



Catholic Daughters of the Americas



New Mexico State Court

December 2020



Message from the State Regent

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the first ever Virtual State Retreat/Workshop held in September. It was not without glitches, but we overcame the technical difficulties and were able to offer a thorough training of the various local offices. We greatly appreciate the dedication of our NM membership to Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

A huge thank you to everyone who led a Rosary for Peace in our Nation during the month of October up to Election Day. We appreciate everyone who logged in to pray along with us. Thank you to Kathryn Lara and her daughter Sophia, who led the rosary on several occasions; it was genuinely appreciated.

Call to convention is enclosed in this newsletter, as required by By-Laws of the Order. I would like to express that our main concern is the health and welfare of our members. Should the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions still be in place during convention time, the business session of the State Convention will be held online and through the mail. Until further notice, the planning and preparations of the 34th Biennial State Convention will continue as usual.

Let us continue to pray daily for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and safety of all our members. State Officers have continued to lead in prayer the daily novena, please join us on our Facebook page during the noon hour. Let us also offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the re-opening of our
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Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Message from the State Regent *(continued)*

Churches in the Santa Fe Diocese and keep Archbishop John C. Wester in our prayers during the time of pandemic. *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)*

Ladies, make sure to reach out to friends and members by calling them, just to say hi.

Your Sister in Christ,
Yvette Griego,
New Mexico State Regent



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As we prepare to head into the Advent season, let us offer thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus for assisting us through this most difficult time. Who would have thought last year that we would be challenged with the pandemic situations we are faced with today? We will have a peaceful Christmas time but maybe it is what we need most not the usual hustle and bustle that is usually brought on by the pressures of the secular world. Let us use this time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. "Jesus Christ is born."

Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born
Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[here mention your request]
through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

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My Dear CDA Sisters,

Hope that everyone is staying safe and well.
As we begin the Advent season, lets us pray that by Christmas when our Lord is born that COVID-19 is out the door. Allowing us to celebrate with our family and friends normally.
My Christmas wish for everyone is a very Blessed Merry Christmas, and that 2021 will be a much better year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many blessings,
Angelina Romero IPSR

In modern times, it seems that Christmas starts the moment stores open on Black Friday. If one was to believe displays in Hobby Lobby, Home Depot and even Wal Mart, Christmas begins before Halloween! All of this attention to Christmas Day and the days that lead up to it take away from a very important season of preparation – the season of Advent.



From the
Desk of
our State
Chaplain...

If we think back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Israel waited for generations and generations for their Anointed One, their *Messiah*, or “Christos” in the Greek of Jesus’ time. We know that Jesus, the Messiah, the Christos, has already come, but this season of Advent helps us refocus on his very first coming in the flesh at the first Christmas. We wait with joyful expectation for four weeks, symbolically linking ourselves to our Jewish forefathers and foremothers in faith, who waited a lot longer than a month for His arrival. As they waited, they prayed and dedicated themselves to faithfully living the Law given to them by God through Moses. They read the scriptures (what we as Christians would now call the Old Testament), especially the Psalms, the great communal prayers of Israel. They would eat the unleavened bread and lamb of the annual Passover feast. Most would never see His arrival, but they would live in the faith that the author of the New Testament letter to the Hebrews defines as “the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)

Now, more than 2000 years after His birth, we share Israel’s long vigil in waiting for our Anointed One’s triumphant return in glory as we prepare to commemorate His birth. We pray and dedicate ourselves to living faithfully the tenets of our faith: to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. We read the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, and we consume the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, made flesh in the hands of a priest as He was made flesh in the womb of His Most Blessed Mother.

