



“THE VOICE OF CDA”

Spirit of North Dakota

State Regent—Kathy Kennedy

“Change is good.”
“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

Some people embrace change while some have a hard time with it. As hard as we try, one thing for sure is that we will never please everyone.

If you are reading this, you see we have changed the format for our State CDA Newsletter. It was done to make an effort in lowering the cost. We’re hoping with lowering cost in production and mailing less and emailing more out, you will be able to receive more issues per year. Colleen Wipf has agreed to take on this challenge and we wel-



come her as our new editor.

Although you have a relatively new State Board and Chaplain, we are not planning on coming out with guns blazing and making big changes. Our desire is to keep what has been working and if society, by-laws, economy, church mandates or anything else necessari-

tate altering the way things are we will modify as smoothly and painlessly as possible.

Just in case you weren’t at State Convention or haven’t been able to attend local meetings since the convention, here are the officers besides me who will be serving you for the 2013-2015 term. Laurel Ann Dukart (Grand Forks), 1st Vice Regent; Mary Baer (Belfield), 2nd Vice Regent; Bonita Erickson (Langdon), Secretary; Deb Johnson (Fargo), Treasurer; Father Franklin Miller (Harvey), Chaplain. All of these fine people are here

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Fall Workshop to be held in Harvey Oct. 19

The Fall Workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Harvey beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. Registration will be after Mass.

The State Officers attended training sponsored by the National Board in July. They will share some of what

they learned at the training in this workshop.

Attendance by State Chairmen and local officers (if not all, at least one) from each court in the state is strongly encouraged. Any member interested in learning more about

Catholic Daughters is most welcome to attend.

Rooms will be available in the St. Cecilia Social Center for those wishing to arrive the Friday evening before the workshop. Motel information has been sent to the Regents.

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On the Calendar

- Oct. 19—Fall Workshop in Harvey
- Oct. 20—National CDA Sunday
- Oct. 26—Make a Difference Day
- Nov. 1—All Saints Day
- Nov. 17—Ct. Sacred Heart #1908 celebrates 50 years
- Dec. 1—Deadline for next CDA Newsletter

State Chaplain—Fr. Franklin Miller

Fr. Miller's Biography

I have been a priest for 24 years. I am currently the pastor of St. Cecilia's in Harvey and St. Anthony's in Selz. I am originally from Wahpeton, ND, attending St. John's parochial school and graduating from Wahpeton Senior High in 1975. I grew up on a grain farm south of Wahpeton along with my parents, whom are deceased, and two brothers, Steve and Dan. I am the oldest. They both farm today along with their families. My brother Steve was married; his wife Becky Boumont passed away last year. He has two daughters, Amanda and Alicia. Amanda was married at the end of August to Jason Fischer from Minot and Alicia married Gregory Holubok last January. My brother Dan is married to Lori Lenzmeier of Wahpeton and they have three children; Alex, Jack and Hattie. Alex and Jack are working on the farm and Hattie is a student at UND.

I had a call to the priesthood early in life; however, I did not answer the call until I was 28 yrs. old. I left the farm in 1984 and I entered Holy Apostles Seminary and College in Cromwell, CT. After five years of seminary studies I was ordained on May 27, 1989. Since then, I have been pastor in parishes in the Diocese of Fargo and served on the Presbyteral Council, Diocesan Fi-

nance Council, and Personnel Board, and as Vocation Coordinator. I have assisted seminarians at Cardinal Muench Seminary as spiritual direc-

tor. I am currently serving as the Dean of Deanery 6.

Dear Sisters, Catholic Daughters,

It has been a busy summer as usual and it comes to an end so quickly. I was honored with the opportunity to attend the State Officer's Conference in Belleville, Ill. It was a very helpful and rewarding conference, being able to meet so many dedicated and faithful Catholic Daughters from around the country.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the Lord and the Catholic Daughters as state chaplain. As Catholics we are blessed with the knowledge and understanding of the divine assistance and maternal assistance we receive from the Blessed Mother in all we do. We all experience the surprising challenges that often come our way. As we raise our hearts and minds to God for heavenly guidance and direction for our lives. We look to Pope Francis, our shepherd on earth to help us to be open to the works of the heavenly realm. The Holy Father is going to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart on October 13th. By his example the Holy Father is showing us the way. Customarily, the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart is prepared by a 33 day preparation. There are books available that are recommended by many for use in making the act of consecration. The first is St. Louis Marie de Montfort's, *Preparation for Total Consecration* and the second is a recent publication, *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. Even if you have made the consecration before, it is always good to join the Holy Father in his example of living our catholic faith.

