

Spirit of North Dakota

State Regent – Laurel Ann Dukart

Thank you to all who attended the 51st Biennial ND State CDA Convention in Devils Lake. A special thank you to all who's special touch made it a most memorable experience.

Since our convention, I have often reflected on the theme: “Gentle Mother, Teach Us Wisdom, Teach Us Love.”

Gentle Mother: Mother of our Lord and the Catholic Church. Our Mother who desires only the best for all her children. Mary so often intercedes for us to Jesus her Son, to God the Father, and to the Holy Spirit.

Teach Us Wisdom: The wisdom Mary had at such a young age to unquestionably do the Father's will leaves me in awe. A piece of that wisdom is what I most desire. To be able to look at the world and all

that is in it and truly see only creations of God.

Teach Us Love: Throughout His life, Jesus taught us to love one another. To not only love those easy to love, but our ‘enemies’ as well. I believe Mary even loved those who pierced her heart by their mistreatment of Jesus. To be able to love everyone as she did and as Christ loves us should be our goal. I see this love in my Catholic Daughter sisters (and brothers). They listen with compassion; welcome all into their hearts & homes; share more than their abundances; truly love one another (not only in their words, but in their actions.) In our world today, LOVE is what is most needed. My wish is that this love start with us, the North Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

This summer: may you find time to do all the important things — pray, spend time with family and friends, assist those who need you most, etc. May your glass always be half-full, and may you help fill the glasses of others Remember to always ‘**Thank God!**’



Have a wonderful summer!
In Unity and Charity,
Laurel Ann

*May the Holy Spirit
fill your hearts with
all that is good - special
gifts from God.*

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Workshop Saturday, October 12 - hosted by Ct. St. Cecelia, Mandan. (details on page 8)



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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;



The CDA State Convention in Devils Lake was a wonderful experience of “Unity and Charity”. Congratulations to the State Officers and Court St. Mary #268 for an awesome convention. Also, a thank you is in order to Very Rev. Chad Wilhelm, Fr. Steve Wirth, the members of the parish of St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus for their great assistance and participation in making the convention a great success. It was great to see the involvement by so many dedicated Court St. Mary members, who so lovingly served their fellow Catholic Daughters.

I am sure most of you will be traveling to various sporting events and

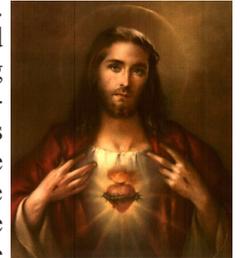
activities this summer. In a Church document entitled “*Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road*” it is suggested that “during a journey it is also beneficial to pray vocally, especially taking turns with our fellow travelers in reciting the prayers, as when reciting the Rosary which, due



to its rhythm and gentle repetition, does not distract the driver’s attention. This will help to feel immersed in the presence of God, to stay under his protection, and may also give rise to a desire for communal or liturgical celebration, if possible at “spiritually strategic” points along the road or railway (shrines, churches and chapels, including mobile ones)” (*Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road*, n. 60).

Pope Francis has written; “The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart.”

Let us not forget the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 28th. I am sure the Lord would be very pleased to see you at Mass on that day; for “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324).” Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me” (*Communion Antiphon, Mass of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*). Our blessed Lord desires our loving service to one another. He provides us with his grace to carry out the good work that the members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas do so well.



May you have a blessed summer!

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My dear Catholic Daughters
of North Dakota,

Congratulations on your successful convention! My heart overflows with such joy when I think of the sisterhood and fidelity that is erupting from all of you celebrating our faith as one.

Also, congratulations to all our newly elected sisters to the State Board.

I wish all of you joy as you lead your state for the next two years. To all of our members, I encourage you to support your new officers, and if you hear the Lord calling upon you to step up to a leadership position, I pray you step forward with boldness and say “YES”; remember our National Regent’s theme: “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.”

I hope you spend the summer being renewed so that when you return from your summer break you will be ready to do the work of CDA. Let Christ be at the center of every greeting, every kindness, and in every conversation. May God bless all of you and make you His vessels!

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Blessings, Emily Guilherme

In Loving Memory

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Sharon Peiler

1st Vice State Regent — Mary Baer



It is hard to believe that the State Convention has come and gone. It was a great weekend, wish though that more of you could have attended. If

the convention is over that also means the April Calendar Raffle is over. Once again, the Catholic Daughters of North Dakota have done a great job in supporting their State Court. This year 1480 letters with tickets were sent out, with 432 people sending back sold tickets. \$18,010 was collected, we had expenses of \$2,137.93, leaving us a profit of \$15,872.07. I apologize for not getting the daily winners posted on Facebook, it slipped my mind this year. The list of the 2019 winners is printed on page 7 in this newsletter.

