



“THE VOICE OF CDA”

Spirit of North Dakota

State Regent—Kathy Kennedy

A huge THANK YOU to the women who served as local CDA officers during the 2012-2014 term. Your dedication and service to Catholic Daughters has not gone unnoticed and is most appreciated.

I also want to thank those who agreed to serve in their current office again and those who are taking on a new position in their local court. Your “yes” means so much! May the next two years be a time for you to be an effective servant leader as well as a learning experience for you.

To all members (officers and general membership) please plan on being supportive of each other during the next two years.

Through my years of teaching and helping my children study, I have found a mnemonic to be an effective tool. This is a cue we use to remember things such as HOMES



for the five Great Lakes. I am offering a mnemonic, ‘SUPPORT,’ you can use to remember how to make our organization even better than it already is.

S-Serve when you are capable of doing so instead of waiting for the next person to do it.

U-Use your time and talents to the best of your ability. Do not hide them under a bushel basket.

P-Positive attitude. This needs no explanation. You KNOW what a difference a positive attitude makes. In fact, some members of one court said they have

notice a difference in their court since they started saying the Positive Pledge at every meeting.

P-Presence. If at all possible, attend the monthly meeting and events sponsored by Catholic Daughters.

O-Open minded. Please be open to new ideas and ways of doing things a new officer may have. Don’t be one of those “We’ve always done it this way so we can’t change” type person.

R-Respect. Respect the officers in their leadership. Respect others’ views. Not everyone will agree on everything all the time but work together to reach a consensus without causing contention.

T-Try. Try to help whenever possible. Try new things. Try to promote Catholic Daughters.

I almost spelled support with three p’s because there is one very important ‘P’ that we should never for

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Mark your calendar!
Next State Convention
April 24-26, 2015
in Fargo!

State Chaplain—Fr. Franklin Miller



Praised Be Jesus Christ...

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart is God's visible sign of His love for us and we are

called to live in that love. "Jesus knew and loved us each and all during this life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: The Son of God...loved me and gave himself for me. He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that...love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings

without exception" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 478). The liturgical celebration of the Sacred Heart is June 27th, followed by the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 28. "Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death; it is made manifest above all at the hour of His Passion: Thus the Blessed Virgin ad-

vanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: Woman, behold your son" (*CCC*, 964)."

Let us respond to the love of the Heart of Christ by our willingness to devotion and service to the people of God, especially our court sisters. Our willingness to give of ourselves in service to our court sisters is an imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"

(John 15:13). "...there is no doubt that Christians in

paying homage to the Sacred Heart of the Redeemer are fulfilling a serious part of their obligations in their service of God and, at the same time, they are surrendering themselves to their Creator and Redeemer with regard to both the affections of the heart and the external activities of their life; in this way, they are obeying that divine commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole Strength" (*Devotion to the Sacred Heart*, Pius XII, 111).

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2014 April Calendar Winners

A big thank you to everyone who sent in their donation and a chance to win in the April Calendar Raffle. I certainly wish all of you could have won. The number of entries was down from last year, but the expenses were also down since the entry forms got mailed out with the newsletter instead of by themselves.

Total income received \$4100 less expenses of \$1238.34 give a net profit of \$2861.66.

Winners are:

