



# Spirit of North Dakota

## State Regent—Kathy Kennedy

Well, our 49th Biennial ND State CDA Convention is over and we received many good comments from members who attended. Overall, the evaluations gave us the impression that most of it went pretty well. We are grateful for the compliments and for the suggestions on how to improve certain areas.

As I was riding home from Fargo on April 26th, in spite of the general feeling that things had gone okay, I looked back and thought of all the “should haves” that I forgot. As the English poet, Alexander Pope wrote, “To err is human; to forgive, divine.” Anyone who attended the convention probably noticed that I am VERY human! I made some errors due to forgetfulness and/or nervousness and maybe disorganization but I want to try



to atone for these errors now.

Looking back, I think I remember thanking the priests and deacons who came to celebrate that glorious beginning Mass with Bishop Folda and/or joined us for lunch but I meant to acknowledge them by name. The priests who took time out to be with us at convention were Fr. Franklin Miller, Fr. James Gross, Monsignor Skonseng, Fr. Callery, Fr. Lagodinski and Fr. Cote. It is always so nice to have the involvement of our court chaplains. We were also privileged to have the presence of

Deacons Doug Campbell, Robert Stockert, and Sam Pupino with us throughout most of the convention. The service of all clergy was most appreciated.

As I reflected on other things, I regretted not introducing our State Chairmen individually at the banquet. These ladies all took their duties seriously and were a great asset to the State Court and State Board over the last two years. Therefore, I want to publicly acknowledge and thank them here. Our 2013-2015 State Chairmen were: Extension - Paulette Kraiter and Dolly Hoelmer, Legislative - Monique Kraemer, Quality of Life - Casinda Langseth, Youth - Sheran Mayer, Spiritual Enhancement - Char Kitsch, Newspaper - Colleen Wipf and Mary Kennedy, Scrapbook - Sue Pettersen, Education - Codie West, Parliamentarian - Angela Scheett,

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## State Chaplain—Fr. Franklin Miller

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Dear Catholic Daughters,

Each day our lives seem to be changing because of situations, world wide. No longer, does it seem to be as it was just a few years ago. The world has changed dramatically in the last few years and it appears that there are more changes to come. Undoubtedly, some of the changes are going to be far reaching and others for the most part insignificant. Nevertheless, Jesus said to the apostles and it is the same for us as well, “take heart it is I; do not be afraid” (Mk 6:50b). “Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Mt. 10:31). “Perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). In the month of June, the Church celebrates the important days of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. The liturgical celebration of the Sacred Heart is June 12th,

followed by the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 13th.

The Sacred Heart is God’s visible sign of His love for us and we are called to live in that love every day. “The Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus ‘we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 477). In 2013, Pope Francis wrote; “Jesus wanted to show us his heart as the heart that loved so deeply. For this reason we have this commemoration today [Solemnity of the Sacred Heart], especially of God’s love. God loved us, he loved us with such great love. I am thinking of what St Ignatius told us.... He pointed out two criteria on love. The first: love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: there is greater love in giving than in receiving” (Homily of Pope Francis, June 8, 2013).

“All generations will call me blessed’: ‘The Church’s devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship. ‘The Church rightly honors the Blessed Virgin with special devotion’” (CCC, 971). Pope Francis consecrated his pontificate to our Lady of Fatima, which indicates to us the importance of Our Lady of Fatima in the life of the Church today. Pope Francis said: “The statue of our Lady, which has come from Fatima, helps us to feel her presence in our midst. Mary always brings us to Jesus. ... Even the most tangled knots are loosened by His grace. And Mary, whose ‘yes’ opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that He can untangle the knots of our soul by His fatherly mercy ... Mother, we thank you for our faith, the faith of a strong and humble woman; we renew our entrustment to you, Mother of our faith. Amen” (Address of Holy Father Francis, October 12, 2013).

## Editor’s Corner—Colleen & Mary

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### By Colleen Wipf

I hope by now you have had sometime to enjoy summer. This season, like the other three, will pass by quickly. From gardening to camping and fishing or family reunions, the months will roll by. Take time to enjoy this season. I plan to spend any free time on my front porch relaxing, enjoying the warmth and listening to the giggles of my grandchildren or just the sounds of nature. Just this past week the robins were nestled in the apple trees in front

of our porch with their young ones and before we knew, a storm swept from the North and forcefully pounded two inch hail on a big portion of Harvey. Windows were knocked out, siding and roofs totaled, cars dented, but after all this concluded the little robins were still nestled in the apple tree next to their mother. As the world is in turmoil, we too need to be comforted by our Holy Mother.

May we all slow down our restless hearts / minds as we walk with God this summer!

Let us entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin, our Mother, in imitation of Pope Frances. “From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of ‘Mother of God,’ to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs” (CCC, 971). As our Mother, she will help us to be close to her Son, as she is nearer to His heart than anyone.

