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September 2022 National Regent's Message

Emily Guilherme, National Regent





My dear sisters,

Welcome to our new year after our summer break. As the leaves start changing colors and the weather starts cooling, we start to rejoice in the work we have been given and the opportunities we have in front of us that can bring a new breath of fresh air to our domestic church

courts and our domestic church.

Now is the time when we resume our regular meeting schedule, fundraisers, recruitment events, and projects. I want to thank you in advance for all of the work you have been doing to advance our causes and I want to encourage you all to add something new or change up the things we normally do. Let's begin to think outside the "usual" and come up with the "unique". Of course, new ideas are challenging but I want to give you some practical steps in how you might shake things up in your local or state courts.

- Take up a committee if you haven't worked on a committee for a special mass, a fundraiser, or a
 recruiting event, I'm going to gently challenge you to do so. These are incredible avenues the Lord
 can utilize our gifts and help us recognize the greatness He has poured into us. It may take stepping
 outside of your comfort zone and working with people we're unfamiliar with, but the benefits far
 exceed any risk you might take. I know first hand how intimidating stepping outside of our comfort
 zone can be, but God has given us a spirit of boldness, not of timidity.
- 2. Focus on a new Spoke in our Circle of Love Maybe your court has been committed to one or two Spokes in the past. Adding a new or different spoke into your court's culture brings a new facet of our Catholic Daughters life into play, creating a fuller experience for all members, new and veterans. If the idea of adding a new Spoke is a little overwhelming, I just say this: there is no such thing as too much love. And these Spokes will help our members and parishes witness Christ's love in us more clearly.

Congratulations! & Best Wishes to the new National Chaplain and newly elected Board:

> National Chaplain Rev. Shenan Bouquet

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- 3. Step up one of the biggest challenges we face in our courts is our members, new and veteran, taking part in leadership roles. I can tell you from experience - ministry can be tough, but it becomes so much easier and uplifting when there are people willing to step forward and ask "what can I do?" It gives those who've been carrying the load a much needed break and it allows new ideas to be brought forward.
- 4. Add a new personal devotion do you have a prayer schedule for yourself? Is it the same thing you did last year or the year before? Maybe you pray the rosary or stick to daily mass only, or maybe you stick to the Stations of the Cross or Chaplet of Divine Mercy. These devotions are all wonderful and incredible; I encourage you to perhaps add another devotion to your daily prayer life; adoration, the Divine Office, or reading about the lives of the saints. Make sure you're challenging yourself to grow in your faith and become enriched in the beautiful magisterium of our faith. If you don't have a personal devotion, I encourage you to find out which devotion aligns with your charisms and dive in. You will never regret spending more time investing in your faith.

As your courts begin their meetings, please know that each of you are in my prayers. I offer you up in my masses and daily rosaries. In the words of St. Paul, "I give thanks to my God always, remembering you in my prayers," (Philemon 4). Please keep me and the rest of our national board in your prayers as we lead and guide. Let's get to work and help our families, communities, and nation grow and change for the Lord.

Included in this issue...

- CDA Sunday Proclamation
- Circle of Love Forms
- Prayer Service
- Newsletter Contest
- Scholarships
 Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate
 Campus Courts
 JCDA
 Youth
- Website Contest



National Chaplain, The Most Rev. Shenan Boquet



My dear sisters in Christ,

In God's wondrous design, we can see and experience creation moving through seasons, understanding that "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens" (Ref., Ecclesiastes 3:1-4). In other words, all human things have their season, and the things we go through in life are not without purpose. Although we cannot see it, everything has a cause, a reason for being, which only God knows. We also understand that situations do not last for-

ever, and the seasons are permitted by a loving God, in His divine providence, to serve a great purpose: our flourishing.

Though life does not always make sense, and we may feel insignificant at times, we find comfort and hope in God, who is the Author of our time and the seasons of our lives, inviting us to penetrate these mysteries. With an unshakeable faith, we march forward welcoming the new seasons, changes, and circumstances while learning to depend on God, these seasons, and expecting things because of them – trusting that God makes things beautiful in due season and causes our lives to be abundant in meaning.

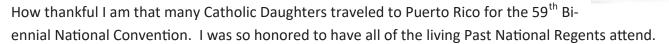
As we welcome our new National Board, as well as State and Regional Court leaders, a new season is dawning – a time of change, growth, and renewal. For these leaders, it a time of integrating natural and spiritual qualities to be utilized for serving and assisting God's people – the good of the Order – to accomplish His purposes (Ref., Romans 8:28, Matthew 20:20-28). They recognize that these natural qualities – i.e., skills, talents, etc. – are not self-created, but God-given and only reach their highest effective-ness when, with hearts filled with gratitude and humility, they are employed in the service of God and for His glory (Ref., 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11-12).

But the task of serving God and sharing one's natural qualities are not only for the Order's leaders, but it also belongs to each member, who has personally been called by name, and through the Holy Spirit are called to live out CDA's mission intentionally, giving witness to its motto, and fulfilling its two-fold purpose of "spirituality and service" – the heart and soul foundation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

As this new season begins, let us make the Psalmist's prayer our very own: "May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of *our* hands! Prosper the work of *our* hands!" (Psalm 90:17)

Father Shenan J. Boquet National Chaplain My dear Sisters in Christ,

My term as National Regent has come to an end. I have enjoyed every minute of this fantastic journey. Each of you as a member of Catholic Daughters have been a joy and delight. Even with the many challenges of the past two years, every court has made adjustments in their meetings and moved forward to make the best even better.



Many, many thanks for the beautiful cards, memorials, gifts and messages sent to me. I am so thankful that our Worthy National Regent Emily Guilherme presented the Moments and Memories Book. It is a treasured keepsake.

You remain in my thoughts and daily prayers.

May God bless you and keep you, May He make the sun shine upon you, May He hold you in the palm of His hand, Until we meet again.