This is what Advent helps us remember – that God so loved the world that He left the glories and wonders of heaven to live in human flesh; flesh that He received from His Blessed Mother. It’s an incredible reality to try to wrap our heads around, which is why we need a whole season, or at least four weeks, to help us do that. Consider, for instance, prayerfully reading the first reading from the daily Mass readings. It will almost always be from the Prophet Isaiah, who lived 700 years before Jesus’ birth. Ask yourself, “How do I see Christ’s coming in this reading?” It may not always be clear, so it may be helpful to ask the Holy Spirit to help you see. Or read one chapter from Luke’s Gospel every day starting on December 1. It’s 24 chapters, which will give you one chapter a day everyday (almost) during Advent.

Whatever you choose to do, take this season of preparation seriously. Yes, do your Christmas shopping and baking, but don’t get so caught up in those that we fail to prepare our immortal souls for the arrival of their Savior. Christmas has its season, so does Advent. Give it its due attention, and you’ll find that your Christmas truly becomes more meaningful.

Very Rev. Rob Yaksich

The Advent Season by Dr. Catherine Collins

Last year at this time, we were in a completely different reality. We had no idea what 2020 would bring. The time for Advent is with us now. Advent is a quiet season of preparation and waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. With many of us quarantining at home, you ask yourself what you can do differently this year from what you have ever done in the past? My suggestion to you is this: Advent is the perfect time to make a personal and quiet retreat. We want to observe Advent in a pronounced way. What can we do? With some prayerful and inspired ingenuity, we can form our own Advent retreat at home.

While it's optimal to remove ourselves from our usual surroundings, we can make an effective retreat at home, simply by changing our schedule and attitude. All it takes is planning and self-discipline. What we do on the outside won't sway us much if we don't also do things on the inside, too. Participating in Advent traditions and devotions will help to increase the longing and open our hearts more fully to the coming of the Savior at Christmas. We may have traditions we've carried on for years, but perhaps now, particularly in this year of challenges, we can look at them with "new eyes" as we try to re-discover their richness and benefits. Old, familiar Advent devotions can be made new again by practicing them with more deliberation or in a different order or manner. Advent should be a season of surprises too, of God showing up when and where we least expect Emmanuel. It is important to consider how we can grow in spiritual wholeness during such a difficult quarantined season. Take time for silence and reflection each day with Scripture, a devotional prayer, or prayers to your favorite saint.

Why you should spend your Advent with Mary

To Our Lady, Mother of Advent

To Our Lady, Mother of Advent, O Mother of our Advent, be with us and see to it that he will remain with us in this difficult Advent of the struggles for truth and hope, for justice and peace: He, alone, Emmanuel.

*If we walk with Mary to Bethlehem,
she might place the Baby Jesus into our heart*

Advent, above all the other seasons of the liturgical year, presents the perfect opportunity to draw closer to Mary. One simple way to do this is to imagine the last few weeks of Mary's pregnancy and to accompany her, pondering what she might have been thinking during this time in her life. This exercise also illustrates perfectly a central spiritual truth: **the closer we get to Mary, the closer we are to Jesus.**

Let us go to Mary. Let us devote our Advent to Mary. Let us consecrate every thought, word, and action to Mary during this holy season; and then, ***on the blessed Christmas morning, she will herself place her Infant in our arms; nay, rather, she will lay Him down to rest in our hearts;*** and He is so obedient to His sweet mother, that He will never stir from the heart wherein she places Him, unless she comes to take Him away. Surely we will not oblige her to do so?

Advent should be a time of special devotion to Mary. *Jesus* again lies mystically in her womb. Again, she pleads unweariedly for her people, as she pleaded in that blessed Advent when He took flesh of her flesh, and bone of her bone. Oh, let us kneel before her now as we would have knelt *before her then, and implore her to intercede for us with Jesus, to obtain for us that He may indeed be our light, and that we may never be of the number of those who prefer darkness.*

As we prepare for Christmas, let us consider the ways we can develop our relationship with our spiritual mother, drawing closer to her, so that we may draw even closer to Jesus. For each day of Advent may, YES be your prayer just like Our Blessed Mother. YES is my belief in all things possible. God, hear my YES as I listen to yours... (write or imagine how God is affirming you—saying yes to you and the needs of your life.)