May you have a blessed summer and may our Lord and the Blessed Mother watch over you and protect you always!

## National Supervisor—Vickie Feist



Greetings dear North Dakota Catholic Daughters! I want to extend a great big THANK YOU to the North Dakota CDA for their incredible hospitality and for hosting a fantastic convention. I so enjoyed sharing the weekend with you- and meeting so many new CDA friends.

I would like to thank the board, chairmen, and all that assisted in running the State CDA the past 2 years. We all know that when you volunteer in CDA- whether on the local, state, or national level, you are giving out of your love and giving up time... which is a precious commodity for most all of us. Thank you to all of you that have made ND CDA so strong. A special thank you to retiring officer Deb Johnson. You are a talented lady and I hope when things free up for you in your life, you return to the ND CDA state board.

Congratulations to the new State Treasurer Sarah Tarpen as well as the re-elected State Regent Kathy Kennedy, 1st Vice State Regent Laurel Ann Dukart, 2nd Vice State Regent Mary Baer, and State Secretary Bonita Erickson. I know your team will continue to press ND CDA in the right direction!

I hope you all have been calling Kathy non-stop with referrals for new courts and to tell her about all your new members that have joined your courts to grow deeper in love with Jesus in the company of you godly ladies! If not, lets get moving! There will be awards giving at the national convention next July for states that get their 5 new courts started!

And remember that every one of us be a part of the BOGO Contest..... Bring One lady to your CDA meeting or event and Gain One new member. Have you gained your new member for your court? You can do it, North Dakota!!!!

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Beatrice Nadner  
Ruth Quam  
Wendy M Kordenowy  
Jennie DesLauriers  
Amanda Wilburn  
Kayla Jones  
Sarah Torpen  
Sharon Boppre  
Regina Klein  
Mary A Dangel  
Victoria R Adams  
Tacita Splonskowski  
Diane Idalski  
Valerie Aluise  
Kay King  
Arnette Arth  
Ruth Quam  
Irene Mohn  
Fr. Phillip Ackerman  
Lois Hutzenbiler  
Keli Kessel  
Wendy Kordenowy  
Jennie DesLauriers  
Aldean Paul  
Joyce Fleck

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**



**Let Freedom Ring...**

## Second Vice State Regent—Mary Baer

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Thank you to all who contributed to the April Calendar Raffle. I wish all of you could have been winners, but we know that is not possible. We had 436 entries this year which was super. A profit of \$3120.30 is up from the \$2871.66 we cleared last year. A list of all the winners will appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Many of you were also generous in supporting the silent auction at the State Convention. The auction brought in \$1591. The money raised at these events help with the expenses of the State Court. The money enables us to come and visit you at your court meetings, put on fall

workshops, the State Convention, attend a State Officer workshop and make donations.

I am excited to serve as your Second Vice State Regent for another two year term. I have so enjoyed meeting many of you the past two years and I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet many more of you this term.

Thank you to all for the prayers after our garage fire. We did lose the garage completely and the main floor of the house was gutted to the studs. Rebuilding has begun but it is a slow process. Thank goodness for our camper, we got to start our camping season a little early this year. All the prayers have certainly made our ordeal bearable, we have so much to be thankful for.

## State Treasurer—Sarah Torpen

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Sarah Torpen is excited to serve her fellow Catholic Daughters in the capacity of state treasurer. To better acquaint you with her let us give you a little background.

In 2012, a decision to move back to their North Dakota roots led Sarah, Drew and their son, Evan (4) to leave the Black Hills and settle in Fargo in order to be closer to family. Sarah is originally from Edinburg, ND, where she still has family residing. Her

husband Drew comes from the opposite corner of the state, Bowman, ND.

She graduated in 2007 from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's of Business Administration majoring in accounting. She has been working as an accountant for Northern Improvement in Fargo since arriving in 2012.

The family is parishioners at Sts. Anne & Joachim's church while her son attends Holy Spirit Elementary School, just completing his first year as a proud Little Deacon.

In an attempt to make friends and meet new people after mov-

### *In Loving Remembrance*

Helen Ibach

Beverly Schwindt

Rosemary Radant

Barbara Gyllenborg

Clara Fertig

Mary Ann Bader



ing to Fargo she joined the Catholic Daughters Court #2638, Sts. Anne & Joachim where she currently serves as treasurer. At least once a week she enjoys spending an hour in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic adoration.

In her spare time she enjoys running and spending quality time with her family outdoors as much as the weather allows.

She is looking forward to working more in depth with the Catholic Daughters and meeting new faces.

# State Secretary—Bonita Erickson



Where do I send this? Who do I send this to? Have you ever come across these kinds of questions? I am hoping to help you with the answers. The simple part of it to remember is it comes in threes. The original copy is sent to the national office, one copy to the state secretary, and a copy is kept for the court's files.