Immediate Past National Regent, Sherry Nilles

#whiteribbon

STAND UP SPEAK OUT

#endthecycle: stop family violence

White Ribbon Day 2022

November 25

New Courts

Queenship of Mary #2776

Instituted - February 26, 2022 Debra Lynn Johnson, Regent 3810 Cypress Point Beaumont, TX 77707 409-782-7302 divamomone@gmail.com

Servant Daughters of Corn Hill #2778

Instituted - April 24, 2022 Monica Sherek, Regent 601 County Road 315 Jarrell, TX 76537 512-864-4748 sherekmonica@gmail.com

Ladies of La Salette #2777

Instituted - February 12, 2022 Mary Mijares, Regent 803 Picardy Lane Lufkin, TX 75904 936-414-3652 maryrmijares12@gmail.com

St. John Vianney #2779

Instituted - May 14, 2022 Lorie Ann Schenck, Regent 3582 S. Winter Lane Gilbert, AZ 85297 480-504-7124 Ischenck59@icloud.com



Dues

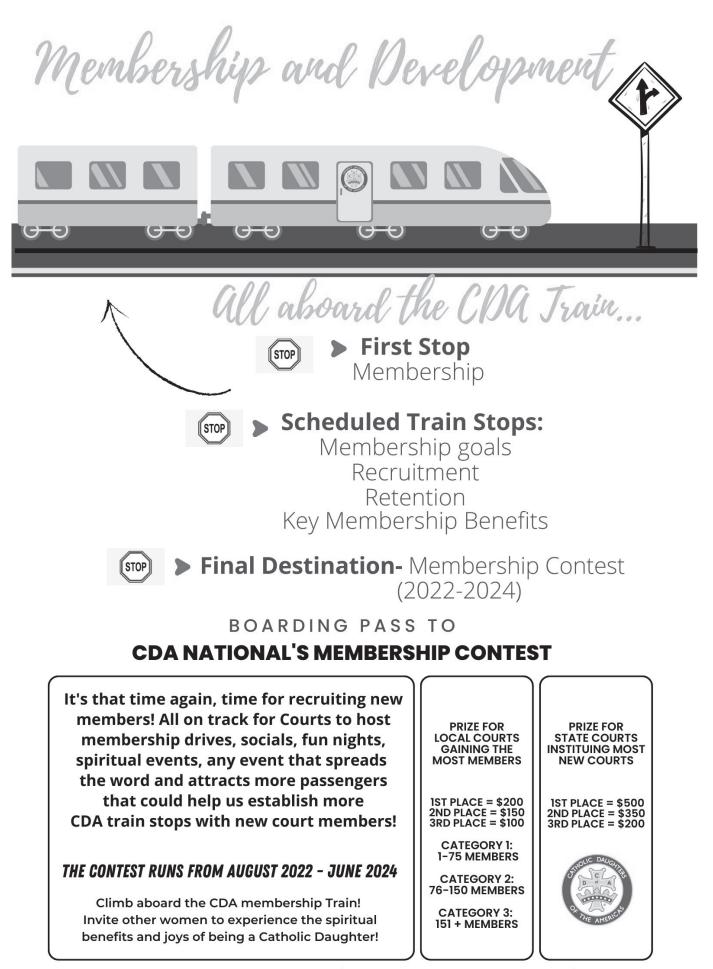
Due to National Convention action, National dues have been raised to \$18.00 per year. The first semi-annual payment of \$9.00 is due to the National Office by November 2022.

Education Contest Themes

(two themes)

We walk by faith, not by sight - 2 Corinthians 5:7

When do I have to lean on my faith more than sight?



Contact National Secretary - Treasurer Ivone da Silveira (787-236-3119 or ivone_ceip@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Roses for The Blessed Virgin Mary The Month of the Rosary

Prayer Table: Statue of Mary, Large Rosary, Crucifix, and Candle

Leader: St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19) (Osservatore Romano, 44; 30 Oct. 1979).

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Let us recite the rosary together.

Leader:	The Sign of the Cross The Apostle's Creed	Leader	Announce 4th Mystery
	The Our Father Three Hail Mary's Glory Be Fatima Prayer Announce 1st Mystery	Decade 4	Our Father 10 Hail Mary's Glory Be Fatima Prayer
		Leader	Announce 5th Mystery
Decade 1	Our Father 10 Hail Mary's Glory Be Fatima Prayer	Decade 5	Our Father 10 Hail Mary's Glory Be Fatima Prayer
Leader	Announce 2nd Mystery	Leader	Hail Holy Queen
Decade 2	Our Father 10 Hail Mary's Glory Be	Leader:	Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
Leader	Fatima Prayer Announce 3rd Mystery	All:	That we may be worthy of the Promises of Christ.
Decade 3	Our Father 10 Hail Mary's Glory Be Fatima Prayer	Leader:	In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

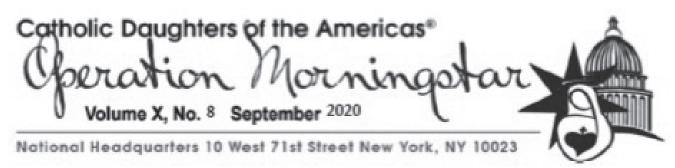
Leader: Let us present a beautiful bouquet of roses to Mother Mary this month by saying the rosary every day.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Monday and Saturday – Joyful Tuesday and Friday – Sorrowful Thursday – Luminous Wednesday and Sunday – Glorious



		PROCLAMATION
9	Whereas,	The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was instituted as an organization in 1903 for women with the purpose of growing in spirituality and working in faithful service and love for God, and
	Whereas,	Since its beginning, the Catholic Daughters have consistently and unself- ishly used their God given talents and time to work for quality of life and defense of humanity, and
	Whereas,	Catholic Daughters have worked for social justice and show compassion for those in our parishes, community, nation, and world who are vulnera- ble, homeless, voiceless, and most in need and
	Whereas,	Catholic Daughters participate in the March for Life, pray and work effort- lessly to defend the right to Life at all stages from conception to natural death as designed by God's creation, and
	Whereas,	Sunday, October 16, 2022, has been designated by the National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as Catholic Daughter Sunday; now, therefore, be it
	Resolved,	that I hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2022, as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.
		Signed, 2022
J.		2 HE AMERICA



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USCCB Do's and Don'ts for Catholic organizations this election season

Every two years the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publishes election guidelines for parishes and other Catholic non-profit organizations, such as Catholic Daughters. To maintain tax-exempt status, all non-profit organizations, including Catholic Daughters, are prohibited from participating in partisan political campaign activity.

