

Post-Convention
September 2010

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

It seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing the first letter as National Regent for the National Newsletter, and now here I am writing the last letter as National Regent. Where has the time gone? I thank God and you, the delegates, for giving me this auspicious honor. Serving as National Regent will always be a special chapter in my life.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 53rd Biennial National Convention in beautiful Buffalo, New York, is now over, but it will always remain a beautiful memory in the history of the Catholic Daughters. Thank you to Helene Shepard, National Convention Chairman, the New York State Board, and all the New York membership for all the hard work they contributed toward making the national convention the great success it was. Their hours of planning and preparation were evident in the convention's successful execution.

I had one major goal for this term, and that was to have the Tools of the Trade revision finished. However, it is not something that was done solely during this term. It began during Grace DiCairano's term as National Regent. It was followed through by M. Joan McKenna and then by Claudia Bosch. I just happened to have had the privilege to say that the members of the board during my term finished the work. The revision of the "Tools of the Trade Second Edition" is complete and the book was sold for the first time at the convention and will now be for sale at the National office.

I had the privilege to have served with a very dedicated group of women who have gone above and beyond their duty and never said, "I can't," when asked to help finish this task. Every National Regent thinks the members of the Board serving with her are the best, and, well, I am no exception. I also think the members of this Board are the best.

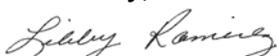
I have had many wonderful experiences during my term as national regent and every one of them are very special to me. You have read about many of them through the National Newsletters and Share stories.

I would like to extend my thanks first to God for giving me the grace to serve you, to Bishop David Fellhauer and Father Ruppert for being my spiritual leaders and listening to me when I had a dilemma. To the members of this Board, you are the best. We have worked together, laughed together, cried together but most of all we have succeeded together. I want to thank my secretary, my daughter, Valerie McCormick, for always having patience with my verbs and nouns and making sure my commas and semicolons are in the right place. Our website continues to get better and better. This is in great part to Shirley Seyfried and our dear friend Daniel Seyfried who is always ready to post new items for us almost immediately. All newsletters, forms and contest guidelines are posted as soon as they are approved by the National Regent. Thank you to Shirley and Daniel. Last, but definitely not least, thank you to the office staff of Peggy O'Brien, Mary Impellizeri, Gloria Linley, Paz Maja, Carol Dalton, Adrienne Plumeau, Jimmy O'Brien and Tom Panas. Without all your cooperation, we would not have been able to accomplish our goals. I am sure no one really realizes how much these wonderful people do for us.

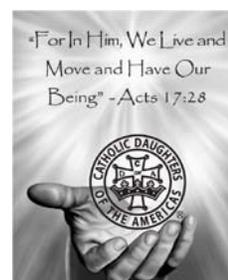
My sincere gratitude to all the courts that contributed to the gift that was presented to me at the National Convention, I will always treasure your friendship. We will continue to pray of one another as we embark in a new chapter of our lives.

God bless all of you for the work, you, the membership, do for our organization. Without you we do not exist. You make this National Regent proud to say, "I am the National Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, knowing that ...in Him we Live and Move and have our Being."

Sincerely,



Libby Ramirez
Immediate Past National Regent



NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the newly elected National Board:

National Regent Joanne Tomassi	National Regent-Elect Anne Nelson
First Vice National Regent Shirley Seyfried	Second Vice National Regent Letty Calvetti
National Secretary-Treasurer Helene Shepard	

National Directors:

Delma Araiza	Vicki Boeckman	Julia Dolan
Maryann Grabasky	Emily Guilherme	Mary Ann Kizer
Janet Martineau	Sherry Nilles	Olga Samaniego

2012 NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following elected at the National Convention:

Chairman:	Penny Martin	NY	Linda Coletti	MA
	Irene Duda	OR	Daphne Bernestine	CA
	Carolyn Malik	TX	Della Santos	IL
	Nancy Bambeneck	MN		
Alternates:	Belinda Swager	NC	Peg Guckin	PA

RESOLUTION

Enclosed is the resolution adopted at the 53rd Biennial National Convention held in Buffalo, NY July 2010 concerning participating in activities concerning our armed forces. See attached resolution.

AWARDS AND REPORTS PRESENTED

An Award booklet and Report booklet were distributed at the convention to every delegate and member in attendance. Please remind those that attended the National Convention to share the booklets with the court. You can also see a complete listing on our web site www.catholicdaughters.org.

DONATIONS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

On behalf of all the Catholic Daughters the following donations were presented at the 53rd Biennial National Convention held in Buffalo, New York or sent in the mail after the convention:

SOAR!	\$ 7,000
Apostleship of the Sea	\$ 6,000
Smile Train	\$ 50,000
North American College	\$ 13,000
American College of Louvain	\$ 10,000
Holy Cross Family Ministries	\$ 20,000
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 75,000
Tutwiler Clinic	\$ 10,000
Mother Teresa	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$206,000

Thank you to all the local and state courts who continue to contribute to the National Projects collection. It is through your generosity and support that we can give donations in the amounts above. It is not too late for your court to contribute. Please remember to write only one check made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas and list how much is given to each Project and/or Charity.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE
53RD BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
BUFFALO, NEW YORK
JULY 14-18, 2010**

WHEREAS, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have adopted the practice of praying three Hail Mary's daily for an end to terrorism in the world and to remember those who are protecting us by their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to bring Christ's light to others; and

WHEREAS, the numerous organizations across our country hold activities, take collections of articles and offer support for the men and women of the Armed Forces, to let them know we appreciate the sacrifices they make to keep us safe and to keep freedom alive; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas organize or partner an activity in support of our Armed Forces.

Submitted by: National Resolutions Committee