During this "Year of Faith" we have looked to the Blessed Mother to help us grow on our journey of faith, so that we will respond to the voice to the Lord in our hearts. "Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!' (Lk 12:49). Let us pray that the blazing fire of the Holy Spirit to purify our hearts and sanctify our lives so that the voice of the Lord will reign in our hearts as it does in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

National Supervisor—Vickie Feist

Greetings my North Dakota Catholic Daughters! Now that we all have had some lazy day summer respite, it's time to jump into our new CDA year in September! As you plan upcoming CDA year, please don't forget to include spiritual programs and prayers in your meetings. It can be so easy to get

busy with activities and "business" and get distracted from the "CATHOLIC" of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I recently heard a CDA Chaplain share a scripture passage that helped me to re-focus and I would like to share it with you since I found it so moving. While most of us are very

familiar with 1Corinthians, chapter 13, he changed two words that made it speak to us as CDA women. You will see the changed words in bold—with "love" being changed to "Jesus" in the first portion and changed to "A CDA Member" in the last portion.

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First Vice State Regent—Laurel Ann Dukart



This November, I will be celebrating my 20th year as a Catholic Daughter and member of Court Marquette #677. I would like to extend a very special “thank you” to Leona

Czapiewski, Virgie Wilson and Ellen Tetrault for ‘finally’ talking me into joining. I love being a Catholic Daughter! As State Membership / Retention Chairman, I will be thinking back to that time – hoping to be as diligent in asking others ladies to join.

I was born in Dickinson at St. Joseph’s Hospital, belonged to St. Joseph’s Church and attended St. Joseph’s School (grades 1-6). That may be why I have a special affection to-

wards St. Joseph. I admire how he humbly lived God’s will as Mary’s husband, caring and providing for his family. I felt a special connection when touring the Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis, MO this summer while attending the National CDA Workshop in Bellville, IL. My family then moved to Hettinger where I completed 7th-12th grades. I then moved to Grand Forks to attend UND, and have lived here ever since.

Family is very important to me. I am fortunate to be sharing quality time with my mother, Anna. She is our miracle – thanks to prayers by family and friends: God is letting her take care of me a while longer. I have one sister, Roxanne (Tom) Metelmann, and two brothers, ‘Duke’ (Susanne) and ‘Duke’ (Susan). I have five nieces/plus two (spouses), two nephews/plus two

(spouses), one great-niece and two great-nephews. I love being the “Auntie;” I try to take every opportunity to make memories.

Since January 2009, I’ve been working as the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Administrative Secretary at the Odegard School for Aerospace Sciences at UND. As an active member of St. Mary’s Church, my ministry includes sacristan, lecturer, Altar Society president, and part of the Liturgy Committee. I currently am Financial Secretary for Court Marquette #677 and VP of Public Relations for Power House Toast Masters.

In closing, I would like to challenge every Catholic Daughter to take a moment and add a “Hail Mary” for the end to abortions – to your daily prayers, after Mass, when you’re hugging those precious babies in your life, anytime.

I look forward to working with ND CDA members to make our State CDA awesome!

State Secretary Message—Bonita Erickson



Hello. My name is Bonita Erickson. I was born in Minot, ND, and was raised on a farm southwest of Minot. I have six siblings, five older sisters and one younger brother. I

attended Minot State College and graduated with an Associate of Science Degree in Accounting. I lived and worked in the western part of North

Dakota until I got married.

I joined Catholic Daughters in 1980. Court St. Elizabeth # 170 in Minot was my first court. I later transferred to Court Queen of the Prairies # 1965 in Langdon, ND, in which I am currently the Regent.

I am married to Dean Erickson. We have four sons: Brian, Barry, Matthew and Marcus. I am employed at the Langdon Eagles Aerie #3454 which my husband manages.