Some Simple Things to Pray for During Advent:

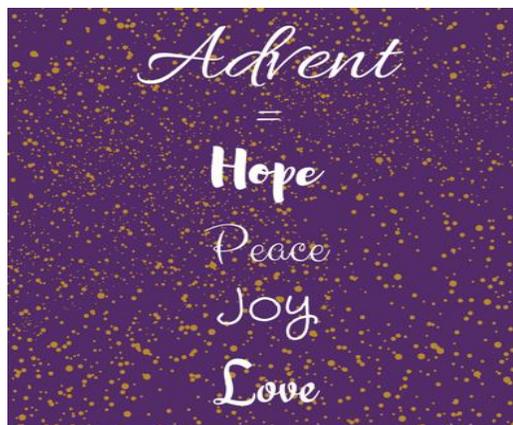
1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
5. Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of loving community.
6. Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
7. Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.
8. Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
9. Pray for joy and a sense of humor.
10. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
11. Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.
12. Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.
13. Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
14. Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.
15. Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

~ Edited from Whitney Hople's "*Pray for Simplicity this Advent*"

An Advent Prayer for Courage

Dear Heavenly Father,
Help me to hear your voice.
Touch me once again.
Give me the courage to be your beloved.
Give me courage to choose joy.
I need you now this Christmas.
Be born in me again. Today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.
~Bonnie Gray, from

"Why it Takes Courage to Choose Joy"



My Christmas Message to all my CDA Sisters,

During this time of year, as in past Christmases, we were usually into the throng of our Christmas preparations. This Christmas Season everything we do, will be with a sense of newness, as we celebrate the holidays with a new normal. And as the Advent season begins, we are also called to approach this holy season with a sense of newness. My prayer for all of you this Advent and Christmas Season is that we ask the Our Lord Jesus to reign in our hearts, our minds, our wills, and our lives as we celebrate with our loved ones, stopping to remember all we have, to truly be thankful for during this season of Christmas, while remembering all the loved ones we lost during this year.

Peace and blessings for a safe and Christ-filled Christmas.
Dr. Catherine Collins
New Mexico Second Vice State Regent



Kindpng.

My dear sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers and sympathy cards sent at my mom's passing. It happened all so fast and it still seems surreal that she is not with us. I keep picking up the phone to call her. I lost my number one cheerleader. I could always depend on her unfailing love. She gave me the gift of faith and taught me to love God and Our Lady.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that there are not many days left in 2020. I love the season of Advent in the church. It is filled with so many beautiful symbols and traditions that date back before Christmas trees and candy canes. I love that it is the one place you can visit without being bombarded with Christmas frenzy. And then we celebrate Christmas! Such a humble beginning for the baby born in the manger. Herod was right to be nervous. A new kingdom was coming. A new king was born, making us Daughters of a King

I pray that your courts are finding success meeting in different ways. Who would have ever thought that we would be meeting in parks, in garages, or on Zoom? I am so proud of all of you who are finding unique ways to meet and continue your projects. Keep up the good work!

Plans for your state convention are being made and my prayer is that I have the opportunity to see many of you there. Please consider attending. Hopefully, Covid will be a distant memory in the spring and we will all meet to pray and celebrate our sisterhood.

Your servant sister,
Connie Dronette, National Sec./Treas.

STATE CONVENTION NEWS

Hello fellow Catholic Daughters.

Hope everyone is doing great! Here is an update on the upcoming State Convention that will be held in our Beautiful Las Vegas New Mexico. One thing I would like to mention is we are having a state-wide raffle where each of the hosting courts have donated a basket for. Basket # 1) Court Our Lady of Sorrows has donated two beautiful Turkish Lanterns. Basket #2) Court Saint Helen of the Cross has donated a basket named Pioneer Women serving God. Basket #3) Court Santa Rosa De Lima has donated an I Pad Mini with Wi-Fi 64 GB in Gold color. Basket #4 Court Empress of Immaculate Conception has donated a basket of Picnic Basket wine and many other items in it.

