

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Bulletin

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To: National Board
State Officers
Local Court Regents
Local Court Delegates
Past National Regents

From: Olga Samaniego, National Regent

I hope all of you are well. As I write to you, life in our beautiful country is being disrupted by a virus, and everything is in a state of flux. News out of our local, state, and federal government changes constantly, and every day we are told something new. On that front, I have nothing new to add. Trust in the Lord and do what authorities tell you to do.

On the CDA front, however, I do have some things to share.

- As most of you know, the deadline for financial reviews has been extended until June 1, 2020. If we should need to revisit that date, we will. I am asking that you continue to conduct business remotely if possible.
- There was an incorrect date on the newsletter contest for JCDA and Campus Courts only. Because of that misprint, the deadline for JCDA and Campus Court newsletter to be sent to national is April 15. For all other contests, the date for submission remains April 1, 2020.
- Our office is currently closed. It will open on Monday, March 30, with a skeleton crew. Meanwhile, our office manager can answer emails, so contact her with your needs.
- As of now, our convention is still a go. In fact, we are moving full speed ahead. Convention packets went out earlier this week, and everyone should receive it soon. If you do not, please contact the office, and we will send or email it to you.
- Please send in your registration and meal forms as required. If we should need to refund money, we will, but I do not foresee that happening.
- Here is the biggie: **Please do not cancel your hotel reservations because of the virus.** We have a contract, and if we drop significantly in hotel attendance, we will lose thousands of dollars in fees and deposits. We simply cannot afford that. We will only cancel the convention if we can invoke the Force Majeure clause—which means a human-initiated action that cannot be predicted and/or, in some cases, an act of God. If the government tells us we can still not travel or fly in July, then we will cancel, and we will not owe any fees. Hotel reservations can be cancelled without fee within 48 hours of arrival. We will let you know in plenty of time to do that. So, please sit tight. We still have a few rooms available, and I believe we are going to be in Dallas in July. So, continue to make those reservations!
- The Executive Board is developing plans for ending the term should we have to cancel the convention. Please keep us in your prayers as this is a daunting task, and we are in uncharted territory. Rest assured that we will to our best to enact emergency procedures that best meet the needs of our membership and our organization. All of the procedures will be new, and change is hard, but this is a once in a lifetime event. We can do it!

Regardless of what is happening around us, we are still women of service. If we can make donations, sew from home, or undertake some other avenue of service, we should do so. We can all do one thing: we can pray! Our sisterhood is a powerhouse of intercessory prayer. Pray for our country, our organization, and for those most in need. God hears and answers our prayers!

Sincerely in Christ,
Olga Samaniego, National Regent