Just a reminder that the proceeds from the raffle are used for charitable donations in the name of all North Dakota Catholic Daughters, traveling expenses of the state board

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

It is hard to believe summer is just around the corner. I would like to close with:

A Summer Blessing

(author unknown)

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means: praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God’s help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day.

Enjoy your summer!
Mary Baer

Forever
Missed!



2nd Vice State Regent State Secretary – Sue Judd



Hello again,

The 51ST Biennial ND State CDA convention was so wonderful. Thank you to all who were able to come. Thank you to all of the wonderful ladies of Court St Mary's of Devils Lake. You made me proud to be a CDA member. It's so awesome to be a part of this beautiful sisterhood. Treasured memories were definitely made!!

So how can we continue to make more of these memories during the summer months? Some ideas to consider: Plan to meet in the park for a daily group walk. Attend a ballgame in the area. Plan a scavenger hunt and use CDA items. Watch a faith-related movie. Organize a book club. Take a one day road trip. Plan a ice cream social. Go on a picnic.

Visit our sick and shut-in members. Include them by taking time to visit and say the rosary, run errands or just sit and share with them news about Catholic Daughters.

Remember interacting with one another will give us an escape from our everyday routine. Building memories together is an important aspect for strengthening our CDA family bond.

Have a memorable summer!!
Bonita Erickson

Have you asked a Catholic lady to become a Catholic Daughter lately?



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If yes, way to go!



If no, what is keeping you from doing so?

There is someone out there,
wanting to join,
wanting to know more about CDA,
waiting to be asked.

Will you be the one to ask her?



Greetings
from your
State Secretary,

A little over a week ago, I went to a presentation at St. Catherine's Church sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. They showed the movie "Power in My Hands" and then we prayed the rosary together. It was a wonderful movie about the rosary, and I would highly recommend it! It helped me realize how much I love the rosary and how it has affected my life in a very positive way. The following is part of a presentation I shared with my court on the rosary and the Luminous Mysteries last spring.

The rosary is a spiritual weapon, a heavenly sword, fashioned by the hands of a Divine Craftsman. All swords take time to make, but this heavenly sword required the greatest of efforts – centuries – to produce. It is a weapon unlike any other. It has the power to slay dragons, convert sinners, and conquer hearts. The blade of this sword was forged in the fire of the living Word of God, shaped by a hammer of divine inspiration, and entrusted to the Queen of Heaven and her chosen servants. When the weapon was finally battle-ready and the time set for the Divine Craftsman to unsheath its power, the Queen of Heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, revealed it to the world and chose a zealous preacher to be its founder. She knighted him with the divine weapon and commissioned him to preach far and wide. From this Holy man, an Order of Preachers would be formed to champion the weapon with its mysteries and hand on the sword to all who desire to wield it. These chosen souls are known throughout history as the champions of the rosary. (This is from the beginning of the book "Champions of the Rosary" by Fr. Donald Calloway which I recommend also.) This was the best way I could figure to explain what the rosary is and why we have it and pray it.

Christianity in the third Christian millennium has many forces opposing it. So, the Divine Craftsman has re-sharpen the

sword of the rosary and added a whole new set of mysteries to face these attacks.

The rosary has become not only a weapon of truth, but also an instrument of mercy, with the establishment Divine Mercy Sunday and the universal promotion of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina wrote in her Diary "I will fight all evil with the weapon of mercy."

People of the third millennium will use the rosary to combat the enemies of the Cross and, also bring the mercy of Christ to souls.

The importance of this two-fold dimension of the rosary became even more clear after the attack of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, of 2001. In response, St John Paul II asked the world to pray the rosary during the month of October for protection against any more attacks of terrorism.

Before September 11, St. John Paul II stepped up his efforts to promote the rosary, and an almost unnoticed beatification occurred on May 9, 2001, Divine Providence had intentionally planned for a holy man to be beatified and canonized during this time because of the insights he offered on the rosary in the mid-20th century. This man was Blessed George Preca (1880-1962) (now St. George Preca, canonized in 2007).