Martha Hoehne, Regent from Santa Rosa de Lima as sent each court their raffles to get this pre-convention fund raiser started. All monies should be turned in Melinda Gonzales from Court Our Lady of Sorrows, LVNM by March 15th, 2021. (P O Box 1833 LVNM 87701).

So, keep a lookout for our 1st call to convention coming up soon, were we will have the information on purchasing you an ad for our program. As mentioned, before we have been working very hard to get this going, with all the social distance protocols in place. We are planning on getting together and work on our many projects more and more excited with every meeting. What a great time we are all having.

So, please mark your calendars for next April, as we are planning a wonderful and eventful convention. Hope to see all of you here in "the real" Las Vegas.

Priscilla Bustos
Regent OLOS #1301
State Convention Chair Person



Basket # 1
 Turkish
 Lanterns
 Designed
 and Made
 in Turkey



Basket#2

- Pioneer Women-Serving God
- 10-piece pan set with baker
- Pot holders
- Bamboo spoon and spatula
- Rubber spatulas
- Utensil holder
- 2-piece Oval baking set
- 2-piece knife set
- 2-piece colander set
- 3-piece magnet set
- 4-piece mini serving bowls
- 6- piece serving bowls with lids
- Insulated baker tote



**Raffle to Benefit
 Catholic Daughters of Americas
 34th Biennial State Convention
 Host Courts**

Donation \$2.00 each ticket
 Drawing Saturday, April 10, 2021
Thank You!

Please return raffles and money by
 March 15, 2021 to Melinda Gonzales,
 State Convention Treasurer,
 PO Box 1833, Las Vegas, NM 87701.
 Cellphone: 505-228-2138.



Basket #3 -
 I-Pad Mini
 with Wi-Fi
 64 GB in Gold



Basket #4 -

- Wine & Grill Basket
- Plates, Cups, Forks, Spoons
- Corkscrew, Serving Tray
- Placemats, Salt & Pepper Shakers
- Bottle of Wine, 2 Wine glasses
- Wine mat, Table Cover
- Ice Chest, Beach Towel
- Small Charcoal Grill



New Mexico
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
34th Biennial State Convention

GREETINGS TO ALL LOCAL REGENTS and CDA MEMBERS:

It's time once again for one of our fundraising activities to generate funding for the State Convention Hosting Courts. These funds enable us help with the costs of hosting this Biennial Convention.

Each court will receive (1) book per member or amount requested by the Regent. This Raffle will be drawn on Saturday, April 10, 2021, so **please return your Court check and Raffle stubs no later than February 15, 2021.**

We hope to make this a successful fundraiser. We sincerely appreciate your continued support on our behalf.

Return the Court check and Raffle stubs to **Melinda Gonzales, State Convention Treasurer, PO Box 1833, Las Vegas, NM 87701. Cellphone: 505-228-2138.** If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact **Martha Hoehne, Cellphone 575-799-8189.**

Our sincere appreciation goes out to each of you for your support of this project.

See you in Las Vegas!

Your Sisters in Christ,

Yvette Griego
NM State Regent

Priscilla Bustos
Convention Chairman

"Let all you do be done with love" 1 COR 16:14



STATE CONVENTION

April 8-11, 2021

Las Vegas, NM

November, 2020

Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends of CDA:

As plans are made for our State Convention in Las Vegas, New Mexico, we are offering a place for you to send your messages of appreciation, your greetings and your messages of congratulations to those attending the State Convention. Please consider purchasing an ad in the Convention Program Booklet. Not only will you be able to send your messages of support, but you will also have a wonderful convention memory long after the convention closes.

To purchase an ad, follow all instructions regarding the type and size of the ad on the next page. Unfortunately, only digital camera-ready art can be accepted. Handwritten copies will not be accepted.

