

Sherry Nilles National Regent's Message

When I joined the Catholic Daughters many years ago I never in my wildest dreams imagined I would one day be National Regent!

But here I am at the beginning of my term, honored to serve each and every one of you in the two-year period ahead.

Looking back at the start of my Catholic Daughter journey I recall becoming a Catholic Daughter because I enjoyed watching my mother and grandmother being active members who enjoyed attending meetings and always came home with a smile.

Over time, this motivation shifted to my court sisters. We worked together efficiently for great causes and really had a grand time. My court was making a difference in the lives of all people and I was part of that! That made me smile and motivated me to help make a difference in the church, community and world. It gave me a great feeling of accomplishment.

At the state court level I learned that state officers could work together to make our state come alive and provide a better life for all. Being on the national court helped me be a part of something much larger than me, my local court or even my state court could ever do alone without the support of everyone. I cherish the discovery that with Catholic Daughters our members are better as a group than any of us could ever be alone.

The foundation of my Catholic Daughter experiences has been the common denominator of love. Love of God, our Church, our Catholic Daughter sisters, our families and the world. Therefore, my theme for the next two years will be, "Let all you do be done with love." 1 Cor 16:14.

Included among my objectives under the umbrella of love are membership and spirituality. Membership is always a goal for the Catholic Daughters. In particular, encouraging territorial courts to work to establish a state court is a priority. We have several states that have four courts already, which is a great start to becoming a state court. State courts allow each state to become a hub for even more new courts. State courts are wonderful for supporting each local court, one of many positive changes that a state court can bring.

Spirituality is vital for the continuation of any organization but especially the Catholic Daughters. For us, spirituality is our heart and soul. A retreat is perfect for renewing and reinvigorating our very souls. Retreats provide time for silence and prayer in a very busy world. Meaningful prayer at the beginning and end of each meeting is powerful! Prayer for each other, the community, the country and our world is vital at this time in this country.

So as we begin our journey I pray that all of us will move forward together with love.