I enjoy archery, bingo, movies and reading books. I lead the rosary at the

nursing home once a month. I belong to a discipleship group which has enriched my life by bringing me closer to God plus it provides the fun and enjoyment of fellowship.

I am honored and humbled to be your North Dakota CDA state secretary. I look forward to meeting and visiting you at the CDA fall workshop. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

May the Dear Lord bless you and the Blessed Mother too. May the angels in heaven keep watch over you.

Vickie Feist—continued

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have **Jesus**...I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have **Jesus**...I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have **Jesus**...I gain nothing.

*A CDA Member is patient,
A CDA Member is kind,
A CDA Member is not jealous,
A CDA Member is not pompous,
A CDA Member is not inflated,
A CDA Member is not rude,*

*A CDA Member does not seek its own interests,
A CDA Member is not quick-tempered,
A CDA Member does not brood over injury,
A CDA Member does not rejoice over wrong doing but rejoices with the truth,
A CDA Member bears all things,
A CDA Member believes all things,
A CDA Member hopes all things,
A CDA Member endures all things.
God Love you all!*

Second Vice State Regent—Mary Baer



I would like to start my article by saying that I am very honored to be serving you, the Catholic Daughters of North Dakota, as your Second Vice Regent. Thank you for placing your confidence

in me. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself so that I am more than just a name.

I grew up in the small community of Fullerton, ND. Bruce (my husband of 28 years) and I have lived in Belfield for the past 24 years. We have three

children ages 24, 21, and 19 and one son-in-law. I am the high school math teacher at the Belfield Public School.

I was asked to join CDA shortly after moving to Belfield (I had not heard of CDA before moving here). I gladly accepted the invitation to join thinking it would be a good way to meet people in my new community. I am so glad I said yes to that invitation! I have since met and worked with many wonderful people not only at the local level but also at the state level and now thanks to all of you I can add National level to that list. I have held a local officer position for over 20 years and I served on the State Leadership team for the past eight years.

I look forward to meeting as many of

you lovely ladies as possible. Remembering names is not one of my talents, but I will do the best that I can. I once had a new student at school who I told that it might take me awhile to remember her name because I am not good at remembering names. She said, "that is okay I am not very good at remembering math!"

Remember ladies that we are all part of a wonderful organization and that team work is what it is all about. We all have to work together to achieve our goals.



State Treasurer—Deb Johnson



Hello my dear Catholic Daughters! I hope to faithfully fulfill the office duties of Treasurer that you elected me for. A little about my self: I have been married to Scott for 26 years. We have three grown boys

all graduates of Shanley High School and one grandson who is just starting

second grade at Nativity. We have always lived in Fargo but now try to visit two of the boys who live in Arizona and Coeur D'Alene, ID, when we can. I am a Radiation Therapist at Sanford Hospital (working through all the name changes for some 30 years.)

I joined the Catholic Daughters in 2006 with Ct. St. Ann #261. Since then I have held offices of Vice Regent 2008-2010 and Regent 2010-present. I joined to continue my faith journey and I thank those who invited me to a meeting (Dorothy & JoAnn). Let us

not forget to ask others to join us, as together we are all on a journey to know and love Christ in our every day lives.

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.—Ephesians 1:17-18 May this year be a blessed journey for each of you. Please keep me in your prayers as I learn the duties given to me.

Past State Regent—Rena Sticka

As time passes by, we move forward to our next adventure or our next step. I would like to thank God and our Blessed Virgin for giving me this privilege.

I am very fortunate to look back at the past four years as State Regent. A big thank you to the North Dakota Catholic Daughters for their support and the spirituality as well as friendships. I will keep this all close to my heart.

As I look back at the past few years,

I do realize that I have gotten so much more back than I have given, therefore I would like to say thank you to so many people.

There have been many conversations with Catholic Daughters that I will remember and hold close to my heart. First of all I would like to thank my family for all their support. I consider my husband, Ed, to also be a Catholic Daughter. As well as Ed, my children were very supportive and helpful. They encouraged me by saying "MOM YOU

CAN DO THIS! JUST PRAY TO BLESSED MARY."