Proceeds from the 2021 Convention Program Booklet Ads will help further our charitable programs and help alleviate the cost of the convention.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to each of you for your support of this project.

See you in Las Vegas!

Yvette Griego

Yvette Griego
NM State Regent

Priscilla Bustos

Priscilla Bustos
Convention Chairman



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Las Vegas, NM

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET AD CONTRACT

Full Page (4 ½” W x 7 ½” H) \$100

Half Page (4 ½” W x 3 ¼” H)\$50

One Third Page (4 ½” W x 2” H)\$25

(Please type or print neatly)

Ad Size _____ Price of Ad \$_____ Date _____

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Address: _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO *Catholic Daughters of the Americas*

Send all payments to:

Valerie Villa-Lopez, **Chairman of Ads/Program Booklets**

204 Avienda Villa

Las Vegas, NM 87701

Email address: vvillalopez@msn.com

- You must send all artwork via email to address listed above.
- The deadline for the ad copy is February 1, 2021.
- We appreciate your generosity and your prayers as we prepare for our convention.

*“Let all you do be done with love”
1COR 16:14*

FULL PAGE AD \$100
(4 ½" W x 7 ½" H)

HALF PAGE AD \$50
(4 ½" W x 3 ¼" H)

ONE THIRD PAGE AD \$25
(4 ½" W x 2" H)

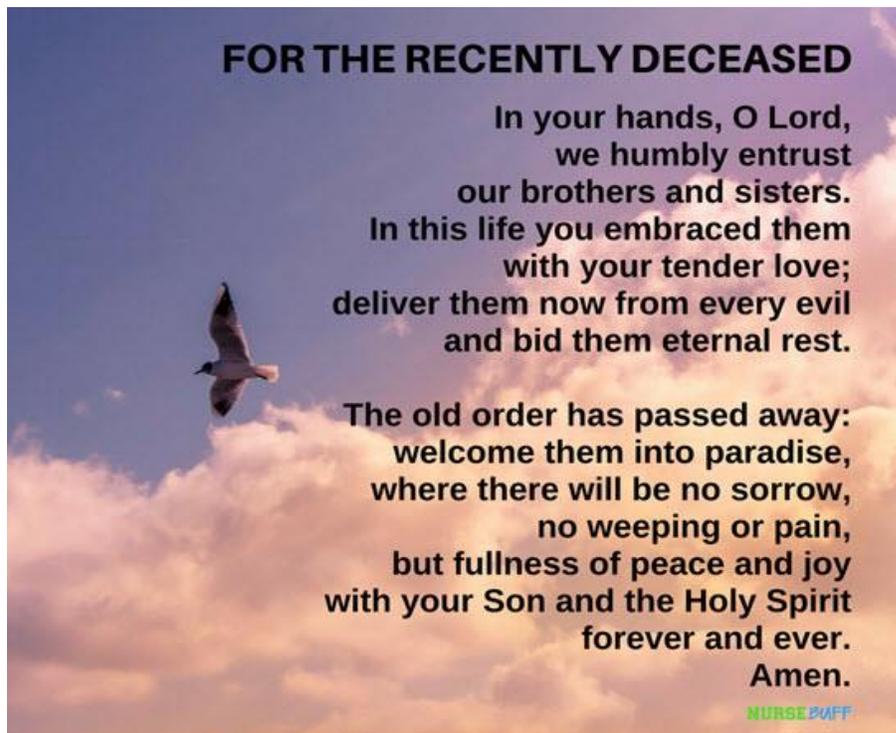
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ATTENTION - Regents

- Please send in your picture for State Convention program booklet to:
Valerie Villa-Lopez – email: vvillalopez@msn.com or 204 Avienda Villa, Las Vegas, NM 87701
- Deceased members memorial – please send in names of deceased members for Memorial Service to be held Friday following opening Mass. Mail to: Priscilla Bustos, 605 Lutheran Lane, Las Vegas, NM 87701

