



Spirit of North Dakota

State Regent — Laurel Ann Dukart

Congratulations to the newly elected Local Court Officers.

Thank you for your “Yeses” when asked to lead your courts. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure North Dakota continues to be CDA strong. I hope many of you will be able to attend the Fall Workshop / Retreat Saturday, October 10th in Harvey. The State Board is working to make this spiritual, informative, memorable and of course fun. The workshop / retreat is for all members not just officers.

Updates on upcoming events / cancelations:

- * the 58th National CDA Convention in Dallas is canceled
- * the ND fall workshop / retreat is scheduled for Sat,

Oct 10th in Harvey

- * the 52nd ND State CDA Convention Apr 30-May 2, 2021 will be in Belfield
- * Local court meetings are slowly taking place - most not face-to-face.
- * Installation of officers: if your court is unable to install officers in June, September is perfectly acceptable.



day to protect us, put others first - were less materialistic. It reminded me of those billboards Mom always loved as we drove down the highway, the ones that quietly nudge us:

Praise GOD!

LOVE one another

God is good

Be grateful

Protect LIFE

Thank GOD!

In Unity and Charity,
Love, Laurel Ann

May the Holy Spirit grant
you the gifts you most
need and those you will
make the best use of."



My favorite patriotic mask

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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.

State Chaplain — Fr. Franklin Miller



Dear Catholic
Daughters,

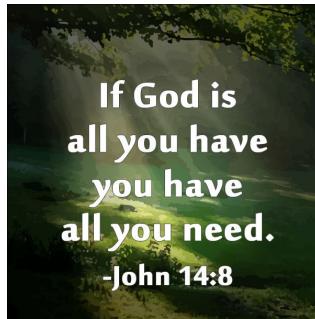


“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation” (Is. 12:2). God is watching over us always and mindful of all our needs. Nevertheless, we pray each day for blessings from God, and we take nothing for granted. We are reminded by the words of St. Peter, “may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Fa-

ther, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light” (1 Pet. 4:11).

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are learning new terms and changing our routines. Unfortunately, our society in the past has tended toward secularism and has often demised the religious aspect of our lives. Even though we have an abundance of medications and the wonderful means to make us well, I hope everyone realizes that we need God in our

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lives.

Congratulations to the new officers! I am sure the Lord will bless you abundantly for your willingness to serve your fellow Catholic Daughters. Your call and duty to bring the members of your court together from time to time is so very important. We help each other in our journey of living to be disciples of our blessed Lord by being together from time to time as sisters in Christ. We hear the blessed Lord speak to our hearts and he calls each of us to service and we say, “Here I am, the servant of the Lord” (Lk 1:38).

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May you have a blessed and safe summer!

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National Supervisor — Emily Guilherme



My Dear
Sisters in Christ

The weather is getting warmer, the flowers are growing, and summer approaches. Typically, many of us would be planning our summer vacations and getaways, however this year is proving to be unlike any summer we've seen in our lifetimes. I would also typically be inviting and encouraging you to come to our National Convention. My hope and prayer are that our National Convention will still occur so that we may all join together in hope and thanksgiving for the gift of making it through this latest tribulation. When this pandemic is over and we are free, I know we will come together in prayer, even if we are in different states, meeting at the Lamb's Supper at the altar.

Living in uncertain times may intimidate us, even scare us. Yet we have an unshakeable God who does not tremble. We have a Lord who calms the stormy waters of our lives and can quell the fear brewing within us. Remember what Jesus tells us: In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33).

Take heart and have courage. God has us in the palm of His hand, and through His mercy we will see each other in July.

God bless and Keep you,
Emily Guilherme



National News

I hope you are well and safe. It is with sadness that I inform you that as of June 1, 2020,

the 58th Biennial Convention of the

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is cancelled. I hope that you know that we tried in every way that we could to hold a convention, but the decision was made for several reasons.

Since a National convention has never been cancelled before, there are no procedures or precedents in place. There is, however, a bylaw:
Article VII Sec. 8 That needs to be followed. For more information please check the National Facebook and website.