All monies go to the State Secretary. All the state dues and all the state projects money go to the state secretary. All national dues and national projects and charities go to the national office.

All deletions, address changes, and new membership forms are to be sent to the national office and the state secretary. Please don't send them to the other officers as they will have to return them to you or to the state secretary. **Information correction forms** that include last name change, street address change, city change, or state change or zip codes change are to be sent to the national office and to the state secretary. **The membership deletion report** forms that involve a member's death, a member's forfeiture or resignation are

to be sent to the national office and to the state secretary. All deletions forms and information correction forms may be e-mailed to the national office and the state secretary.

**The original forms** of New Membership applications are to be sent to the National Catholic Daughters Office. They will only accept the original copies. A copy is to be sent to the State Secretary. A Copy is to be kept for your records.

**Renewal Forms**—These forms are for former members who left through forfeiture or resignation. The member fills out the renewal form and renews pledge.

When a former member fills out the renewal form and renews the pledge, she retains the years she was previously a member (I.e. joined in 1970 and resigns in 1990 (20 years) then joins again as a renewal member in 1995 and begins her 21st year. In 2000 she will have been a member for 25 years.

**Transfer Forms** - members transferring to an existing local court. A member requests transfer. The current court sends transfer form to new court after being signed by the Regent, Financial Secretary, and the member. Member has to attend a court meeting and pay her dues for acceptance into new court. The transfer, to be valid, must be received by the national office within 90 days.

The National Catholic Daughters office address is: **National Catholic Daughters National Headquarters**  
**10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023**

Contact person for Membership Info, additions, and deletions is:

Gigi [cdafiles@aol.com](mailto:cdafiles@aol.com)

Current State Secretary address: **Bonita Erickson 1420 11th St Langdon, ND 58249**  
[bonitacda@yahoo.com](mailto:bonitacda@yahoo.com)

I hope this has cleared a lot of the confusion for 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.

# 49th Biennial State Convention News

## 49th Biennial ND CDA Convention Evaluation Results



by Laurel Ann  
Dukart, First Vice  
State Regent

Thank you, to everyone who submitted an evaluation. Input from you gives us ideas to make our next convention even better.

A total of 58 evaluations were received: 14 w/ no comments, just ratings; 24 w/ short comments; 20 w/ long comments. Comments are summarized.

### The scale used was:

4 = highly satisfactory; 3 = satisfactory; 2 = unsatisfactory; 1 = highly unsatisfactory; n/a = blank

**Registration:** (4) 37; (3) 20; (n/a) 1

**Convention Booklets:** (4++) 1; (4) 43; (3) 14

**Liturgy:** (4) 43; (3) 15

**Business Meeting:** (4) 27; (3) 29; (2-3) 1; (1) 1

**Speakers:** (4) 35; (3) 13; (2-3) 1; (2) 2; (n/a) 1

**Entertainment:** (4) 22; (3) 26; (2) 3; (n/a) 6; (?) 1

**Auction Fundraiser:** (4) 35; (3) 20; (2-3) 1; (n/a) 2

**Convention Venue:** (4) 30; (3) 26; (2-3) 0; (2) 1; (1) 1

**Registration:** \*Awesome!! Well organized / efficient. \*Encourage few hours evening prior. \*Didn't like meal tickets separate.

**Convention Booklet:** \*Few cor-

rections, nicely done. \*Would like on the website ahead of time.

**Liturgy:** \*Beautiful! Great! \*Masses very impressive / great – especially Sunday. \*Closing Mass a little late in day. \*Prefer Mass in a Church. \*Aisle could be wider – like Sunday. \*Better and more microphones. \*Music was beautiful – background piano too loud.

**Business Meeting:** \*Moved along nicely, ran smoothly, very informational. Could have moved along a bit quicker whenever possible. \*Didn't follow program and was a little confusing for new attendee. \*Vickie: Too long - (one hour required by National). \*Appreciated membership talk – give Courts time to share ideas amongst themselves. \*Voting: Get a short synopsis of what each nominating committee nominees have done to help us make a good choice. \*Have Nominating Committee nominees come up before the delegates prior to voting. \*The voting could be shortened up.

**Speakers:** \*Wonderful, impressive, & uplifting. \*Priests inspiring. \*Get area speaker(s)? \*Not always heard – mikes?

**Entertainment:** \*Liked/loved the 60's music.

**Auction / Fundraiser:** \*Really enjoyed the live auction better – generates more interaction. \*Use #'s not names for silent auction. \*What is money for?

**Convention Venue:** \*Outstanding / good / great location \*The venue is excellent – easy parking & not so much walking to the meeting rooms from our cars. \*Liked no driving – everything was close/all in one place. \*Too expensive!

