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Quarterly Newsletter
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Dear Officers, Chaplains and Members,

On behalf of the National Board, we wish to extend our CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected State Officers. To the retiring officers, we offer our thanks for your dedicated service during your term of office. At this juncture we need to remember that we must all be supportive of one another. While the National Board asks members to be supportive of the new state officers, know that the National Board stands strong in our support of all of our members.

Each one of you has special talents given to you by God. Let us use them well and often for the betterment of our organization so that we are able to look at our charitable works and know that we have done God's will through us.

Summertime brings us so many gifts: "Dirty hands, iced tea, garden fragrances thick in the air and a blanket of color before me, who could ask for more?" Bev Adams. We have many opportunities to get our hands dirty this summer so that we will later be able to sit back, relax, and enjoy our accomplishments. It is important that you attend the national officers' workshop, your state workshop, or your court program planning meetings. Attend these meetings, ask questions, and learn so that you may go back to your courts and membership brimming with knowledge to impart and enthusiasm to share.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

All Courts received the annual Certificate of Liability Insurance along with their invoice in March. As noted in the past, we now have umbrella coverage for all Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts. Each Court is responsible for their share of this coverage by paying the flat rate charged to them for their membership as of September 30, 2008. Please send your payment to the National Office if you have not already done so. Any court wishing to opt out of this coverage **must show proof** that they are covered under another policy and send the proof to the National Office. The coverage is from April 6, 2009 through April 6, 2010.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

A number of Financial Review Reports are **still outstanding**; these Reports were due in to the National Office by **May 1, 2009**. Please check to be sure your court has submitted its Report - if it has not yet been sent, **PLEASE HAVE IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

DUES - NATIONAL & STATE

Dues statement for the period October 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009 were mailed the end of April - payable upon receipt - a vote of the court is not required to Pay National and State dues. Please be certain that both your National and State dues are paid promptly.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES – CDA Angels for God

As stated many times, the Fall season has brought in to the order the most new members; therefore, the National Membership team urges you to plan a vigorous Fall Membership Drive, as you organize

your 2009-10 Calendar of Events. Contact your State or National Membership Committee Chairmen for assistance.

FIVE NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Has your court remembered the National Charitable Projects financially? A \$75.00 check sent to the National Office will allow our organization to serve the needs within our five Charities. The Disaster fund has been used frequently for the many disasters this past year. We have received many thank you letters from those affected and from many Bishops around the Country. Recently we sent money to Diocese in the Philippines for deaths due to contaminated water, Dioceses in California for fires and Dioceses in North Dakota due to flooding. Please make your checks payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

****CHECKS**PLEASE GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR TREASURER!!!!**

STATE AND LOCAL COURT TREASURERS – PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS OR CDA. THE BANK WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT CHECK WRITTEN INCORRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL PROJECTS OR MORALITY IN MEDIA, ETC. YOU CANNOT JUST CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT NAME AND WRITE ON TOP CDA. YOU MUST ALSO BE SURE TO HAVE 2 SIGNATURES ON EACH CHECK. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

STATE REGENT'S CONFERENCE

The State Regent's Conference will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL on July 9-12, 2009. The National Board will present workshops to assist the State Officers in the successful operation of the State and Local Courts. Please be sure to give the information to newly elected State Officers and State Chaplains. The State Chaplains have a round table discussion at this event so please be sure to include him at this gathering.

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The theme for this year is "For in Him, we live and move and have our being," as we continue to pray for vocations. A Sample Proclamation, written by Evelyn Saxton, National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, is enclosed.

MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL REGENT

My dear Catholic Daughters,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that showered me with cards, flowers, prayers and get well wishes following my surgery. I had bilateral knee surgery on January 19th. Since both knees required replacement, I selected to do them both at the same time because I was afraid if I only did one, I may not go back to do the other one. Guess what – I was right, I wouldn't have. I'm not dancing yet but I am doing well. My doctor said I'm way ahead of schedule in my recovery and I assured him it was due to all the Catholic Daughter prayers. I truly believe in the power of prayer and this I experienced. Thank you all so much – I love you.

Claudia R. Bosch
Immediate Past National Regent

NEW COURTS

Cards and letters of congratulations may be sent to the following new courts:

Jacqueline O'Neill
Court of the Holy Family #2616
104 Hounds Chase
Yorktown, VA 23693

Tina Dambach
Court St Francis de Sales #2617
1360 E. Sanger Street
Philadelphia., PA 19124

Delia Humphrey
Court Archangels of St.
Michael's #2618
1650 Mathias Lane
Kyle, TX 78640

Sylvia Ann Molina
Court Daughters of St. Joseph
#2619
172 N CR 1060
Kingsville, TX 78363

Angela Granger
Court St Ann #2620
1823 Oberlin Rd
Mamou, LA 70554

Kristen Golla
Court Protector of Families #2621
112 Hawk Circle
Cibolo, TX 78108

Jordan Chipley
Campus Court Daughters of
St. Agnes #2622
20603 Spring Mission Lane
Mission, TX 77388

PRICE CHANGES

The following items have been increased from our CDA Price list:

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| #101 Membership Applications | \$3.75 (page 2 under Financial Secretary) |
| #118 Receipt Book | \$2.75 (page 2 under Financial Secretary) |
| #162 Deletion Pad | \$14.00 (page 2 under Financial Secretary) |
| #163 Information Correction Pad | \$8.25 (page 2 under Financial Secretary) |
| #148 Scrapbook Sheets | \$9.00 (page 3 under Other Supplies) |
| #337s Informal Notes | \$7.00 (page 5 under Novelties and Gifts) |

Please **remove** #178 Centennial Prayer Card (page 3 Other Supplies)

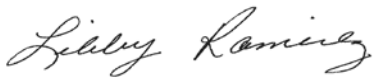
Please discard the old Membership Addition Report #104. Only the Membership Application, Renewal Form or Transfer Form is accepted.