As individuals, however, members are encouraged to participate in the political process.

What Catholic Daughters can DO:

- <u>Share church teaching on human life, abortion,</u> <u>euthanasia, marriage, education,</u> human rights, justice, peace and other issues.
- <u>Encourage fellow Catholics to register, to vote,</u> to become informed on a broad range of issues, and to become active in the political life of the community.
- <u>Have a non-partisan voter registration drive</u> and a "get out the vote" drive.
- <u>Distribute unbiased, nonpartisan candidate sur-</u> <u>veys</u> covering a broad range of issues. If in doubt, ask your diocesan attorney to review.

Save Down syndrome children first

When abortion rights expand, children diagnosed with Down syndrome are often the most endangered. The Jerome Lejeune Foundation USA, an advocate for the lives of unborn children with Down syndrome, reports approximately 67 percent of American children diagnosed with Down syndrome are killed in the womb each year.

By working in state legislatures and in the courts, many states have enacted legal protections for those with a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis. Defending and humanizing these special children can help to humanize all pre-born children.

See Lejeunefoundation.org for more information.

• <u>Support or oppose ballot measures</u>, including referenda, initiatives, and constitutional amendments in accord with Church teaching.

What Catholic Daughters can NOT DO:

- <u>Do NOT endorse or oppose candidates</u>, political parties, or groups of candidates.
- <u>Do NOT distribute political or candidate-biased</u> materials at Catholic Daughter meetings.
- <u>Do NOT invite or permit select candidates to a</u> <u>court meeting.</u> Before inviting candidates, be sure such events are consistent with diocesan policy and all candidates are invited.
- Do NOT post any political campaign materials on Catholic Daughter websites.

For more information, see usccb.org/resources/ dos-and-donts-guidelines-during-election-season.

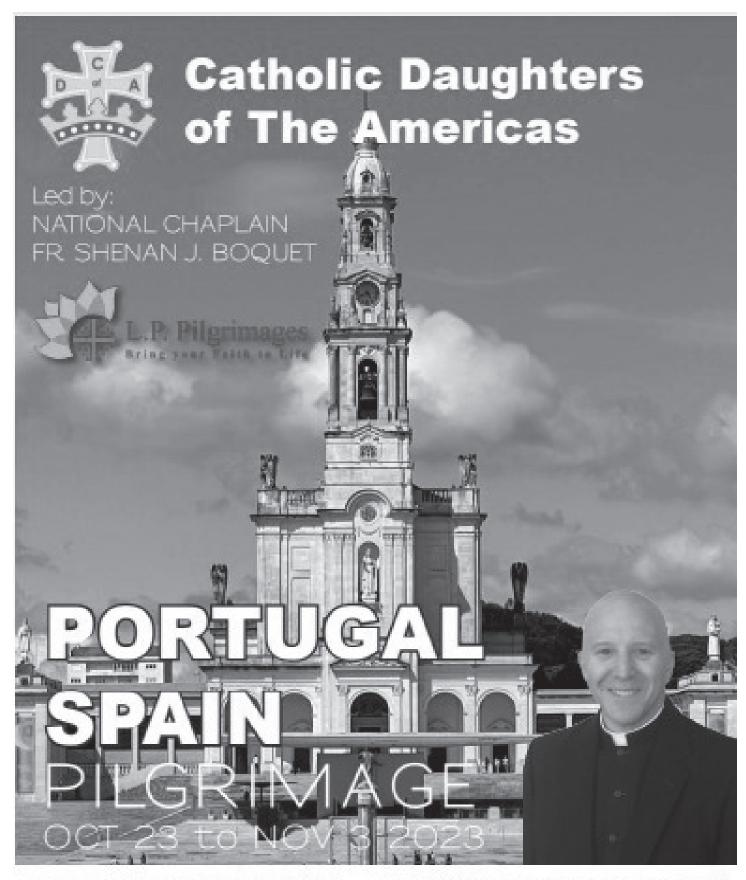
Abortion endangers women's lives

As states look to expand abortion rights, women need to discuss the medical repercussions of their decisions. Human Life Action recently reported that mother's lives are endangered by mid-and late-term abortion. The article says, "According to Pub-Med.gov, the risk of the mother's death from abortion increases by 38 percent for every week after eight weeks gestation."

For years, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) has provided evidence that late-term abortion increases the risk of premature and low birth weight babies in subsequent pregnancies. Other risks include the mother engaging in suicidal behavior and substance abuse, or suffering major depression and anxiety disorders. If abortion occurs before a woman's first full-term pregnancy, the risk of breast cancer also increases.

More information can be found at AAPLOG.org or HumanLife.org.

Written by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair; Approved: Emily Guilherme, National Regent



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FATHER LEONARD BACHMANN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Policies-Procedures-Rules-2022-2023 Three \$2,500.00 Scholarships

will be awarded to persons who have completed UNDERGRADUATE studies and who desire assistance for tuition in order to continue studies on the graduate level.

The recipients must be enrolled in a graduate program at a College or University.

- 1. The Catholic Daughters application form must be completed and returned to the National Scholarship Chairman and must be accompanied by (4) required enclosures. **Please** include required enclosures (b,c & d) with the Catholic Daughters application in one envelope and send to the National Scholarship Chairman.
 - (a) An official transcript of undergraduate work from the College or University is to be sent to the National Scholarship Chairman. Please be sure to give them the correct address of the Chairman. Make your request long before the April 1st deadline, as these must be postmarked by April 1, 2023.
 - (b) Letter of academic reference from one College or University professor or teacher which must be signed by the **writer of letter**.
 - (c) List your reason for applying for the CDA scholarship.
 - (d) Your autobiography.
- 2. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
- 3. Applicants must be of the Catholic Faith.
- 4. Applicant, female or male, must be a member of the CDA **or** be a relative of a current member of the CDA.
- 5, Only Catholic Daughters application blanks dated 2022-2023 are to be used.
- 6. Application **MUST** be signed by the applicant.
- **7.** No E-mailed applications, letters of academic reference or transcripts will be accepted. All must contain valid signatures and/or official seals and bear a postmark.
- 8. All Catholic Daughter application forms and required attachments are sent to the National Scholarship Chairman and must **be postmarked by April 1, 2023.**

<u>Please Note:</u> Prior to making the scholarship award, the recipient selected will be required to submit a letter from the College or University stating <u>he or she</u> is enrolled as a graduate student.