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**Candidates seeking State Office**- a member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate, which must be voted on at local court meeting and signed by the majority of the Local Court Officers and consent to serve signed by the candidate. Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked prior to February 1, 2021 and mailed to: Nominating Committee Chairman Neva Ortega, 1300 West Daywood, Portales, NM 88130



**Viola Castillo**

*We mourn the loss of our long-term State Parliamentarian, Viola Castillo, who passed away peacefully on October 21<sup>st</sup>. She was 80 years old, and will be sorely missed.*

<https://www.nursebuff.com/prayers-for-the-departed/>

\*\*Regents - send prayer requests to State Regent, [ygriego@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org](mailto:ygriego@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org), call or text to 575-799-5189.\*\*



My Sisters in Christ,

I wish to extend to you my warmest and heartfelt Advent and Christmas greetings and blessings. In writing this message I reflected on this image of Mary, Joseph and the newborn baby Jesus. As we have experienced this year in isolation, I realized how important the family is to all of us. Joseph and Mary relied on each other in the most pivotal and difficult time so that our Savior could come into this world safely. How alone they must have felt! In putting their trust in God he gave them the strength and the assistance they needed to overcome all the obstacles in their way. As we draw near to this Advent and Christmas remember to keep our Father close to you and we will persevere through these difficult and isolated times. My Love and Prayers are with you all. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Rosie Duran  
State Secretary

State of New Mexico Catholic Daughters are PROLIFE!

Beginning in 2021 the State Court of New Mexico will be sending out information concerning Right to Life Issues in the State of New Mexico. The Legislative Sessions for the State of New Mexico begin with opening day on January 19, 2021.

We will keep up to date on any Legislation that affects our Catholic beliefs and those of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. As Catholic Daughters we are encouraged to speak out and be vocal about issues that affect quality of life, family, education, housing and health care. As the new Legislative Chair, I want to remind you all about the mission statement of Operation Morning Star (below). Each local court should have a Legislative committee and chair. I will be contacting you for these names, so local courts need to form their committee and elect a chair at their next meeting.

The State Board goal is to increase the communication to local courts this coming year and educate on all Pro-Life issues and increase our voice in Santa Fe.