- 4.1 \$25 Kathy Krebs, Belfield
- 4.2 \$25 Ursua Masseth, Mandan
- 4.3 \$25 DeLanis Eckroth, Mandan
- 4.4 \$25 Anton Gross, Bismarck
- 4.5 \$50 Mary Conlin, Fargo
- 4.6 \$50 Charlene Donohue, Valley City
- 4.7 \$25 Mary Haich, Dickinson
- 4.8 \$25 Lorraine Froehlich, Mandan
- 4.9 \$25 Ryan Johnson Fargo
- 4.10 \$25 Anna Feist, Bismarck
- 4.11 \$25 Cathy Cerkoney, Belfield
- 4.12 \$50 Frances M. Bullinger, Dickinson
- 4.13 \$50 Maggie Banyai, Mott
- 4.14 \$25 Elaine Selensky, Rugby
- 4.15 \$25 Dorothy Monger, Williston
- 4.16 \$250 Pat Kessler, Williston
- 4.17 \$25 Mary Frank, Mandeville, LA
- 4.18 \$25 Mary Kennedy, Harvey
- 4.19 \$50 Joel Renfrow, Bismarck
- 4/20 \$50 Donna Barnett, Belfield
- 4.21 \$25 Shirley Jablonsky, Belfield
- 4.22 \$25 Bernadette Holzer, Bismarck
- 4.23 \$25 Donna Mrachek, Watford City
- 4.24 \$25 Mary Haich, Dickinson
- 4.25 \$25 Dorothy Kroetsch, Langdon
- 4.26 \$50 Cody Armbrust, Belfield
- 4.27 \$50 Rosemary Kadrmas, Bowman
- 4.28 \$25 Tina Pierce, Gwinner
- 4.29 \$25 Mary Kitsch, Webster
- 4.30 \$50 Katherine Nagel, Linton

National Supervisor—Vickie Feist



Greetings my dear Catholic Daughters!

I would like to take this time to extend my thanks and appreciation to all local court officers! I know you have served your fellow CDA members, satisfaction of job well done, and the joy of knowing you have completed a task God has called you to do. I do also appreciate the sacrifice of time and work you have devoted to the Catholic Daughters and when balancing the stresses of everyday life I know it can feel harried at times. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

My thanks and appreciation also

to those of you that have said YES to serve the next two years. For some of you, you will be continuing in a second term in the same office and no doubt have little anxiety as you continue to build on all that you have done the past two years. For many of you are embarking on a new office and may even be new to serving as a CDA officer. I wish you good luck and assure you of my prayers. I want to share a secret that has made being an officer in CDA much more enjoyable and less stressful for me. Just do these things this summer/fall:

1) Read through the Tools of the Trade (Edition II). Most courts should have a copy. It can also be purchased from

the National Office.

- 2) Read through the 2012 National Bylaws. They are not that long and will give you and incredible amount of information to make your job easier.
- 3) Attend the state's Officer Training workshops this summer/fall where you can receive the most up-to-date and helpful information to make doing your job easier.
- 4) Have some fun and enjoy this



First Vice State Regent—Laurel Ann Dukart



Congratulations to all the newly installed Local Court Officers!

Thank you for your commitment to keep North Dakota

CDA Strong!

CDA Ladies, here is your summer assignment: Increase ND CDA Membership!

Joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a wonderful gift from God. As daughters we experience the opportunity to give and receive. Through CDA we are able to share our talents and gifts.

Remember why you joined Cath-

olic Daughters:

- ◆ To strengthen your spiritual, social, and missionary life, through the Circle of Love Program
- ◆ "United and Charity" - the CDA motto
- ◆ Fellowship with other daughters who share like values, working hard for their parishes and communities
- ◆ You were asked by a family member, a friend, a church member, etc.

As you enjoy the summer:

1. Ask Catholic ladies to join your local court.
 - a) Invite them to a meeting, special event, coffee/tea, etc.
2. Be prepared when asked:

- a) "Who are the Catholic Daughters?"
- b) "Why should I join?"
- c) "What do Catholic Daughters do?"

3. Have a CDA membership brochure handy.

4. Ask local/state officers, state supervisors, long-time members for assistance.

I challenge each and every Catholic Daughter to bring one plus non-member to your first meeting this fall.

God bless you and have a wonderful summer!



Second Vice State Regent—Mary Baer



In my last two columns I have been explaining briefly about the CDA National Charitable Projects. I have one left to talk about and that is Habitat for Humanity. The Catholic Daughters in partnership with Habitat for Humanity work to build simple, decent, affordable homes for economically disadvantaged people so they can have a better environment in which to raise their families. We provide the finances for the house and also help to build these homes. We, as Catholic Daughters, may leave the site of the build bumped, bruised, and tired but it is very

rewarding for all involved. CDA was one of the first women's organizations to complete a house in Habitat's seven day "Blitz Build."