Mail COMPLETED APPLICATION BLANK AND ALL ATTACHMENTS TO:

Darlene Moritz, Chairman 2015 225th Street Milford, Iowa 51351

DEADLINE DATE: Application must be POSTMARKED BY April 1, 2023.

Winners will be posted on the Catholic Daughters website after August 1, 2023.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Application for 2022-2023 National CDA Graduate Scholarship

This application form must be returned with documents outlined in

Policies – Procedures – Rules 2022-2023

<u>Please type or print:</u>		
Last	First	
ADDRESS		
Street	City	State Zip code
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL		
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	MINOR	
LIST YOUR EXPERIENCE SINCE GRADUA additional space is needed please use revers	TION-DATES AND LOCATION OF STATED E>	PERIENCE: (if
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If so Name of Court		No
		<u> </u>
City	State	
If not a member, you must be a relative of	a current member of the Catholic Daughters!	Please give name of member
and relationship:		
Name of Court she belongs to:		No
City		State
Have you read 2022-2023 Policies, Procec you may download a copy from the CDA w	,	
		ant's Signature
Complete the information requested and attac	ch it to this application and mail to: Darlene Moritz, Chairman 2015 225 th Street Milford, Iowa 51351	





Campus Court Scholarship 2022-2023 GUIDELINES

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a member of a **Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-cas Campus Court** for tuition in order to continue studies at a college or university.

- 1) This official Catholic Daughters application form must be completed and returned to the National Campus Court Chairman and must be accompanied by the following four (4) requirements.
 - a. Class registration for the fall semester 2023.
 - b. A list of your reasons for applying for the Catholic Daughter scholarship.
 - c. Your autobiography.
 - d. A letter from the advisor of your campus court listing you as a member of the Campus Court.
- 2) Applicant must be of the Catholic faith.
- 3) Applicant must be a member of a Campus Court.
- 4) Applicant must be enrolled in a college or university.
- 5) Only application blanks dated 2022-2023 are to be used.
- 6) Application must be signed by the applicant.
- 7) No emailed applications, registration forms from the college/university, or letters from the Campus Court advisor will be accepted. All items must contain valid signatures and bear a postmark.
- 8) All Catholic Daughters application forms and required attachments are to be sent to the National Campus Court Chairman and must be postmarked by April 1, 2023.



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Campus Court Scholarship 2022-2023 APPLICATION

(Please print or type clearly.)	
Name of applicant	
Address	City
State	Zip
Telephone ()	
Email	
Name and Number of Campus Court	
I attest that the ir	nformation on this application is accurate.
Signature	
Date	
All entries must be postmarked by A	pril 1, 2023, and mailed to
	Yvette Griego, Chairman onal Campus Court Chairman 1028 Diego Road Santa Rosa, NM 88435

Catholic Daughters of the Americas → National Scholarship Application/Cover Sheet For 8th grader entering 9th grade in a Catholic High School

The National Court will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade in the Fall of 2023 to a Catholic High School. Notification of scholarship awards will be posted on the CDA website at <u>www.catholicdaughters.org</u> by mid-August.

Requirements1. You must be Catholic. You can be female or male. You do not have to have a relative who is a CDA member.2. You must be attending a Catholic (not home setting) High School in the Fall.3. An essay of approximately 300 words typed and doubled-spaced entitled"BE ON YOUR GUARD, STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, BE COURAGEOUS, BE STRONG"1 COR 16:13Must be submitted with this application/cover sheet.				
(Please print or type clearly)				
Name of Applicant				
Address				
Street	City	State	Zip	
Telephone number ()				
High School Attending in the Fall of 2023				
The following requirements must be included wi	ith this application for your a	pplication to be cons	idered:	
• Essay as outlined above				
List of Church Activities				
List of Community Activities				
List of School Activities				
• Letter of character reference from your Prie	est, Deacon or Religious (non	-relative)		
• Letter of character reference from your scho	ool or religious teacher (non-	relative)		
• Letter of character reference from an adult	(non-relative)			
I attest that this essay is my own original creatio	on and that the information o	n the application is a	ccurate.	
	·····			

NAME

DATE

All entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2023, and mailed to

Yvette Griego JCDA/Youth Chairman 1028 Diego Road Santa Rosa, NM 88435

National JCDA Scholarship Application/Cover Sheet

The National Court will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a JCDA Member entering College in the Fall of 2023 Notification of scholarship awards will be posted on the CDA website at www.catholicdaughters.org by mid-August.

You must be Catholic and entering Freshman year in The applicant must have been a member of the JCDA this award. However, you do not need to have a relat An essay of approximately 300 words typed and do "BE ON YOUR GUARD, STAND FIRM IN THI	for at least two years Imm tive who is a CDA member uble-spaced entitled,	COUS, BE STRONG.'	
Name of Applicant			
Address			
Street	City	State	Zip
Telephone number ()			
College Attending in the Fall of 2023			
Name of JCDA Court			
Years you were a member of JCDA: From	7	Го	
The following requirements must be included with	this application for your	application to be cons	idered:
• Essay as outlined above			
List of JCDA Activities			
List of Church Activities			
List of Community/School Activities			
• Letter of character reference from your Priest,	Deacon, Religious, or Ca	techetical Leader (no	n-relative)
• Letter of character reference from your school	or religious teacher (non-	-relative)	
• Letter of character reference from an adult (no	on-relative)		
I attest that this essay is my own original creation	and that the information	on the application is a	accurate.
NAME		DATE	
All entries must be postmarked no later than April	1 2023 and mailed to:		
*			
	vette Griego /Youth Chairman		
102	28 Diego Road		
Santa	Rosa, NM 88435		



Catholic Daughters of the Americas[®]

September 2022

Re: 2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest

The 2021-2022 Newsletter Contest has wrapped up so now is the time to start thinking about the **2022-2023 Contest.** What an exciting project for both local and state courts. The 2021-2022 Newsletter judges were impressed by the innovation, diversity effort, and labor of love put into the newsletters. Many courts are using website links or email to distribute their newsletters and saving postage, ink, and paper- a great way to save on budgets and worth consideration by more courts. But always remember to mail a copy to those members without computers.

