

Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2008

My dear Regents, Officers, Chaplains and Members,

The 52nd Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is now in the past, but it will be forever in our memory. On behalf of the National Board and the entire membership, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks and congratulations to the Catholic Daughters of New Mexico for their remarkable job hosting one of the largest national conventions in our history. It was a true blessing working with these women as the convention chairperson, and, for this privilege, I thank our Immediate Past National Regent Claudia Bosch.

The National Board wishes to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing us to serve in these leadership roles and with the help of God and our Blessed Mother, we promise to represent the organization to the very best of our ability. At this time, we also wish to express our gratitude for the many congratulatory messages and for the Mass enrollments.

Following our mission statement, we must continually remind ourselves why we are Catholic Daughters of the Americas. “For in Him we live, and move and have our being”, so we will take many opportunities to increase the spirituality of the organization. All we have is through God, the Father, so in finding our spirituality, we will be better able to extend His love to others through our charitable works.

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Audit form for the period ending September 30, 2008 is enclosed
- Contact your Representative/District Deputy to arrange for the audit
- Regents are to appoint three members to serve on the Audit Committee
- Forms are to be returned to State and National by November 1, 2008

MILLION ROSARIES FOR THE UNBORN WORLDWIDE

The Saint Michael the Archangel Organization is once again asking all to join in praying the Rosary for unborn babies. This event will be held worldwide on October 18, 2008. It is hoped that people throughout the world will pray the Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies. More information is available at www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 19, 2008. The theme for this year is “We are Called to Develop and Share Our God-Given Talents as Women Embracing the Gift of Humanity,” as we continue to pray for vocations. A sample Proclamation was in the June Quarterly newsletter.

YOUTH

- 18th Annual Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 25, 2008.

- Join volunteers around the country by taking ONE DAY to make a difference in the lives of others.
- Courts are urged to sponsor an event with a youth organization and/or a JCDA Court.

MORALITY IN MEDIA

- Pornography Awareness Week – Sunday, October 26 – November 2, 2008
Please involve your courts with the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign (WRAP).
- Websites for MIM information: www.moralityinmedia.org and www.obscenitycrimes.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 – EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

- Every vote counts and yours is vitally important!
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas organization cannot endorse or support a political candidate or a political party. We CANNOT advise our members to “vote for the pro-life candidate”.
- If a state or local court plans to encourage its members to get out and vote on November 3rd, you may advise them:
 - To know the issues
 - To know the candidates’ position on the issues
 - To vote their moral conscience on pro-life issues

2009 EDUCATION CONTESTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Education Contest and Scholarship Information is included
- Contest has been changed, please note the new changes
- We will provide the name of the chairman in an upcoming mailing

2009 NEWSLETTER CONTEST

- Enclosed are the Newsletter Rules and Guidelines, as well as scoring sheets
- We will provide the name of the chairman in an upcoming mailing

YOUTH/JCDA CONTEST

- JCDA Scholarship Application enclosed
- Youth Scholarship Application for Catholic High School enclosed
- Youth Scholarship Application for Public or Private High School enclosed

LEGISLATION

Enclosed you’ll find an *Operation Morning Star Legislative Newsletter* from Helen Johnson. Please share this information with your membership.

GOLD JEWELRY

10K, 14K or Sterling Silver Jewelry takes 10-12 weeks to order from the Jeweler. If your need to order for your State Regent, please order early. Orders in December would be ready for the April/May conventions.

CALLED HOME TO GOD

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

JOHN MONTALTO - Brother of Grace Rinaldi, Past National Regent.

Condolences may be sent to:

GRACE RINALDI
5433 W. 140th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

NEW COURTS

Messages of congratulations may be sent to our new Regents!