The Catholic Daughters are a very giving organization and we as individuals are also very giving I would like to thank all of our new and returning Court Officers. Thank you for saying yes and taking the challenge to help lead your courts through an exciting two year term. Remember your state board is always here to assist you in any way we can.

I would like to close with a little reflection and prayer on Matthew 25:23: "His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come

and share your master's happiness!"

I thank you for the many things on my plate right now. I am able to help people. I work to create a good home. I serve You and Your church with my gifts. You are so faithful, Lord. You have affirmed me and my current direction by blessing me with worthwhile responsibilities and opportunities.

I am finding fulfillment, thanks to Your guidance. I am more certain of myself, and my confidence in You grows with each passing day. When I finish a busy day and feel good strong, and peaceful, I sense Your reassuring words: "Well done." "

State Treasurer—Deb Johnson



Where has the year gone? As we all get ready to enjoy the summer, remember to reflect back on all that has been accomplished this past year. You all do wonderful work in your courts!

Congratulations to all the new officers for the next two years. It is always a learning experience, embrace another level of the Catholic Daughters.

Our State project has also been quite busy! Casinda Langseth and I dropped by for a tour. They have organized an old school in Rogers, ND as the headquarters

for Project Ignite Light. Not only do they provide "Bags of Hope" shedding God's light in the darkness of child abuse, they held a "Frozen" children's party for foster children and the ideas don't stop there. As of May, \$1769.33 has been collected through the state for them with many courts sending blankets, pj's and funds directly to them. They welcome people stopping by to see what they are about or volunteering for different things. Please give them a call 701-646-4673 to drop off items etc. Blessed are those in need who are helped by the Catholic Daughters. May we continue to be God's helping hand where ever we are needed.

In Loving Remembrance

Margaret Lucas
Cecila Laqua
Rose Deibert
Dorothy Hokanson
Laurel Poeckes
Donna Haugen
Catherine Allers
Emiy Brossart
Bernadine Ihly
Lorraine Cox
Cathy Gruman
Trudy Bradac
Rose Mary Wold
Beverly Matz
Lillian Wolff

State Secretary—Bonita Erickson



Have you been sharing YOUR CDA story? I sure hope so. My local CDA court did an honor guard (we all dress in white for this) for a CDA member who recently passed away. While the CDA honor guard members were walking to the gathering place to share bars and refreshments with the deceased family members, they were asked the question and questions that I am sure that we have all heard at one time or other. What do the Catholic Daughters do?

Please Don't keep your CDA DNA hidden! Sometimes I think we do our job so well that we take ourselves for granted. But also it is hard sometimes to sum

all we do in one sentence or two.

While we are not an altar society, a church circle, or a bible study group, we do DO spiritual things and we do SOME duties like an altar society or a church circle....BUT we are so much more. A Catholic Daughter is most unique. We are the same, yet very different. We are dedicated to our faith, our family, and our organizations. We nurture each other in faith and in action. We have the ability to see the good and the potential in all situations and people.

Catholic Daughters reach out, give a hand, say a prayer, man the booth, bake a cake, plant flowers, build homes for humanity, and so much more. We are a service organization like no other! Let people see that when something needs to be done or someone needs assistance a

Catholic Daughter will be there. Isn't this so true? We are an AMAZING group of women! We do AMAZING things!

So while most of our courts recess for the summer months, let us continue to share OUR CDA story with others. Let's spread CDA throughout the summer. Let us also remember to pray. Pray that God will grant the members of our court health and renewal of body mind, and spirit. Pray that God will Grant all members peaceful homes and safe families so that they can continue to fulfill their service with joyful hearts. And finally, Pray that more women will be inspired to join our courts. Have a great summer!

Youth —Sherran Mayer

Youth—the future of any nation. How can you start a JCDA court? Who do you have in your courts that would be willing to be a leader of the young girls in your parishes to teach them more about God, Jesus, the Blessed Mother, the church or service to others?