NOW is the time to review your local court newsletter and see what can be done to make it "the best it can be"! For some of you, it may mean a little tweak here and there. For some it may mean a major overhaul to meet all requirements. For others, it may mean it's time to quit thinking "we should have a newsletter for our court" and jump in and just "do it"!

Why have a court newsletter?

- They are a wonderful tool to educate new members (or even old-timers) all about Catholic Daughters.
- They help members to understand how they are part of our national & state levels of the order.
- They communicate to the members of your court current activities, upcoming events, and special projects the court may be planning.
- They are of special interest to those members that are unable to attend meetings due to illness, being homebound or because of work, school, or family responsibilities
- Leaving copies of your newsletters in the church or distributing them to women of the parish can go a long way to pique interest and bring in new members!

An EFFECTIVE newsletter will: *Inform *Motivate *Inspire

Please remember that your newsletters are judged specifically on their content, not whether they are printed in black and white or color or how many pages it contains. What is important is the coverage of your local, state, and national CDA news, and the interests of your court and community.

In addition to this letter, the 2022-2023 Newsletter Contest Guidelines, Cover Sheet, and Score Sheet are included (Note there is a different score sheets for Local and State entries). If you are not the newsletter editor, it is very important that you give/send her a copy of this packet as soon as possible to help her adjust now to meet the requirements for the 2022-2023 contest. PLEASE be sure to review ALL Qualifications! Too many entries are disqualified every year due to failure to comply with the requirements. Let's see if we can get 100% of the 2022-2023 Contest entries to meet all requirements!

As the National Chairman, I encourage all courts to publish a newsletter and participate in the 2022-2023 contest. We had wonderful participation in 2022, let's see if we can double the entries in 2022-2023 giving us all an opportunity to learn more about the amazing things our CDA sisters are doing around the states and territories. And encourage entries from our Campus and JCDA courts. We have a wonderful story to tell...do your part in writing it.

Approved by: Emily Guilherme National Regent



2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest Guidelines National Chairman Barb Ward

DEADLINES:

- The State Regent is responsible for setting the deadline for entries in the local, campus, and JCDA state contest.
- The State Regent or State Newsletter Chairman must send the 1st Place winner in each category and division, with a signed letter verifying each submitted entry was a state 1st place winner to the National Newsletter Chairman with POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE April 1, 2023, Newsletters will not be accepted for judging after the deadline.
- Territorial and State Courts send their entries directly to the National Chairman POSTMARKED ON OR BE-FORE April 1, 2023. Do not make the mistake of sending your entries to the wrong place and be disqualified from the contest!

REQUIREMENTS:

Each newsletter must include the following elements. Failure to comply with any of the following guidelines will result in automatic disqualification.

- 1. CDA Mission Statement
- 2. CDA Registered Logo (can be located at www.catholicdaughters.org)
- 3. Regent AND Editor information- Name and email address. If you prefer not to use your personal address, a PO Box or church address could be used. This information must appear near the nameplate at the top of the news-letter or in a designated editor block or at the end of the newsletter. If the Regent and/or editor do not have email then address and phone number are required.
- 4. Court name, number, and location must appear at the top of the newsletter.
- 5. <u>Three (3) SETS</u> of newsletters must be submitted. <u>Each set includes</u>: one (1) copy of each of the last three published issues of the newsletter, a completed Cover Sheet signed by the court Regent, and a score sheet with the court information filled out for each of the sets of newsletters. Please staple, binder clip, or paper clip each set of documents together. DO NOT use plastic sleeves or folders.
- 6. Local, Campus, or JCDA court's newsletter **must be the first-place winner in their category and division in the State Contest** to be sent on to the National Contest by the State Newsletter Chairman. The State Newsletter Chairman will send all 1st place entries, along with a signed letter verifying that the entries being sent are all 1st place winners to the National Chairman at the address below.
- 7. All Territorial and State Court newsletters are submitted directly to National Newsletter Chairman.
- 8. State Newsletter Chairman, State Regent, and Territorial Court Regents send entries to:

National Newsletter Chairman Barbara Ward 3160 North Buttercup Circle Frederick, CO 80516 308-870-0870 bjensen1621@hotmail.com 9. **Important Legal Notice**: It can be easy to copy articles, stories, poems, recipes, emojis, clip art, etc. from the web or from emails that have circulated. Since many such items don't seem to have authors listed, the assumption often gets made that these items are free to use. However, a very large number of such items are copyright protected (yes, even free clip art) and it is illegal to use them without permission. It is best to assume all items are protected by copyright or trademark law and seek permission before using them. Even if you print something without realizing it is protected, you could be taken to court and end up paying a great deal of money. CDA insurance does NOT cover copyright infringement cases. Use of non-original material without permission is ground for disqualification from the Catholic Daughter Newsletter Contest.

JUDGING CATEGORIES:

o LAYOUT (Appearance, neatness, effective use of white spaces, etc.)
o HEADLINES (Informative, eye catching, capture interest)
o LOCAL, STATE, and NATIONAL COVERAGE (Projects and news)
o JOURNALISTIC STYLING (Readability, spelling, grammar, objectivity)
o SPECIAL FEATURES (Art, humor, pictures, etc.)

