



September 19, 2018

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

I have tendered my resignation from the position of 1st Vice National Regent as of September 30, 2018. After serving you for years on the national board, I feel a responsibility to share this decision as well as the reason with you before leaving.

I have felt the great privilege and responsibility that you have entrusted in me as a national director and then national officer of our sisterhood. I have taken seriously everything asked of me and tried to do so with a loving Catholic Daughter heart, giving my all for the good of our order and for my fellow sisters.

Olga's theme "*Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening*" relates to my decision to step down. You see, when in San Antonio, Texas this week for a national board meeting and to celebrate our new National Regent with a Mass and Banquet, my heart was repeatedly touched by prayer and Mass reflections about becoming vulnerable in God's hands and allowing Him to lead me. I began to see how the way I have continued to serve as a national officer with such strenuous hours, demands, and travel (that is made increasingly more difficult due to medical issues)- putting the service of CDA above health, has been due to my sin of pride.

God put a vision on my heart while in San Antonio that helped me to see this more clearly and I would like to share that with you.

What I saw with my mind's eye was me as a little girl working diligently on something in my lap, while a caring man is near me, I feel him looking lovingly at me with a bit of a grin on his face. He gently tells me to hand this thing to Him- that He will take care of it. Without looking up, I keep working feverishly while declaring with childish determination "No, I can do it- I know I can".

He then gives a tender, loving, and amused smile- one that I have given myself to our children and grandchildren who are trying to do some silly thing like make it rain with no clue that they just don't have the power. He pulls me closer and tells me "No, you are aren't strong enough. But I will take care of it."

I was able to see clearly how I have been like that child- insisting I can do it despite how my health and strength have repeatedly told me differently. I have not seen how He has been trying to tell me to trust that He will take care of everything, Finally I can honestly say, Yes, *Lord, your servant is listening*. While I am at peace with the direction God is leading me, know that I will deeply miss being with you and serving you in this way as your National Officer, but I will continue to be a prayer warrior for our organization.

The bylaws of the order specifically outline the procedure when there is a vacancy in a national office and Olga will provide notice of the appointments in the future.

God love you,
Vickie M Feist