The next big thank you is to my State Board as I have worked with many wonderful and spiritual people over the past few years. They also believe in Catholic Daughters and we have become good friends. Thank you to our Past State Regent Paulette as she has been there for all of us. Thank you to all my State Chairmen for all their support and dedication to the Catholic

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L to R: Bonita Erickson, Laurel Ann Dukart, Kathy Kennedy, Mary Baer and Vickie Feist.



Photos taken at the
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Past Second Vice Regent—Darlene Kautzman

How do I begin?...Is it with the wonderful friendships I've made these past two years? The many wonderful CDA events that have taken place? The increase in faith experience? Working and praying with many fellow CDA sisters? There are so many...it is difficult to decide. To say the past two years have been a rewarding spiritual experience is an understatement. It's been a joy working with my fellow CDA officers—leading the State CDA through prayer, faith and works of charity; all for the greater Honor and Glory of God. It has been with great pride that we have come together as Catholic Daughters of the Americas, sisters from every corner of this great State to make these events such a success. Whether it was gathering as a group for works of charity or praying for and with our fellow Catholic

Daughter Sisters, each of us is growing in faith—each on our own personal journey. Helping members grow in Faith, Hope and Charity/Love, three theological virtues of the Catholic Church, is and should be central to all Catholic Daughters. Each of us is making Catholic Daughters of the Americas THE Catholic women's organization to which every Catholic woman should be invited to join.

Ladies...“let your light shine” for CDA...and shine that light by asking someone to become a member.

We have spent the past two years deepening our spirituality NOW, I encourage each of you to continue on this path and challenge everyone to increase their local court membership by 10% over the next two years. May Mary our Patroness be with you.



Past State Secretary Virginia Dolajak

Dear CDA Sisters,

My two year term has come to an end as your State Secretary. It has been a wonderful experience to serve in that capacity and thanks to all of you who put your trust in me with this enormous task.

My life moves on to other things. I am still very involved with the pro-life movement. I beg you to step out into uncomfortable surroundings. We as CDA members should be good examples.

Pope Francis recently told the youth in Argentina at World Youth Day, as he urged them to spread the gospel, “To go make a mess in their dioceses!” I just had confirmed the new dates of another 40 Days for Life in Fargo. It will begin on Sept. 25—Nov. 3, 2013. Plan to take a carload to Fargo and pray in front of ND's only abortion facility! Go make a mess!

Rena Sticka—continued

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Daughters. When I asked they were there, helping make ND CDA stronger.

Thank you to Father Michael for his support and positive and spiritual attitude and his presence at the State and National conventions.

Thanks to the National Supervisors who have offered support. Thank You to Claudia for also being there for me when I had questions and/or concerns.

I appreciate the support I have received from the members of my local court, St. Catherine, and our Chaplain, Deacon Robert Stockert.

Remember that Our Blessed Mother will keep us all in the “PALMS OF HER HANDS.”

I wish the new Officers all the best as they begin their terms.

As I travel to Rome and Prague in the near future, I will remember you in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all of you for your spirituality and friendships which will be cherished by me for a long time to come.

REMEMBER LADIES TO USE YOUR TIME AND TALENT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ND CDA.

PEACE AND UNITY TO ALL THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS.

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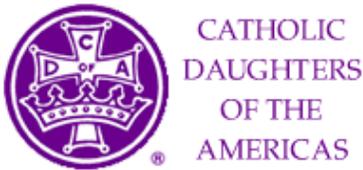
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to help as needed.

Speaking of officers, I want to thank all of the State Board members who served us during the 2011-2013 term.

They worked hard as a State Board and kept things running. I know a few have already taken on new responsibilities in other organizations or commitments and are still very busy serving. May the changes they are experiencing be successful and rewarding. A special thanks to Renae Sticka and Fr. Michael Schommer who served on the State Board many years. Good luck to Darlene Kautzman, Virginia Dolajak and Celeste Perdue in their new adventures. May God

bless them for their willingness to serve as State Officers.

Also, a big thank you to the former State Chairmen and to the new ones who said ‘yes’ to assisting at the state level. Some State Chairmen will remain the same and some changes have been made. We look forward to the mingling of the experienced and the ‘rookies.’”

I feel a grateful heart and somewhat nervous as I serve you, the members of the North Dakota CDA court, as your Regent. That is why I have chosen the following Bible verse to be my theme.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my

heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. Psalm 28:7

God Bless You!

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.