the winners will be announced at the National Convention in Puerto Rico in July. Please read the rules entirely and if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at; cda4dar@outlook.com.

There are also three (3) Fr. Bachmann Graduate Scholarships for undergraduates. If you or you know of someone who could benefit from one of these $2500.00 Scholarships, please pass on the information found on our National Website; www.catholicdaughters.org. Campus Court Scholarship applications are available to all the Campus Court members and found on the main page under ‘Campus Courts’. State Regents be sure to contact your Campus Courts and give them this information. Fr. Bachmann applications are found on the main page by clicking on ‘Education’. Campus Court and Fr. Bachmann applications also need to be postmarked no later than April 1st.

Be sure to follow all the rules set by National and I look so forward to the post office bringing all the winning state entries before April, 2022.
JOIN OUR 2022 WEBSITE CONTEST

We want to see your website NEW or ESTABLISHED, LOCAL or STATE

SHARE your ideas, INSPIRE others, ENCOURAGE new members....

- Help your members stay connected and informed. Let potential members know what we do and how we serve others. Create a website if you don’t already have one.

  If you already have a site, keep it current and up to date!

- There are separate categories for local, state and JCDA courts as well as for new and established sites.

- Application forms are on the National Website (www.catholicdaughters.org) along with judging criteria and detailed instructions. At very top of home page click on forms, scroll down to contest section, click on Website Contest 2022. Please read carefully and note deadlines.

- Local, campus and JCDA submit to state chairmen by March 1, 2022. First place entries only are sent to National by April 1, 2022. State and territorial courts submit directly to National by April 1.

CONSIDER SUBMITTING YOUR WEBSITE.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE 2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PUERTO RICO.

GET RECOGNITION FOR YOUR COURT!

Your creativity and dedication to CDA always inspire. Thank you to all who participate.

Michele Bowman, National Director
National Website Contest Chairman
Local Court Officers
for the two-year period 20__ to 20__ Election held on May__, 20__

Court

City________________________State__________

The Financial Secretary should complete this form immediately following the election held at the May monthly meeting. Even if you do not have any changes in officers or have been recently instituted, this form must be completed every two years. Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated. Please PRINT neatly.

Please submit ORIGINAL form to:
Catholic Daughters of the America
10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023

Send one copy to your State Regent
(Territorial Courts: send to your National Supervisor)
Send one copy to your District Deputy

Regent: Name__________________________ new re-elected

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

E-Mail_________________________ Phone# (__________) Cell# (_____) 

Vice Regent: Name__________________________ new re-elected

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

E-Mail_________________________ Phone# (__________) Cell# (_____) 

Recording Secretary: Name__________________________ new re-elected

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

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Financial Secretary: Name__________________________ new re-elected

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

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Treasurer: Name__________________________ new re-elected

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

E-Mail_________________________ Phone# (__________) Cell# (_____) 

Chaplain/Spiritual Advisor: Name__________________________ new returning

Address________________________ City________ State____ Zip____

E-Mail_________________________ Phone# (__________) Cell#(_____)
Financial Review

either for the period April 1, 20___ to September 30, 20___
or for the period October 1, 20___ to March 31, 20___

Total membership on your records as of September 30 or March 31 was __________

COURT NAME ___________________________ COURT # _______ CITY ____________________ STATE __________

**usual court monthly meeting night (Example-second Monday)____________________

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

2. Paid to National Court:

   National Dues, Assessments and Insurance $ ____________
   Supplies, Jewelry and Gift Items $ ____________
   Paraphernalia (robes, banner, flags) $ ____________
   Other (specify) $ ____________

   Total $ ________

3. Paid to State Court:

   State Dues and Assessments $ ____________
   Special State Court Projects $ ____________

   Total $ ________

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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.

Signature of District Deputy/State Representative if present: __________________________

Signatures of Financial Review Committee

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   District Deputy/State Representative must be present for At least one (1) Financial Review per year.

2. __________________________

   RETAIN a copy for Court files

   Date of Review __________________________

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Stations of the Cross for the Unborn
by Connie Dronette

**Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death.** Jesus was innocent but that didn’t matter to the people who wanted him crucified. His teaching made them uncomfortable. An unborn baby is condemned to death every time an abortion is chosen. That baby, like Jesus, is innocent.