Court Our Lady of Faith #2604

Nancy Schulte
Regent
13475 Browne St
Omaha, NE 68164

Court Sisters of Pauline #2605

Vicki Gonzales
Regent
2543 County Rd 2028
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

OFFICER LISTS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Even if your officers have not changed, you must submit an Officer List to the National Office and your State Regent. Send your member address corrections in a timely fashion to the National headquarters. Please be sure to include the entire street name i.e. 25 Lexington **Ave**, do not leave off Ave, Dr, St., etc.

IRS TAX ID NUMBER AND FORM 990

In past quarterly newsletters we have asked that you send to the National Office any letters you receive from the IRS asking for you to file a form 990. This is done by the National Office for all Courts. However, every time a new Regent is elected the IRS needs to have the correct address. Please complete Part II and Part III of the enclosed form 8822-Change of Address. Then follow the directions on the next page as to where to send the change of address. If you do not know your Employer identification number that is asked for in box 11b, please contact Mary at the National Office by email (cdfanat1@aol.com) or calling (212-877-3041).

VERIFICATION FOR OPENING NEW BANK ACCOUNTS

Have you been asked to provide additional documentation about your Court when trying to open a bank account? Please contact Mary at the National Office who will send you the documentation you need.

NATIONAL CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

In addition to the checks presented at the National Convention in Albuquerque, NM, distributions were made from funds received from local courts for the period April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008. In some cases such as Covenant House we sent distributions whenever there was a matching donor in order to make your donation go further. The following distributions were made on behalf of all Catholic Daughters:

North American College	\$16,200
Covenant House	\$20,000
Holy Cross Family Ministries	\$16,000
SOAR!	\$22,950
Blessed Mother Teresa	\$40,000
Tutwiler	\$15,000
Catholic Relief Services (Tsunami)	\$20,000
Apostleship of the Sea	\$15,000
Scholarships for Teachers of Exceptional children	\$ 9,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$67,468
American College of Louvain	\$ 1,500

**** A TOTAL OF \$29,000 HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR DISASTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**

The following checks were distributed at the National Convention:

Smile Train	\$25,000
(which was matched by an anonymous donor so the check was actually worth \$50,000)	
SOAR!	\$5,000
Apostleship of the Sea	\$10,000

American College of Louvain	\$10,000
Holy Cross Family Rosary	\$20,000.
Tutwiler Clinic (check was sent to them in the mail)	\$10,000

PRICE CHANGES

Many new items were introduced at the National Convention. Please see the attached sheet for photos and prices.

The newly-elected National Board looks forward to working with you as you prepare for your CDA year. If we can assist in any of your activities, do not hesitate to contact us. Your recently-appointed National Representative is your direct link between your court and National, so please keep her informed of your events and activities.

May our Blessed Mother continue to watch over us as we embark on our journey together over the next two years.

Yours in Christ,

Libby Ramirez
National Regent

Enclosures:

- † Financial Review Form
- † Education Contests and Scholarships
- † JCDA/Youth Scholarships
- † Newsletter Guidelines and Scoring Sheet
- † *Operation Morning Star* Legislative Newsletter
- † Form 8822 Change of Address for IRS
- † Jewelry Price List Changes
- † 2008 – 2010 National Board



2008-2010 NATIONAL BOARD

Congratulations to the following National Board Members who were elected at the 52nd Biennial National Convention in Albuquerque, NM

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Most Rev. David Fellhauer – Victoria TX

NATIONAL CLERGY CONSULTANT

Reverend Donald Ruppert – East Bernard TX

NATIONAL REGENT

Libby Ramirez – Victoria TX

NATIONAL REGENT-ELECT

Joanne Tomassi – St. Pete Beach FL

FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT

Anne Nelson – Linthicum MD

SECOND VICE NATIONAL REGENT

Shirley Seyfried – Battle Lake MN

NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Theresa Kocer – Sious Falls SD