St. George Preca was the founder of the Society of Christian Doctrine in Malta and was known as the "Second Apostle of Malta" (the 1st being St. Paul). The timing of this beatification was providential, it took place one year before St. John Paul II added the additional set of mysteries to the rosary. It was actually St. George Preca who had proposed a new set of mysteries, called the "mysteries of light" in 1957. The mysteries he desired to be promoted were the same five that St. John Paul II used to sharpen the blade of the rosary in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. Others also sought to promote new mysteries for the Rosary, but it was specifi-

cally the Luminous Mysteries of St George Preca that St. John Paul II embraced and promoted.

By sharpening the blade of the rosary, St John Paul II equipped the Church with the needed weapons for the issues of our times, especially meditation on the importance of Baptism, the sanctity of marriage, the necessity of conversion, the divinity of Christ, and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As a prophet for the 3rd Christian millennium, St. John Paul II brought the rosary into modern times and transformed the spiritual sword into a lightsaber capable of conquering the forces of darkness.

Let's look at each new mystery. The first Luminous Mystery is the Baptism of the Lord. In today's world, so many people are choosing not to baptize their children. They are raising their children in the darkness of evil, rather than the Light of Christ.

The 2nd Luminous Mystery. The wedding feast at Cana. Today, the sanctity of marriage is under attack. Many countries have now legalized homosexual "marriage" and made it a constitutionally guaranteed right and the law of the land.

The 3rd Luminous Mystery. The Proclamation of the Kingdom. The fact that many people think they do not need God, that they should be able to do whatever they want, whenever they want. That there is no need for religion in their lives.

The 4th Luminous Mystery, the Transfiguration. There is such a rise in atheism in the world today. They don't believe in God or the divinity of His Son.

The 5th Luminous mystery, the Institution of the Eucharist. Many Catholics do not believe in the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Church and her faithful are under attack by a world hostile to Jesus Christ and his sacred mysteries. The times are so serious that the spiritual sword of the rosary must find itself in the hands of new champions. It needs to be taken to the front lines of the

battle in order to combat the following threats and conquer them with truth and mercy: abortion, homosexual marriage, contraception, divorce, pornography, suicide, the occult, lukewarm Catholics, and radical Islam. Radical Islam masquerades as a religion of peace, but really, they have a two-fold goal; the universal practice of Sharia Law, and the elimination of all non-Muslims. From their beginnings, they openly express a desire to conquer Rome and destroy Christianity. In our day, the Church must continue to promote the rosary and initiate a new crusade and Holy League against radical Islam. The weapon of this crusade must be the spiritual sword of the rosary. Jesus, himself has informed us of this important truth, in recent times. In late 2014, Jesus appeared to a Catholic bishop in Nigeria and instructed him that the rosary was the weapon to be used to overcome radical Islam.

Indeed, it is the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ that have the power to overcome all the evils of the world. Do you see the need for praying the rosary?

Who will wield the spiritual sword of the rosary for the Queen of Heaven today and become a champion against the darkness of our present times?



Is it you???

Sue Judd



As we close another CDA year and anticipate a couple months spent with family in the sunshine and outdoors, let us thank God for our CDA sisters in Christ who help us on our faith journey! I would also like to thank the Devils Lake Court, Father Wilhelm and their parish for an enjoyable State Convention, the prayerfulness always makes my heart sing.

For those unable to attend I have an update on our past state project "St. Anne's Mission". In the last 2 years the ND Catholic Daughters have given a total of \$5,304.63! Pat yourselves on the back! That is AWESOME. For the next 2 years you voted in FOCUS as a state project. Fellowship of Catholic University Students: Their mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ entered evangelization, discipleship and friendships. They are a part of UND, NDSU and University of Mary, as they find the path God has for them may they produce religious vocations, holy marriages and bring others into meaningful relationships with Christ! May we support FOCUS in the same fashion, helping the next generation on the path of the Lords choosing. With the collection at the state convention, we have started them off with \$1,132.37!