From email sent by:

Olga Samaniego
National Regent
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

1st Vice State Regent — Mary Baer



'Now for a
little Math'

The 2020 April Calendar Raffle has come and gone. Once again, The Catholic Daughters of North Dakota did a great job of raising money for the state court. The list of winners may be found elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. We made a profit of \$15,044.88, which I think is great since the start of social distancing and the advising to stay home occurred during the time of the raffle. A big 'thank you' goes out to all of you who bought and/or

sold your tickets.

Close to 1350 books of tickets were mailed out to the members. 387 people purchased or sold all or part of their books of tickets. This gave us a return rate of 28 2/3 %. Of the 387 returns 95 of them sold their whole book of tickets: that rate of return is 24 1/2%. That is almost 1/4 of the returns being \$100 – that is something to be proud of ladies. I think we should try for at least a 50% rate of return of purchased tickets for next year. I will keep my fingers crossed.

The proceeds from the raffle are used for charitable donations in the name of all North Dakota Catholic Daughters, traveling ex-

penses of the state board for meetings and court visits, printing and mailing of the state newsletter, and state convention and workshop expenses.

The wonderful support shown by you the members of the State Court of North Dakota shows how working together we can accomplish great things. Remember our organization is not run by just the officers, we all play an important part in what happens with-



in our courts. We all need to work together, we are all leaders, and we need to keep in mind our motto "In Unity and Charity".

2nd Vice State Regent — Bonita Erickson



Greetings
to all!

Hello. This is so hard to write as I don't know what to say. I want to write comforting words. I want to reach out and give you a big long hug. I want to make all of this pandemic stuff disappear before your eyes. I want to give you back the months and moments that you have lost. But of course, I am not able to do any of these things. I can pray for you. That's

what I am able to do and will continue to do so!

Problems and challenges we will always have with us. We can conquer them along with our fears only by going deeper in our relationship with God. The more we open our hearts, the more we will recognize how He is revealing Himself in the small and simple ways. As an old saying goes " It's not the challenges or the difficulties that define us , but rather how we respond to them. " God desires us to reach out to Him. He can more than handle the fears and the questions.

Keep calm. We are Catholic Daugh-

ters! God is on our side. We can do anything!

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. Thank you for saying YES! May God bless your summer.

Bible



Study

If you are looking for a bible study dealing with the coronavirus, here are a couple of good ones:

- ◊ Jeff Cavins " Walking toward Eternity Special Edition
- ◊ Teresa Tomeo's newest book "Conquering Coronavirus - How faith can put your fears to rest.

State Secretary — Sue Judd



Greetings,

I just finished reading the book "Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Donald H. Calloway, MIC, and made my consecration to St. Joseph on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2020. What a wonderful book!! I learned so much about St. Joseph that I had never even thought about before. Like, do you know of the greatness of St. Joseph and how much he loves all of us? Or how over the last 150 years there have been significant events that are showing the importance of St. Joseph in the life of

the Church? Yes, he has always been part of the Holy Family, but I had not thought of him as a spiritual father. St. Joseph, as our spiritual father can help us grow closer to Jesus, our brother, and Mary, our spiritual mother. They are our spiritual family and can help us in our spiritual growth.

Fr. Calloway shares in his book about the 10 wonders of St. Joseph our Spiritual Father. Wonder one is: Delight of Saints; wonder two: Our Spiritual Father; wonder three: Young Husband of Mary; wonder four: Virginal Father of Jesus; wonder five: Just and Reverent Man; wonder six: Savior of the Savior; wonder seven: Adorer of Christ; wonder eight: Silent Witness; wonder nine: Patron of a Happy Death; and wonder ten: Terror of Demons.

All these wonders help explain St. Joseph and how he fits the role of the greatest saint after the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

I want to encourage you to read this book and learn so much about St. Joseph.

How he will help us to grow in love and holiness, be our guardian, and protect us from spiritual harm.

The book is set up so you can read it as an individual or you can do it as a group. Happy Reading!!