PRAYERS

Please add Eunice and Ralph Riles to your prayer list. They both have been hospitalized recently for health problems. You can send cards to:

Eunice Riles
Past National Regent
9888 Kinglet Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

May our organization remain strong in faith as we continue to do the charitable work of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. May we be blessed in knowing that “for in Him we live, and move, and have our being.” It is in keeping the Lord first that we will continue to flourish.



National Regent

Enclosures:

- CDA Sunday Proclamation
- Operation Morningstar
- Morality in Media

Dates to Remember:

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| June 7 | Priest Appreciation Day |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 21 | Father's Day |
| July 9 – 12 | State Officers' Conference – Belleville, IL |



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Sunday, October 18, 2009, has been designated as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day by the National Board with the theme "For in Him, we live and move and have our being," (Acts 17:28)
and

Whereas, we exist as offspring of God with the Spirit of God dwelling within us, and

Whereas, acknowledging God as our creator, Catholic Daughters seek to serve and honor Him in our daily lives, and

Whereas, our lives should be lived for the glory and honor of God, and

Whereas, we hold to the truth that "it is He who gives to all men life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)
Therefore, be it

Resolved: I, _____

do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 18, 2009, as

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day

In _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2009



OPERATION MORNING STAR

NEWSLETTER

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June 2009

As this newsletter is being written, we are approaching the first 100 days of the new Administration in D.C. The news for life issues has not been good:

- *Mexico City Policy canceled.* (See March 2009 newsletter.)
- *Federal funds to be used for embryonic stem cell research.*
- *Draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research met with adverse reaction from pro-life community.*
- *Sale of Plan B Morning-After Pill expanded to 17 year olds without a prescription.*
- *Considering rescinding Conscience Protection Regulations.* (No decision announced at this writing, late April.)

“FOCA” – Freedom of Choice Act

There is still the threat that FOCA could be introduced, even though some of its provisions are being addressed individually. Keep your eyes and ears open.

The TVPRA of 2008 reauthorized existing U.S. programs to combat human trafficking, and

William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims

Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008
(TVPRA)

This piece of legislation was signed into law by President Bush on December 23, 2008, and took effect on March 23, 2009. This bill authorizes funding for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) through the year 2011. In addition, this bill creates, extends, and expands many important protections for child and adult victims of human trafficking and for unaccompanied undocumented children, who are at high risk of being trafficked.

A refresher on the TVPA of 2000: It (1) established a maximum sentence of life in prison for those found guilty of certain types of trafficking in persons, (2) provided relief (could be food stamps, medical assistance, crisis counseling, short-term housing assistance) for victims of trafficking, and (3) under certain circumstances, victims might be able to remain in the U.S. under the then newly created “T” Visa.

An office was established in the State Department for trafficking issues. Each year Congress must authorize appropriations for the TVPA of 2000.

established new requirements and programs regarding trafficking into both sexual exploitation and forced labor. U.S. assistance programs to U.S. citizens are widened.



Additional protections are provided for trafficking survivors who are threatened by trafficking perpetrators, and for children who are at risk of being repatriated into the hands of traffickers or abusers.

A new requirement mandates the Department of Homeland Security to screen children from contiguous countries as potential trafficking victims. It is also required that child victims receive immediate services once identified.

The numbers seem to vary from a few years ago, but today it is estimated that as many as 700,000 persons are trafficked annually worldwide, and as many as 17,500 human beings are trafficked into the U.S. each year. Only about 2,000 victims in the U.S. have been identified and provided services since the year 2000, when the first trafficking law was passed.

Church Teaching

As mentioned in our March newsletter, the year 2010 will again bring important elections – all members of Congress and those U.S. Senators whose term expires in 2010, plus state elections. Our knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church will greatly assist us in electing these legislators.

The following is a true story: A bill that would repeal a specific state's death penalty was up

“OPERATION MORNINGSTAR” for vote in the House. All representatives had voted, except one. The vote was 32-32. The Representative yet to vote had been a former district attorney's investigator; thought the death penalty was a useful tool; in a specific case in 2007, the killer pleaded guilty and received a life sentence when the death penalty became part of the equation. All of this was going through the Representative's mind. But he was also thinking about the moral appeals he had heard, including from his Bishop. Final House vote? 33 yes-32 no. The bill is now in the State Senate.

Adult education classes in parishes and dioceses; Catechism of the Catholic Church, Adult Catechism of the Catholic Church; Chaplain-led discussions at court meetings; books, CD's and DVD's from reliable sources – all excellent tools to gain/increase knowledge on Church teaching.

New Legislative Chairs

State Regents: If there is a change in your State Legislative Chair, please inform the National Legislative Committee, so there is not a disruption in legislative communication in your state.

Approved: Libby Ramirez, National Regent