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My Dear Sisters in Christ:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 2020

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In spite of the recent surreal events that we are all living through, I want to step back from my own personal discomforts and fears to focus on the big picture. These times are affecting not just a certain population of "unfortunate, desolate and poverty-stricken souls" who have, for centuries, roamed the world in all segments of society, living in parallel, but invisible, worlds of bare survival--side by side--to opulence and over-consumption.

In the last few months we have witnessed the horror of pandemic events all around us. No longer do we learn of such events happening far away in "other obscure and far-away" regions of the world but right here in our own country, in our states and neighborhoods. As Jesus taught his disciples, he admonished them when he declared, "the poor you will always have with you". Did he mean to ignore and discount them as unworthy, unproductive and, therefore, rightly deserving of their "just punishment"? Jesus came to our world to fulfill the will of God: "Love thy neighbor as Thyself". We are all neighbors -- the world over.

Why is this important to CDA--to us as Catholic women of God? Our mission, as Catholic women, is to participate in the religious, charitable, and educational Apostolates of Church...to embrace the principles of faith, working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Dear Sisters in Christ, today, on Mother's Day, I want to celebrate you as, first of all, wonderful and loving Mothers. You are caring women, concerned not only in your own private realm, but across the domain of our sisters and brothers offering ourselves through prayer and active participation to bring about needed changes for the advancement of human rights and dignity. I am grateful for our Catholic Daughters who have tirelessly participated in daily prayer and encouragement during these traumatic events across the world and, especially, close to home. For this, my dear Sisters, I am humbly proud to salute you and wish you a peaceful and blessed day! As we all know, many of our Catholic Daughters have experienced deep and personal tragedies recently. On this beautiful day of honor, I pray that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Mother and her chaste husband, St. Joseph, protector of families, will bring you peace and love. Amen!

Angela Herrera, State Regent

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.

On this Mother's Day 2020, in an open letter to her newborn daughter, Autumn Leva offers these prayers:

"I pray you will grow up in a nation where taking the life of a preborn baby is unthinkable.

America is more pro-life now in your first year of life than it has been since Roe v. Wade in 1973, so I am filled with hope. Your life is precious, and our desire is that every child is given the same chance at the miracle of life.

Every child is a gift from God, and that is why we work every day to advance laws that both support mothers and protect the lives of their babies. Even if (when!) the law from Roe changes, there is still much work to be done in making abortion unthinkable. That is why our work is so important as we help states pass laws that reveal the humanity of every baby and build a support system around every mother.

A nation where life is truly cherished is one of the most important gifts we could give you, setting right decades of wrong done to mothers and their babies...

I pray you will be free to "shine your light" and share your faith at school, at work—and everywhere you go...

You were born in a country with the greatest protections for our God-given religious freedom in the world. I pray this nation will continue to respect its founding and nurture that right. We work to keep America open for the Gospel, knowing that a country where you are free to live out your faith is the greatest gift we can give you—because your faith is the greatest thing you can share with others..."

Autumn Leva
Vice President of Strategy



A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.*

- Author Unknown

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URGENT NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Our National Regent, Olga Samaniego, was on live Facebook to present status of the CDA National Convention. There is still no official statement that Texas will be opening up. The deadline for surety is still holding on June 1st and if not, the following information is provided.

CDA is still planning to open safely by June 1st. At this time, however, due to the deadline being pushed to June 1st, and the uncertainty of whether it will be safe to continue, a consideration is whether there will be enough members to have a quorum. CDA National is making the following announcements:

Audits: As they were extended to June 1st, and if at that time, states have not fully opened up, National is asking that state and local courts get their audits done as soon as possible. Also, if the requirement of 10 meetings per year is not met, please try to get that complied with as soon as possible. CDA Police will not be holding roadblocks to check. Circumstances rule.

ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR: Regent Samaniego did state that if it is not safe for CDA participants to attend the National Convention, **THEY WILL NOT HAVE THE CONVENTION.** They are under legalities, but if they have to go to that option, they will do so. They are, however, still holding to the June 1st final safe determination. The following caveats are to be considered by all concerned: Insofar as capacity and spacing requirements are concerned, it is more than ample at the hotel site. So, bring all your safety preventative equipment, etc. that you will need. **NOTE:** *IF you have decided **NOT TO COME**, and you had already lodged rooms, **NOW** is the time to call and to cancel your room reservations. Be advised: These are special and unusual circumstances, and you will get your monies back if they determine that it is not safe for the convention to be held.

National needs to know right now who is planning to attend and, if so, paid registrations, etc. must be forwarded to National **NOW**. They **NEED ACTUAL REGISTRATIONS NOW**. SO, let's get those Registration forms **AND** payments mailed to the proper personnel.

DELEGATES: IF the Convention is not held, and if you (courts) sent in your Delegate information card, you will be allowed to vote. There will be a slate, and if there are candidates who send in their credentials as required, their names will appear on the ballot which will be available to the delegates for voting (if the CDA National determines that the convention will not be held). Information will be published in the June mailout. After voting, the election will take place in Iowa, Sherry's home state. Also, check the CDA national website for information.

As the convention estimate for attendance had been determined would be around 1500, there will be no problem in compliance of distancing, etc. This is the reason that it is imperative that National gets a handle right now as to exactly how many **ARE** planning to attend and have paid registrations materials ready or already in the mail.

DEADLINE: It is still June 1st (but right now, send in your paid registrations for planning purposes). If new registrations are initiated, the late fee which had been set at June 2 will not be applied until June 15th.

All CDA convention activities will take place at the Hotel. Installation, etc.

Our deepest condolences to:

- * *Regent Evelyn Wersonick of Court Regina Coeli, and her family, on the loss of her youngest son Brian;*
- * *1st Vice State Regent Yvette Griego, and her extended family, on the loss of her mother, Ida Rivera;*
- * *National Regent Olga Samaniego, and her husband, on the loss of their niece who succumbed to COVID-19.*

"May their souls and all of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace."

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