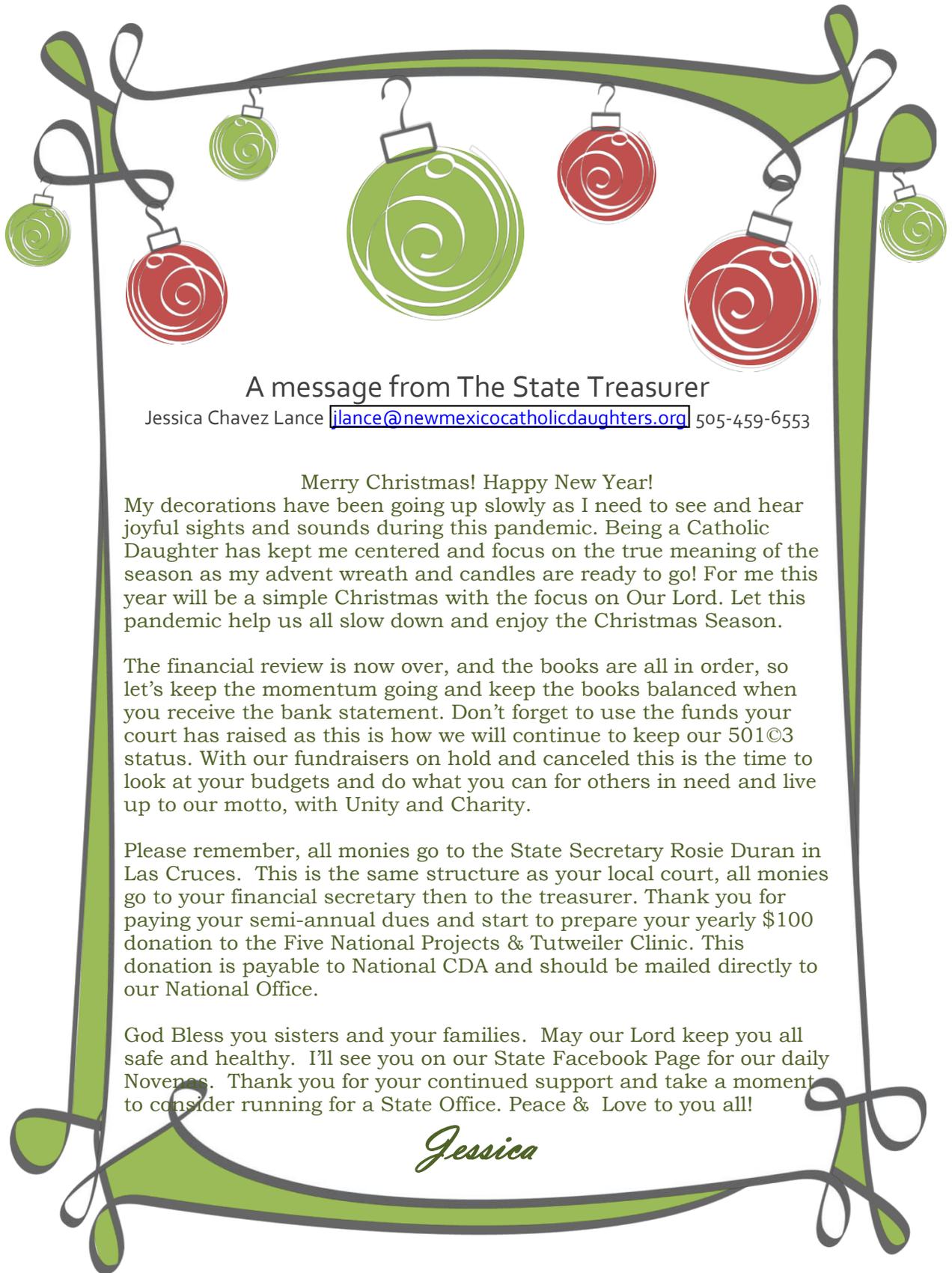
Operation Morning Star MISSION STATEMENT

The empowerment of Catholic womanhood to develop a Catholic Policy Agenda to reach out and speak out in the legislative arena for the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind, in accordance with the principles of justice and peace.

If you are interested in serving on the Legislative State Committee, please follow this link <https://catholicdaughters.org/operation-morning-star> to gather more information.

You can contact me at [rduran@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org](mailto:rduran@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org) or (575)993-2156.

**Sanctity of Life Day is tentatively scheduled for January 20, 2021**



## A message from The State Treasurer

Jessica Chavez Lance [jlance@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org](mailto:jlance@newmexicocatholicdaughters.org) 505-459-6553

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

My decorations have been going up slowly as I need to see and hear joyful sights and sounds during this pandemic. Being a Catholic Daughter has kept me centered and focus on the true meaning of the season as my advent wreath and candles are ready to go! For me this year will be a simple Christmas with the focus on Our Lord. Let this pandemic help us all slow down and enjoy the Christmas Season.

The financial review is now over, and the books are all in order, so let's keep the momentum going and keep the books balanced when you receive the bank statement. Don't forget to use the funds your court has raised as this is how we will continue to keep our 501©3 status. With our fundraisers on hold and canceled this is the time to look at your budgets and do what you can for others in need and live up to our motto, with Unity and Charity.

Please remember, all monies go to the State Secretary Rosie Duran in Las Cruces. This is the same structure as your local court, all monies go to your financial secretary then to the treasurer. Thank you for paying your semi-annual dues and start to prepare your yearly \$100 donation to the Five National Projects & Tutweiler Clinic. This donation is payable to National CDA and should be mailed directly to our National Office.