CATEGORIES (It is possible for a state to name state winners in each Category and Division) CATEGORY I: Local Courts with 100 or less members CATEGORY II: Local Courts with 101 to 200 members CATEGORY III: Local Courts with 201 or more members CATEGORY IV: State Courts with 500 or less members CATEGORY V: State Courts with 501 to 1,500 members CATEGORY VI: State Courts with 1,501 or more members CATEGORY VII: State Courts with 1,501 or more members CATEGORY VII: Territorial Courts (States without a State Court) CATEGORY VIII: Campus Courts CATEGORY IX: JCDA Courts

DIVISIONS

DIVISION I: Courts publishing 1-4 issues per year DIVISION II: Courts publishing 5 or more issues per year

MISSION STATEMENT

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2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest Guidelines National Chairman Barb Ward

Following are some suggestions to help the newsletter editor arrange a newsletter with content that is newsworthy and appealing and to prepare for the National Newsletter Contest. It is very important that the Regent give the Newsletter Contest Guidelines to the court newsletter editor as soon as possible. Follow the guidelines carefully and if you have question, feel free to contact the national newsletter chair for clarification.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER CONTENTS

- Contact Information: Include the name of the Court Chaplain, District Deputy, and email of all court officers.
- Meeting Place and Time: Include the time, date, and place of your next meeting. This is a great recruitment tool and listing your next meeting as "Next Meeting 7:30 pm September 7 in the School Hall" may not be sufficient. What school? What address?
- Court activities: Put them in short articles with the byline (name) of the person that wrote the article under the headline. Short articles are more likely to be read than longer ones.
- Acknowledgement of members for thank you, sympathy, announcements, promotions, etc., makes a newsletter more personal. It also gives information to members that do not or cannot attend meetings.
- Other Information: Ask your Court Chaplain and District Deputy to write an article or paragraph each month for the newsletter.
- National and State News: Place the most current information from your National and State newsletters. Since these newsletters are usually sent quarterly, divide up the news you receive into two or three newsletters. There is plenty of information to work with. Be sure to list any National or State Events early so that travel plans can be arranged.
- Website Information: You are connected to a national organization and members need to know how and where they can find current information of national activities. More information is on the national website at www.catholicdaughters.org. List your State and Court websites also (if applicable). Even if you do not use a computer, there are others in the court and their family members who may look into these.
- Number the pages beginning with page two (2). It is not necessary to number the first page, but page order can get mixed up without page numbers.
- Fill in empty spaces with a related graphic, prayer, poem, announcements, clip art, etc.
- Be creative but most of all have fun. We all enjoy receiving Court newsletters.
- Contact information is very important. Catholic Daughters are not the only ones that read our newsletters. Many courts place their newsletters in the lobby of the Church or offices of their parish and make the newsletter a great recruiting tool. Include contact information by email and church address if possible. Because without ample contact information, we may have just lost a new member. So, check your newsletters, and make sure you have the necessary contact information in it.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas_® 2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest Cover Sheet For State, Local, Campus and JCDA Entries

Court Name and Number		
Court City	State	
Name of Regent		
Address	City	State
Zip Telephone	Email	
# of newsletter issues published/year	Current # of members in Local	or State Court
Category	Division	

Local, State, Territorial, Campus or JCDA Regent's Signed Statement

I verify that the newsletters submitted are identical in content to those distributed to the membership and that no part has been altered for judging.

Court Regent

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOCAL, CAMPUS, AND JCDA COURTS

1. Complete Cover Sheet and make three (3) copies of Cover Sheet. The same for Score Sheets.

2. Attach one (1) copy of Cover Sheet to each set of newsletters

3. Attach one (1) copy of Score Sheet with court information completed on top, to each set of newsletters

4. Send entries to State	Chairman, postmarked on or	before <u>March 1</u> ,	2023

State Chairman Name Address

City State Zip Code

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STATE AND TERRITORIAL COURTS:

1. Complete Cover Sheet and make three (3) copies of Cover Sheet. The same for Score Sheets.

2. Attach one (1) copy of Cover Sheet to each set of newsletters

3. Attach one (1) copy of Score Sheet with court information completed on top, to each set of newsletters

4. Send entries to National Chairman, postmarked on or before; April 1, 2023

National Newsletter Chairman

Barbara Ward 3160 North Buttercup Circle Frederick, CO 80516 308-870-0870 bjensen1621@hotmail.com



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest Scoring Sheet

For Local, Campus and JCDA Courts Entries

Court Name & Number

Category _____ Division _____

Location _____ Regent's Name _____

	REQUIREMENTS (Completed by Contest Chairman)	Y OR N
Required	CDA Mission Statement	
Required	CDA Registered Logo	
Required	Regent information- Name and email. Mailing address and phone optional unless no email.	
Required	Editor information- Name and email. Mailing Address and phone optional unless no email.	
Required	Court name, number, and location listed on top of first page.	
Required	Three (3) copies of the last 3 published newsletters were submitted.	
Required	Properly completed cover sheet and LOCAL score sheet attached to each set of 3 newsletters.	
Required	Newsletter judged 1 st Place in designated category & division at the state level verified by State Regent	
	Newsletter contest entry meets all requirements and is considered a QUALIFIED entry	
MAX POINTS	CATEGORIES	SCORE
20	LAYOUT (Appearance, neatness, effective use of white spaces, etc.) Comments:	
10	HEADLINES (Informative, eye catching, capture interest) Comments:	
30	LOCAL COVERAGE (Court news, projects, and activities) Comments:	
10	STATE COVERAGE (State CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments:	
10	NATIONAL COVERAGE (National CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments:	
10	JOURNALISTIC STYLING (Readability, spelling, grammar, objectivity) Comments:	
10	SPECIAL FEATURES (Art, humor, pictures, etc.) Comments:	
100	TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE	

** Territorial Courts do not have a State Court, therefore they will not be judged on State Coverage and their Total Possible Score is 90.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas® 2022-2023 National Newsletter Contest Scoring Sheet

For State Court Entries

State Court of		
Category	Division	
Location	Regent's Name	

	REQUIREMENTS (Completed by Contest Chairman)
Required	CDA Mission Statement
Required	CDA Registered Logo
Required	Regent information- Name and email. Mailing address and phone optional unless no email.
Required	Editor information- Name and email. Mailing Address and phone optional unless no email.
Required	State Name on top of first page.
Required	Three (3) copies of the last 3 published newsletters were submitted.
Required	Properly completed cover sheet and STATE score sheet attached to each set of 3 newsletters.
Required	State Newsletter Chairman's signed letter.
	Newsletter contest entry meets all requirements and is considered a QUALIFIED entry
MAX POINTS	CATEGORIES
20	LAYOUT (Appearance, neatness, effective use of white spaces, etc.) Comments:
10	HEADLINES (Informative, eye catching, capture interest) Comments:
15	LOCAL COVERAGE (Court news, projects, and activities) Comments:
20	STATE COVERAGE (State CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments:
15	NATIONAL COVERAGE (National CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments:
10	JOURNALISTIC STYLING (Readability, spelling, grammar, objectivity) Comments:
10	SPECIAL FEATURES (Art, humor, pictures, etc.) Comments:
100	TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE



Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

To: Local, Campus, JCDA, Territorial, and State Court Regents

From: Connie Dronette, National Website Contest Chairman

Re: 2023 National Website Contest

Greetings to all Catholic Daughter Courts- State, Local, Campus, JCDA and Territorial

Enclosed you will find the Contest Guidelines, Website Suggestions, Instructions for Submissions, Entry Form, and Contest Score Sheet for the 2023 National Website Contest. Please be sure to **pass along** this information to your court webmaster as soon as possible so she knows about the contest and the guidelines.

PLEASE be sure to *review the qualifications*. There are so many courts that have dynamic websites, and it is a shame that several have been disqualified in past years because they didn't comply with the requirements.

TAKE NOTE: It can be easy to copy articles, stories, poems, recipes, emojis, clip art, etc. from the web or from emails that have circulated. Since many such items don't seem to have authors listed, the assumption often gets made that these items are free to use. However, a large number of such items are *copyright protect-ed* (yes, even free clip art) and it is *illegal to use them* without permission. Articles, stories, poetry, clip art, photographs- any created and posted work falls under copyright law. Contrary to widespread belief, there does *not* need to be a copyright symbol or statement present for a writing, picture, or clip art to be protected by law. It is best to assume all items are protected by copyright or trademark law and seek permission before using them. Even if you post something *without realizing* it is protected, you could be taken to court and end up paying a great deal of money. CDA insurance does NOT cover copyright infringement cases. Use of non-original material without permission is grounds for disqualification from the Catholic Daughter website contest.

Don't have a court website yet? Don't worry. We have a division for those with new websites, so you won't be competing against those who have had their website for years.

WHY NOT START A WEBSITE TODAY!

- Draw in new members.
- Educate new members (or even long-timers) about our organization.
- Show that we are an international organization.
- Keep everyone up to date on the events and activities of your court.
- Keep members who can't be at meetings in the loop!

We have courts at every level that are dynamic, faith-filled, and loving. Let's get out there and share our story!

Approved by:

Emily Guilherme National Regent



2023 NATIONAL WEBSITE CONTEST

To be eligible for the **2023 National Website Contest**, all entries **must be <u>POSTMARKED ON OR</u> <u>BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023.</u>** *Website entries will not be accepted for judging after the deadline.*

Local, Campus, and JCDA Courts submit entries to the State Website Chairman by March 1, 2023. The 1st place winner in each category and division will be submitted **by the State Chairman** to the National Chairman.

State and Territorial Courts submit their website contest entries directly to the National Chairman.

Websites will be judged on the following categories:

- Layout (appearance, neatness, spacing, and all required elements)
- Headlines (interest, appeal)
- Creativity in design (including use of clip art, pictures, humor, etc.)
- Journalistic Style (Readability, spelling, objectivity)
- Freshness of content
- Ease of locating information on site
- Information about your court and its history
- Links to appropriate sites
- Coverage (local, state & national news, projects, and activities)
- Please refer to guidelines page for specific requirements and what each site must include

Consider the following ideas and suggestions to enhance your sites:

- Ask your Court Chaplain or District Deputies to write an article.
- What about asking your Regent, other court officers or chairmen for comments?
- National and State News (members are connected to a national organization and need to know current information. Make them aware of our national website at www.catholicdaughters.org)
- Pictures make your site more fun. (Be sure to get permission from members to use their picture.)
- Acknowledgement of members makes a website more personal and informs other members who cannot attend meetings. (consider thank you messages, sympathy, birthdays, and special celebrations of all kinds)
- Inform members of activities coming up. They can "Save the Date." Members need to plan far ahead for some events like state and national conventions.

Just a few notes to keep in mind:

There will be 3 judges for the national website contest. Judges will be from various backgrounds and not all from the same organization. The chairman or anyone related to any of the entrants may not judge.

Websites not available at the time of judging will be disqualified. Three attempts will be made.

Prizes will be awarded in each category, so let us know about your amazing websites and receive recognition for your court.



2023 National Website Contest Guidelines

Connie Dronette, National Chairman



State Regents *should* appoint a State Website Contest Chairman to oversee the contest on the state level.

All websites are required to include the following:

(failure to include or comply with any of these elements will disqualify the entry)

- **1.** The CDA mission statement and Catholic Daughters registered logo (on home page) *These two items identify CDA as a national organization and should be prominent.*
- 2. Court name, number, and location of the court (on home page)
- **3.** Contact information for the Regent or the site Webmaster (on home page) It is important to protect our officer and member information. Home addresses and phone numbers should not be listed. Please use only email addresses.
- 4. Contact information for court officers/membership chairman

Contact information published on the web should be limited to email addresses. It is important to have a way for ladies to contact your court with questions on becoming members!

5. **Description of Circle of Love Program** (*not just a link to the national website descriptions*)

6. Local/State/National Projects

All sites are to have information on local, state, and national projects. Most information is expected for the court's own projects with at least general information on the other levels of the Order. (i.e. Local courts have much on their projects and less on state and national. State courts focus on their projects, less on national but should at least list local/campus/JCDA courts with name, #, and locations, contact email, and links to their websites if they exist)

7. Link to National CDA website. Local courts need a link to their State CDA website if one exists.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Local, Campus and JCDA Courts:

- 1) Fill out and make three (3) copies of the entry form and score sheet.
- 2) Attach a copy of the score sheet to each entry form. Court information at top should be filled out.
- 3) Send entries to your State Chairman postmarked on or before **March 1, 2023.** Ask your State Regents for State Chairman contact information.
- 4) State Chairman will submit ONLY 1st place winners in each category to the National Website Chairman. Be sure to include a blank scoresheet with just the top filled out. Please **do not** send a score sheet filled out by State judges.