NATIONAL DIRECTORS

Helen Arndorfer – Woolstock IA

Duchess Collins – Sugar Land TX

Maryann Grabasky – Greensboro NC

Janet Martineau – Sidney MT

Lois Nelson – Medford MN

Evelyn Saxton – Newalla OK

Helene Shepard – Washingtonville NY

Lorayne K. Zimmerman – Corvallis OR

9th - To be appointed in September by National Board

2010 NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Theresa Duran –NY

Trudy Pascale - AR

Carolyn Bachman - TX

Carmen Ortiz - PR

Essie Walker - NC

Margaret Novak – PA

Mary Smith – MT

Alternates: Alice Tassin - LA and Karen Walker - WA

New CDA Items:



CDA for a Cure Tee Shirts -

Front has CDA emblem with purple ribbon “Catholic Daughters for a Cure.” Back has “I am here for all members of

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, their families and friends.” This is perfect for those walks, runs, jogs, fundraising times finding cures for Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, etc. This is a great way to advertise CDA and our concern for Quality of Life for all. Cost \$10 in sizes small, medium, large, xlarge. Order # CURE and size



Sewing Kit/pill case #372-s \$3.00 – great for travel. Pill case has 3 1x2 ½ “ sections for medication



Luggage spotters (gold with purple CDA printing) #373-s \$3.00 – wrap this around the handle to your luggage and your Black bag won’t look like everyone else’s!



Clip Folder with Pen - purple 9 x 5½” (folded) –#375-s \$5.50 – great as a gift for your officers



Night Light with CDA emblem #376-s \$2.00



Car Magnet with CDA emblem – 8” – place this on your car to advertise CDA - #377-s \$2.00



Flag – 4”x6” with CDA emblem to use at meetings, in centerpieces, etc. – #380-s \$2.00



ID Badge Holder – purple with adjustable string and CDA emblem - \$5.00



Sun Visors – Purple #374-SP or White #374-SW - with CDA emblem - \$6.00



Garment Bags – 58” length purple garment bag with CDA emblem – #381-s \$10.00



Purple Twill Shirt – short sleeve with CDA emblem #378-s

small \$26	Xlarge \$28
medium \$26	XXlarge \$28
large \$26	XXXlarge \$30

Purple Twill Shirt – long sleeve with CDA emblem 379-s

small \$28	Xlarge \$28
medium \$28	XXlarge \$30
large \$28	XXXlarge \$32

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, _____ – SEPTEMBER 30, _____

OR (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)

FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, _____ - MARCH 31, _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON YOUR RECORDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 OR MARCH 31 WAS _____

COURT NAME _____ COURT # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

1. Total amount paid out by check for Religious, Charitable, and Educational purposes. Include amounts paid to National Office and State Court for these purposes. Do not include RKI Insurance. Total \$ _____

2. Paid to National Court:
National Dues & Assessments \$ _____
Supplies, Jewelry & Gift Items _____
Paraphernalia (Robes, Banner, Flags) _____
Other (specify) – Do not include RKI Insurance _____
Total \$ _____

3. Paid to State Court:
State Dues & Assessments \$ _____
Special State Court Projects _____
Total \$ _____

FUND BALANCES

Table with 2 columns: Account Type (CHECKING ACCOUNT, SAVINGS ACCOUNT, MASS FUND, MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS, CD'S, TREASURY ACCOUNTS, OTHER FUNDS (SPECIFY)) and Fund Balances (LAST REPORT, CURRENT REPORT) with dollar signs and lines for input.

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS OF COURT \$ _____

We, the undersigned Audit Committee of the Court hereby certify that we have audited the Court books, examined and checked the bank accounts and that the foregoing report is a true and correct statement of the funds of this Court.

_____ Audit Committee

_____ Audit Committee

District Deputy/State Representative

_____ Audit Committee

Send: ORIGINAL sheet to National Office: CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS 10 West 71st Street New York, NY 10023

Send a copy to: Your State Regent Your State Secretary Your District Deputy/ or State Representative RETAIN: A copy for Court files

REPORT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO APPROPRIATE DESIGNATIONS BY NOVEMBER 1 OR MAY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.