*"What ever you do,
do all to the glory of God."*

1 Corinthians 10:31

Enjoy you Summer!
In Unity & Charity
Deb Johnson

Convention T-Shirts: Do you have shirt envy because you didn't order one? There are a few left with limited sizes available on a first call basis:

Long sleeve: \$17.00 - 1 Small, 1 Large, 1 X-Large

Short sleeve: \$14.00 - 2 X-Large, 2 Medium

Please call Deb Johnson if interested (701) 306-2892



51st Biennial ND State CDA Convention—Devils Lake May 3-5, 2019



Bishop John Folda
blessing our Marian Shrine
[State Chaplain Fr. Frank Miller
and Nat'l Rep PJ Poland]



"Star Spangled Banner"
sung by St. Joseph's School Choir
lead by Sherry Kuntz Director



Special ND CDA Ladies:
Kathy Kennedy IPSR
Renee Sticka PSR
Claudia Bosch PNR / PSR



Fr. Dennis Mary
St. Anne's Mission
2017-2019
State Project



Friday Night Supper --- entertained by
"Joyful Noise"



Bruce Baer
Auctioneer



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Fr. Wilhelm
'Auctioneette'



PJ Poland, National Director presenting
100th Anniversary
Plaque to
Mary Mann Regent
Ct. St. Cecelia
#362, Mandan



Sr. Elaine Lang
Saturday Lunch



Saturday Memorial Mass
Deacon Severinson, Fr. Wilhelm,
State Chaplain Fr. Miller



"Silver Strings"
Saturday Banquet



MC/Regent Ct. St. Mary
Marilyn Aune



Saturday Banquet
Speaker
Rena Arntson



KC State Deputy
Jake Warner



Hannah Vaagen
Essay Contest
Local / State and
National Winner



Newly Installed State Officers
Sue Judd, Mary Baer, Laurel Ann Dukart,
Bonita Erickson and Deb Johnson
with Chaplain Fr. Frank Miller (far left) and
National Director PJ Poland (far right)



Homily by
Fr. Nick Schneider
{Msgr. Patrick
Schumacher}



Mass  Singers:
Michele Schwab, Lyvon Hellman,
Julie Leingang, Jan Bond



Regent Mary Mann
telling stories
of the history of
Court St. Cecelia



Members of Ct. Marquette #677,
Grand Forks enjoying
'Birthday Party' Festival of Tables at
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
East Grand Forks, MN

Seated: Mary Pat and Rita, Delina
and Marilee

Standing: Lucy, Therese, Angi and Joan



Mary Mann, Lynn Crouse, Sarah Voigt,
Gerri Fleckenstein, Deb Pfau,
Deb Wingenbach, Deacon Bob Wingenbach



Members and Guests enjoying the luncheon



Treasured keepsakes—history of Ct. St. Cecelia

2019 ND CDA April Calendar Raffle Winners

April 1	\$25	Elaine Hill	Langdon, ND
April 2	\$25	Steven Vetter	Denver, CO
April 3	\$25	Francine Kosiak	Bismarck, ND
April 4	\$25	Rosemary Schwan	Devils Lake, ND
April 5	\$25	Elaine Hill	Langdon, ND
April 6	\$50	Lucy Hanninen	Grand Forks, ND
April 7	\$50	Margaret Schumacher	Bismarck, ND
April 8	\$25	Jessi Brunner	Grand Forks, ND
April 9	\$25	Kathy Kennedy	Harvey, ND
April 10	\$25	Nancy Eberts	South Heart, ND
April 11	\$25	Erin Theis	West Fargo, ND
April 12	\$25	Rene Syminow	Belfield, ND
April 13	\$50	Debbie Richter	Williston, ND
April 14	\$50	Tillie Kuntz	Belfield, ND
April 15	\$250	Kathy Bosch	Bismarck, ND
April 16	\$25	John Weber	Jamestown, ND
April 17	\$25	Shawn Novatzki	Devils Lake, ND
April 18	\$25	Robbie Obach	Belfield, ND
April 19	\$25	Doreen Ott	Belfield, ND
April 20	\$50	Elizabeth Scott	Fargo, ND
April 21	\$50	Veronica Gores	Minot, ND
April 22	\$25	Joanne Fischer	Marmath, ND
April 23	\$25	Rosemarie Gleich	Billings, MT
April 24	\$25	Francine Kosiak	Bismarck, ND
April 25	\$25	Terry Njos	Williston, ND
April 26	\$25	Margaret Schumacher	Bismarck, ND
April 27	\$50	Shelia Fjeld	Minot, ND
April 28	\$50	Agnes Kolling	Dickinson, ND
April 29	\$25	Viola Borho	Devils Lake, ND
April 30	\$25	Carol Kuntz	Devils Lake, ND

Congratulations Winners!!!

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Save-the-Date

North Dakota CDA 2019 Fall Workshop

Saturday, October 12th

Annunciation Monastery (Bismarck)

Hosted by Ct. St. Cecelia #362, Mandan