To start a JCDA court you just need to commit one to one and 1/2 hours once a month for which ever months you choose, to bring the young ladies together to teach them a topic of your choice to bring them closer to the Lord. The leader needs to be a Catholic Daughter. The membership age for the organization is: Juniorettes—ages 6-10, or Juniors—ages 11-18. In some areas both age groups are combined and work together very well. JCDA is the only exclusively Catholic organization for girls to offer the girls closeness with the Catholic Church and our faith. The program encourages courts to be creative, open and flexible to current needs and concerns of a particular area.

I would like every court in North Dakota to consider the challenge of starting a JCDA court. It can be a very rewarding endeavor. It can be fun. It could make a difference in your churches ad communities. If you have any questions, you may call me at 701-824-2375 or email at hsmayernd@yahoo.com.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

- ◆ Lowella Bushaw
- ◆ Teresa Christensen
- ◆ Lois Titus
- ◆ Jackie Gow
- ◆ Angela Marchand
- ◆ Anastacia Gallagher
- ◆ Sarah Gratton
- ◆ Karen Muscha
- ◆ Cheryl Durbin
- ◆ Mary Meyer
- ◆ Julie Olthoff
- ◆ Bernice Miller

Court Highlights



Bowman hosts CDA retreat

Court Father Tracy # 2121 hosted 21 women from Bowman, Rhame and Belfield at the St. Charles Catholic Church.

The theme, Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of Mary was presented by members Rosemary Kadrmas and Shannon Schmit.

The Rosary was recited in the church prior to a delicious lunch being served. Personal sharing of a significant woman of faith in their lives was discussed, symbolized by a memento that was brought from their homes.

Past Regents Brunch held at Williston

A past regents brunch reception was held at St. Joseph's Parish in Williston. Ten out of the 15 past regents were in attendance traveling as far as from South Dakota. The honored guests were treated to Rev. Russell Kovash's inspiring talk on leadership, loyalty and the significance that each of them have played in being involved with Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Back row: L to R—Rev. Kovash, Kathleen Smith, Pat Dahl, Shirley Korenchen, Lorraine Truba. Front: L to R—Pat Conlin, Dorothy Monger, Madge Meisel, Laurie Evans, Wanda Meyer and Mary Jane Huck.



Above, presenters Shannon Schmit, at left and Rosemary Kadrmas stand with Father David Morman.



At left, visitors from Belfield attending the retreat were: L to R—Beverly Redmond, Patricia Becker, and Betty Malkowski

Court Highlights

Mandan celebrates 95 years and receives 12 new members

Court St. Cecelia #362 of Mandan received 12 new members into their court on May 12. The ceremony was held in the church of St. Joseph, with a prayer service that included music, mentors presenting pins and reciting the Pledge.

The ceremony was followed by a light meal in the cafeteria. The 95th Anniversary of St. Cecelia as a court was celebrated with a cake for dessert. Pins were presented to five 50 year members and numerous other anniversary pins. The evening concluded with election of officers.



New members: L to R—Jeanie Deichert, Maureen Trnka, Alvina Madler, Anna Hoff, Rachelle Pulkrabek, Lenore Keller, Marilyn Ternes and Jennie Masseth. Not pictured were Sylvia Darras, Kim Kleinknect, Sheila Doll and Amy Schmidt.

Mission Statement

**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas
strives to embrace
the principle of faith
working through
love in the
promotion of
justice, equality
and the advancement
of human rights
and human dignity
for all.**



“The Decadent Housewives of Hysteria Lane”

Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of Wilton presented their Annual Tea Party, “The Decadent Housewives of Hysteria Lane” on Feb. 16. This event was free of charge and is sponsored in promotion of bringing women of the community together for an afternoon of fun.

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get...Prayer! Pray for each other. Pray for guidance. On a side note, I want you to know that all ND Catholic Daughters are prayed for each month in a Mass celebrated by the State Chaplain, Fr. Miller.

Recently I went to a funeral of a long time member of Catholic Daughters in our parish. There were almost 40 CDA members there as Honor Guard! I was so proud of our members. I know for some, it wasn't convenient to attend and they had to juggle their schedule and time to be there. But they did it to show respect and support to this revered member. That's how it works being an officer/member of CDA

sometimes. It can be inconvenient or take time but it is worth the

effort and your support means so much to others.

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