State and Territorial Courts

- 1) Complete three (3) copies of the entry form and score sheet if mailing USPS.
- 2) Attach a copy of the score sheet to each entry form, with the top lines filled out.
- 3) Entries may be sent electronically to <u>conniecda@yahoo.com</u> (send entry form and score sheet) on or before April 1, 2023.
- 4) Hard copies should be mailed or postmarked on or before April 1, 2023, to: Connie Dronette

National Website Contest Chairman 610 Pitre Street Sulphur, LA 70663

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2023 National Website Contest Entry Form

Court Name and Number
Court Location (City/State)
Name of Regent
Email Address
Telephone Number()
Website Address
Date Website Established
Name of WebmasterEmail
Category: (circle one) I) Local Court II) Campus Court III) JCDA Court IV) Territorial Court V) State Court
Division: (circle one) I) New Website (less than 1-year old) II) Established Website
State Chairman Name
State Chairman Email Address
Please refer to instructions for submission on the guidelines page.
DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW
Date entry was received by State/National chairman
Website meets all requirements for a qualified entry. Yes No

If no, please note reason for disqualification.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2023 National Website Contest Scoring Sheet

Court Name & Number	Category	Division
Website Address		
Location	Regent's Name	

	REQUIREMENTS (section completed by State/National Chairman)	(√)Y / N
Required	CDA Mission Statement prominently displayed on home page	
Required	CDA Registered Logo prominently displayed on home page	
Required	Court name, number, and location on home page	
Required	Regent and/or Webmaster email address on home page	
Required	Court officers and/or Membership Chairman's email address	
Required	Description of Circle of Love Program	
Required	Local CDA Projects	
Required	State CDA Projects	
Required	National CDA Projects	
Required	Link to National CDA website. Link to State CDA website (for local courts if state has website).	
Required	Properly completed cover sheets (3) included	
Required	Website available at the time of judging. (Three attempts will be made to access site)	
	Website has completed all requirements and is considered a QUALIFIED entry?	
MAX POINTS	CATEGORIES (section to be completed by judges)	JUDGE'S SCORE
20	LAYOUT (Appearance, neatness, etc.) Comments:	
15	CREATIVITY IN DESIGN (Headline, site interest & appeal, clip art, pictures, etc.) Comments:	
15	FRESHNESS OF CONTENT (Up to date information, readability, variety of content) Comments:	
10	LOCAL COVERAGE (Court news, projects, and activities) Comments:	
10	STATE COVERAGE (State CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments	
10	NATIONAL COVERAGE (National CDA news, projects, and activities) Comments:	
10	EASE OF USE (Ease of locating info, links to state/national CDA sites, other links) Comments:	
10	CIRCLE OF LOVE PROGRAM INFORMATION Comments:	
100	TOTAL POSSIBLE SCOREJUDGE'S TOTALSCORESCORE	

**Territorial Courts do not have a State Court; therefore, they will not be judged on State Coverage and their Total Possible Score is 90.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

National Headquarters



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September 2022

Worthy Circle of Love Chairman,

I want to personally thank you for accepting the challenge and the position of Court Chairman for the Circle of Love Program for 2022 - 2023.

Attached please find a copy fo this year's forms. Please be sure to ask your State Regent for the name and address of the State Chairman if it is not already on the forms.

Please note the following guidelines for reporting on these forms:

- You should file the report for the one-year period of February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2023
- As court chairperson please select **ONE** outstanding or unique event in which your court participated in your specific area of the Circle of Love and send it to the state for consideration and recognition. Be sure to include a completed cover sheet, *"LOCAL Chairman to State Chairman."*
- In addition to mailing to the State Chairman, please keep a copy of the cover sheet and entry for your court files.

Please encourage your court to participate in your spoke of the Circle of Love Program.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our organization and to our Church through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

In Unity and Charity,

Emily Guilherme National Regent

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CAME .	February 1, 2022 – February 1, 2023		
Court Name	Number		
Regent	Local Chairman		_
Number of Members	Email		_
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Local Court Chairman: Please	fill out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:	
State Chairman: Name			

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Leadership** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

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Court Name	Number		
Regent	Local Chairman		
Number of Members	Email		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Local Court Chairman: Please fil	ll out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:	
State Chairman:			

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Family** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

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Court Name		
Regent	Local Chairman	
Number of Members	Email	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Local Court Chairman: Please fil	l out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:
State Chairman:		

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Quality of Life** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?



Local Court Chairman to State Chairman Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

Circle of Love Reporting Form

February 1, 2022 – February 1, 2023

Court Name	Number		
Regent	Local Chairman		
Number of Members	Email		
Address			
City	State	Zip	

Local Court Chairman: Please fill out this form (Print/Type) and mail to:

State Chairman:

Title of the Project

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Spiritual Enhancement** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

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Court Name	Number		
Regent	Local Chairman		
Number of Members	Email		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Local Court Chairman: Please	fill out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:	
State Chairman:			

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Education** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

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Court Name		Number	
Regent	Local Chairman		
Number of Members	Email		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Local Court Chairman: Pleas	e fill out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:	
State Chairman:			

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Legislation** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

	Local Court Chairman to State Chairman Catholic Daughters of the Americas₀ YOUTH / JCDA		
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Court Name	Number		
Regent	Local Chairman		
Number of Members	Email		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Local Court Chairman: Pleas	e fill out this form (Print/Type) and mail	to:	
State Chairman:			

Part I: YOUTH Title of the Project

Describe **fully ONE project** in the **Circle of Love** program for **Youth** done by your court this past year. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?



Local Court Chairman to State Chairman Catholic Daughters of the Americas YOUTH / JCDA Circle of Love Reporting Form February 1, 2022 – February 1, 2023

Number

Court Name_

Part II: JCDA

- 1. Does your court sponsor a Junior or Juniorette court?
- 2. If you answered no to the above question, are you planning to start one soon? Please include details.
- 3. If you answered yes, please answer the following questions.
- 4. What is the name of the Junior court and how many members are in the court?
- 5. What is the name of the Juniorette court and how many members are in the court?

Describe ONE outstanding project from the Junior or Juniorette Court. What was the goal for the activity? How many were involved? What impact did the activity have on your court or parish?

Title of the Project