God Bless you sisters and your families. May our Lord keep you all safe and healthy. I'll see you on our State Facebook Page for our daily Novenas. Thank you for your continued support and take a moment to consider running for a State Office. Peace & Love to you all!

*Jessica*

# Happy Anniversary New Mexico Courts!

|   |      |                       |             |           |          |
|---|------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| # | 2394 | Santa Maria de la Paz | Santa Fe    | 1/22/1995 | 26 years |
| # | 2224 | Holy Cross            | Santa Cruz  | 2/1/1981  | 40 years |
| # | 2730 | San Miguel            | Socorro     | 2/4/2017  | 4 years  |
| # | 2310 | Court Regina Coeli    | Albuquerque | 2/12/1989 | 32 years |
| # | 1359 | Our Lady of Belen     | Belen       | 2/20/1944 | 77 years |
| # | 2601 | St. Maurus            | Loving      | 2/24/2008 | 13 years |
| # | 2309 | Santa Ana             | Santa Fe    | 2/26/1989 | 32 years |

## Parliamentarian

Attention Local Regents:

State Court is in search of recommendations for office of Parliamentarian. Member should be knowledgeable in parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order. She must be able to attend State Convention for the duration of convention. Please contact State Regent Yvette - Griego with recommendation at 575-799-5189



A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND  
11 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage  
Re-scheduled for  
May 31, 2021 - June 10, 2021

From: Albuquerque, NM

Price per person: \$4,665

Includes: Roundtrip Air, Four Star Hotels, Land Transportation, Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Tips included except for Lunch, Entrance Fees to sites on Itinerary, Daily Masses, Professional Christian English speaking Guide.

Pilgrimage led by:

Fr. Christopher Bernabe, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

For more information, contact:

Yvette Griego, 575-799-5189.

L.P. Pilgrimages, Ms. Leann Brand, [LeAnn@Lpip.org](mailto:LeAnn@Lpip.org).

Booking and registration online at [www.lpip.org](http://www.lpip.org).

## National Regent's Message

[Adapted from Share Magazine, FALL 2020]



### MY DEAR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS,

Recently we were traveling to a neighboring city to celebrate a grandson's 13th birthday. About fifteen minutes into our one-hour journey, a sign stated ROAD CLOSED. There was a detoured route that added twenty minutes onto our trip, which took more time, which caused us to be late for dinner. How frustrating!

It made me stop and think about the disruption that has been in everyone's life these past several months due to the coronavirus. Traveling was difficult and almost impossible. Local businesses were forced to close. Masses were cancelled. Life events; weddings, Confirmations, First Holy Communion, graduations, parties and one major event that took much planning, our National Convention in Dallas, Texas, were cancelled.

In order to move on into the future, we needed to make major changes in our lives. Despite the setbacks and loss of gathering together, we needed to stay strong. Prayer needed to be present in our daily lives. The powerful sharing of Catholic Daughters praying together was available, thanks to the ingenuity of technology, and two women of strong faith who were computer savvy, Connie Dronette of Louisiana and Susan Champion Hicks of Wisconsin.

There was passion, energy, prayerfulness and an eagerness to share their love for our wonderful organization.



**Passion** to go on despite setbacks. This, too, will end. One day it will be just a memory and something we can share with future generations.

**Energy** that moved us to continue making a difference in the lives of all God's people. Checking on our neighbors. Preparing food for those who are homebound.

**Prayerfulness** that helped us stay focused on what was important in our lives. Our families, our churches, those who were in need either because of loss of work or not able to feed and care for their families, our communities and all the members of our organization.

**Eagerness** to share a smile or a helping hand with love to anyone.

"Life is divided into three terms-that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future."  
William Wordsworth

As we enter this time of preparation for our Lord's birth, there is an optimism that is truly uplifting. With God's help, we will persevere and come out stronger and better because each one can "Let all you do be done with love." 1Cor 16:14.

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