Love and prayers,
Sue Judd



Save-the-Date:

Saturday, October 10th Fall Workshop / Retreat in Harvey



The State Board recommends this workshop/retreat for new officers, officers accepting a different position, officers wanting to be refreshed, past officers, state chairmen, local chairmen, new members, renewing members, members who haven't attended in a while, all members. Please plan to join us.

State Treasurer — Deb Johnson



'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.' Psalm 119:105

Congratulations to those who said "YES" to their court! May you be guided by his light. As you begin to plan for the next year. It's ok to try new ideas along with the tried and true projects your court focuses on each year. Members, be open to change and trying a new path. We have had a lot of changes in the last 6-8 weeks and only God knows where the next year will take us. It may be a new and very simple CDA year, time will tell, if we focus on our faith we will be led in the right direction.

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My Dear Catholic Daughters, as I write this we are in the midst of the Corona virus epidemic in quarantine. No schools are open, we are banned from attending Mass in our churches. We are encouraged to distance ourselves from nearly everyone. Now is the time, to take the time, to truly put our faith and trust in God, in prayer and love of Him who hears our prayers, knows our hearts, and sees how we treat others.

In preparing my Youth report for the National Convention I was sad to see only 8 reports out of 20 courts doing any activities with or for the youth in your communities and parishes. These projects can include activities like collections for Pregnancy Centers, helping with Special Olympics, collecting coats, hats, mittens, food and any other service to those in need which includes families [with children]. Youth projects also include their faith formation - First Communion, Confirmation as Prayer Pals, or in presenting them with faith building gifts. You could also have some youth make presenta-

As members what do we want to do at our meetings? We all have a voice in our courts but if we never speak up we can't expect a change- talk to your officers and give them ideas they will appreciate it also. June is a happy but sad month for me. Happy-as we celebrate Fathers Day and our wonderful priests. Sad-as we say good bye to our CDA sisters for a couple months. May we celebrate the time spent together this year, enjoy the warm summer days with family and look forward to when we will meet again in September!



*Always in Christ,
with Unity and Charity,*
Deb Johnson, State Treasurer

tions at your meetings. Example - FOCUS, Steubenville, Search, mission groups. It is encouraging to see how deep their faith can be at a young age. They always need encouragement and prayers just as we do at every age. Courts can help sponsor Vacation Bible School activities, Nativity programs at church. Many of these welcome help with snacks for our kids that are always hungry..

Last of all would be starting a JCDA court. We only have 2 in North Dakota again. One in Harvey, ND and one in Mott. The hardest part of forming a JCDA court is finding a leader that stays committed to the organization. Kathy Kennedy and I have seen our daughters and granddaughters as Juniores. It really is challenging trying to find a time that works for the kids because they are so involved in so many other activities and they start at younger and younger ages. We need to shape the minds of the parents at younger ages to see the importance of including faith activities in their goals. If it were ever possible the girls could even meet twice a month instead of once just to establish more of a commitment to that day and time. It would build a support system between the leader and the girls.

In Loving Memory

Ct. St. Elizabeth #170

+ Connie StCroix

Ct. St. Catherine #323

+ Mary Miller

+ Martha Reisenauer

+ Rosalie Kudrna

Ct. St. Therese #958

+ Barbara Cook

+ Pat Gordon

Ct. Little Flower #1193

+ Magdalena Sander

Ct. Sacred Heart #1193

+ Magdalena Thomas

Ct. Queen of the Prairies #1965

+ Geraldine Tholkes

+ Dorothy Kroetsch

Ct. St. Gerard #2518

+ Leona Gunsch

May they rest in Peace

Amen, Alleluia!



Juniores are ages 6 - 10 but can include girls a bit older if they want to stay involved. They often prove to be helpful with the younger girls. Juniors are girls aged 11 - 18. These girls have a lot more activities to work around but it can be done. Since ND doesn't have many JCDA courts, a youth court can be started just by giving it a name [most use the senior court name] following the meeting guidelines and go. I usually start with our business meeting, have a faith lesson, a snack, and we do a simple craft. I do most of my crafts with paper to cut down on expenses, or we do activities at the Nursing Home, and we do parts of the Mass on JCDA Sunday. The girls are loud, busy and a lot of fun.