*Leader: We adore Thee, O Christ, and bless Thee. All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.*

**Station 2: Jesus carries His cross.** Jesus picks up His heavy cross for love of us. He suffers so that we might be forgiven. He paid the price for our sins. We carry our own cross in sacrifice for the unborn. May we pay the price in standing up for those without a voice.

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**Station 3: Jesus falls the first time.** God chose to be like us in our humanity, even to the point of death. He didn’t have to do that for us. May we never live our lives in self-centeredness and forget the plight of the unborn.

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**Station 4: Jesus meets His mother.** There is no bond stronger than the bond between Jesus and His mother. A mother feels every pain that her child goes through. Let us be available to the mother who is faced with an unwanted pregnancy. May we be the light she needs to choose life.

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**Station 5: Simon helps Jesus carry His Cross.** Simon is chosen to help Jesus carry His heavy cross. Simon alleviated some of Jesus’ pain. May we be ready to alleviate the pain of the women who have chosen abortion. Let us be the women who try to end the suffering of abortion.

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**Station 6: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.** Veronica does what she can to show Jesus that she loves Him. She ministers to him in the only way she knows how. May those in the medical profession reach out to women who are suffering with the choice of abortion and show them that they can choose life.

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**Station 7: Jesus falls for the second time.** Jesus was so tired; He had already suffered so much when he fell again. As we are fighting in the right to life, there will undoubtedly be setbacks. Let us be like Jesus by picking up our cross and starting again.

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Station 8: Jesus speaks to the Women of Jerusalem. Jesus tells these women to cry for themselves and their children. He wants us to love Him and repent. For love of Jesus, we pray that we have the courage to fight for the unborn child.

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Station 9: Jesus falls for the third time. It is love for us that causes Jesus to continue to pick up His Heavy Cross. He never gave up, no matter the pain. We pray that we may never give up protecting the rights of the unborn.

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Station 10 Jesus is stripped of His garments. How humiliating it must have been for Jesus to have his garments ripped from His body. He did not want His mother to see Him like that. The unborn child is stripped of his right to life. Let us continue to pray for an end to this sin.

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Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the Cross. Jesus allowed the powers of this world to take His life. May the powers of our world, the government, use their influence to provide protection for the unborn.

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Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross. Jesus died. So many of His children have died with him. His passion is relieved every twenty seconds in our country, when an abortion is performed. May the unborn children killed by abortion rest in His peace and find comfort in His arms.

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Station 13: Jesus is taken down from the cross. Mary wept as she was given Jesus’ body from the cross. We all weep by the injustice of it all. May women who had abortions turn to Mary in seeking healing and forgiveness.

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Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb. A tomb is a memorial to help us remember those who have died. We know that the tomb could not hold Jesus. We have hope in the Resurrection that the babies aborted are living in the presence of God at this very moment.

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THOU SHALT NOT KILL

Directly behind the United States of America Supreme Court Building in Washington D.C. is this stone monument:

![Ten Commandments monument](image)

This picture was taken January 21, 2022 during the March for LIFE. You can see the Fifth Commandment clearly: THOU SHALT NOT KILL!

We have lost over 63,000,000 American babies to the legalization of abortion in 1973 (Roe v Wade).

We have made great advances in medical technology such as 4D ultrasound and the field of neonatology verifies the fact that an unborn baby feels pain during the abortion procedure. Millions of women and men have sought help in ministries that validate their loss and bring healing and hope due to post-abortion trauma.

Our United States Supreme Court is expected to announce its decision in the famous Dobbs abortion case (Mississippi law that seeks to protect babies after 15 weeks of pregnancy) by late June or early July.

Faithful Catholic Citizenship calls on each one of us to stop unjust laws and laws that violate the dignity of the human being, born or unborn.

I urge you to pray fervently, fast if possible and contact the US Bishops’ PRO-LIFE group and Human LIFE Action.

You can sign up for action alerts at humanlifeaction.org or email or call Brian Duggan at (240) 478-0794 bduggan@nchla.org

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said:

“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen.” We are an Easter People. We know God wins. As we prepare this epic battle of the Culture of LIFE vs the Culture of death - state by state, we believe each and every beating heart has value and worth and THOU SHALT NOT KILL!

Eileen Peterson
National Legislative Chair