\*Temperature fluctuations – sometimes too warm, usually too cold. \*Food: No desserts – little mint/chocolate would be good. \*Food was OK. But too many salads. \*Wonderful meals. \*Not enough food for first day of convention (Friday). \*Meals = costly & skimpy = Saturday Banquet Good!!! \*Perhaps buffet would work better. \*Ramada has excellent servers – service superior! \*I thought the meals were excellent. \*Meals were the only thing that could use work. \*Your food choice great – hotel had small portions.

**Other Comments:** \*Convention: Many 'thank you', 'great job', 'enjoyable and blessed time' – The State Board appreciates this. \*Way too long – start earlier. \*This is my first CDA Convention. Wonderful. I joined CDA last fall because I saw that this organization upholds the dignity, goodness, and beauty of women. So I wanted to be a part of CDA, too. This weekend re-enforces all this. I will continue my membership & participate a little more. \*Love the rosary at the Business meeting \*Glad recycling lanyards. \*We also need a little free time Fri. \*Ct. St. Ann #261 \*Thank you, thank you Court St. Ann. Beautiful experience. \*Fargo did an excellent job of hosting. Thank you. \*The Fargo Court did as good a job as they could do with the circumstance – they had to deal with. \*Your Fargo hosts were great! \*Great job Ct. St. Ann.

God bless and have a wonderful summer!

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## 49th Biennial ND State CDA Convention Photos

**Top Photo:** *LIVING ROSARY*

**Middle Photo:** *2013-15 STATE OFFICERS* L to R—Fr. Franklin Miller, Mary Baer, Laurel Ann Dukart, Bishop Folden, Kathy Kennedy, Deb Johnson and Bonita Erickson.

**Bottom Photo:** *2015-17 STATE OFFICERS* L to R—Bonita Erikson, Secretary; Mary Baer, 2nd Vice Regent; Kathy Kennedy, State Regent; Laurel Ann Dukart, 1st Vice Regent; and Sarah Torpen, Treasurer.



## 2015 Calendar Raffle Winners

April 1	\$ 25	Patricia Kilber, Fargo
April 2	\$ 25	Darlene Zacher, Fargo
April 3	\$ 25	Sandy Butz, Minot
April 4	\$ 25	Martina I Stanek, Mandan
April 5	\$ 50	Dorothy Kroetsch, Langdon
April 6	\$ 50	Betty Malkowski
April 7	\$ 25	Kevin Greff, Mandan
April 8	\$ 25	Donna Sickler, Bismarck
April 9	\$ 25	Donna Mrachek, Watford City
April 10	\$ 25	Helen Wilmes, Richardton
April 11	\$ 25	Rene Syminow, Belfield
April 12	\$ 50	Helen Wilmes, Richardton
April 13	\$ 50	Diana Silha, Bowman
April 14	\$ 25	Pearl Zerr, Mandan
April 15	\$250	Christ Huck, Williston
April 16	\$ 25	Francis Butler, Fargo
April 17	\$ 25	Violet Kuntz, Towner
April 18	\$ 25	Dorothy Chase, Scranton
April 19	\$ 50	Caroline Heidt, Dickinson
April 20	\$ 50	Jean Privratsky, Dickinson
April 21	\$ 25	Heather Butler, Briarwood
April 22	\$ 25	Blanche Siemieniowski, Beulah
April 23	\$ 25	Millie Hauck, Richardton
April 24	\$ 25	Olga Brunelle, Williston
April 25	\$ 25	Dorothy Reiger, Williston
April 26	\$ 50	JoAnn Butler, Fargo
April 27	\$ 50	Doreen Ott, Belfield
April 28	\$ 25	Anne Carns, Bismarck
April 29	\$ 25	Rose Marie Porsberg, Mandan
April 30	\$ 50	Shirley Kitsch, Webster



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## State Regent cont. from pg. 1

Public Relations – Bonita Erickson, Leadership/Motivation – Laurel Ann Dukart and Mary Baer, Membership – Laurel Ann Dukart, National Projects – Deb Johnson and Ways & Means – Mary Baer. God bless all these women willing to serve in various capacities.

Another one of my blunders was to only introduce Claudia Bosch as a Past State Regent instead of acknowledging her higher honor of Past National Regent. I don't know how I could have forgotten this. Claudia made all of North Dakota so proud when she was elected as the National Regent. The wonder-

ful manner in which she served as National Regent made us even prouder. She deserved that recognition at our State Convention and I am truly sorry for not introducing her properly. I can only hope she aspires to be divine and forgives me.

I have never professed to be or thought I was perfect. As I begin my new term as State Regent for 2015-

2017 I will try to make fewer mistakes and learn from my past mistakes. I know some will still occur.

Please be patient with me and pray for me as I endeavor to be a capable and humble servant leader for North Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



In Peace and Love,  
Kathy Kennedy

## Next deadline for “The Voice of CDA”

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