Set a goal to do something with the Youth in your parishes and communities. After this challenging epidemic we don't even know what we will all be facing. Face it in faith.

God Bless You All.

Sherran Mayer - Youth Chairman

Local Court News

Ct. St. Catherine #323 - Dickinson

Ct. St. Catherine collected hygiene products to be given to the nursing homes in Dickinson. Items were delivered to St. Benedict's Nursing Home, St. Luke's Nursing Home, Evergreen and Country House.

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Picture taken at St. Benedict Nursing Home: Jean Privratsky, Treasurer; Renae Sticka, Acting Regent; Bridgett Foss & Marjane Morel from St. Benedict's.

Ct. Marquette #677 - Grand Forks

Barb Lee spoke at Ct. Marquette's Feb. 16 meeting. Here is a small part of her inspirational story:



Lucy Hanninen
introduces
Barb Lee

I was born and raised Catholic, and when I left home for college I pretty much left the church as all of my siblings did. I found myself really straying away from God, not praying and making bad decisions that left me living my life in fear and anxiety.

God spiritually awakened me and I said yes to start the long road of turning my life over to him. I worked the program of AA and I really feel that it lead me back to the church.

I have been back to the church 3 years ago this past Easter and all the beautiful aspects that Catholicism has to offer, the 7 sacraments, the Eucharist, adoration and especially reconciliation. They have all brought me closer to Christ. I continue to study about our religion daily and strive to help others to see the true light of Jesus in his one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.

Again, such a pleasure to speak to Catholic daughters of the Americas. I will pray about what God has for me in store next. I need to keep balance in mind as I am very involved in the church. Hope to get back as it has been hard to isolate.

Take care, Barb



2020 CDA

April 2020						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

Raffle Winners

[April Calendar)

- April 1 \$25 **Judy Roll**, Richardton, ND
- April 2 \$25 **Betty Obrigewitch**, Belfield, ND
- April 3 \$25 **Sue Ann Locker**, Devils Lake, ND
- April 4 \$50 **Ann Dammel**, Bismarck, ND
- April 5 \$50 **Caroline Heidt**, Dickinson, ND
- April 6 \$25 **Darlene Kautzman**, Mandan, ND
- April 7 \$25 **Lorraine Glaser**, Mandan, ND
- April 8 \$25 **Conald Havelka**, Dickinson, ND
- April 9 \$25 **Sandra Mongeon**, Rugby, ND
- April 10 \$25 **Patricia Matherne**, Fargo, ND
- April 11 \$50 **Jamey Eback**, Devils Lake, ND
- April 12 \$50 **Rosemary Schwan**, Devils Lake, ND
- April 13 \$25 **Agnes Kitzan**, Bowman, ND
- April 14 \$25 **Jason Kuntz**, Gilbert, AZ
- April 15 \$250 **Marcia Sickler**, Gladstone, ND
- April 16 \$25 **Marie Fichter**, Dickinson, ND
- April 17 \$25 **Dorothy Chase**, Scranton, ND
- April 18 \$50 **Ann Dammel**, Bismarck, ND
- April 19 \$50 **Loretta Stockert**, Bismarck, ND
- April 20 \$25 **Doris Ann T. Lindvig**, Williston, ND
- April 21 \$25 **Mellicent Wald**, Bismarck, ND
- April 22 \$25 **Tommy Olsen**, Langdon, ND
- April 23 \$25 **Doris Ann T. Lindvig**, Williston, ND
- April 24 \$25 **Tommy Olsen**, Langdon, ND
- April 25 \$50 **Louis Schneider**, Bismarck, ND
- April 26 \$50 **Karla Wagner**, Angels Camp, CA
- April 27 \$25 **Margaret Rafferty**, Fargo, ND
- April 28 \$25 **Ursula Masseth**, Mandan, ND
- April 29 \$25 **Marilyn Morman**, Dickinson, ND
- April 30 \$25 **Chanda Rush**, Wahpeton, ND

Congrats Winners!

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Save the Date

52nd Biennial North Dakota State Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

April 30 - May 2, 2021

Hosted by the Members of
Ct. Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148, Belfield