



Spirit of North Dakota

State Regent—Kathy Kennedy

On December 31, our son, Alexander, was telling his three year old, Miriam, that they were going to celebrate a new year coming. She was full of “why” questions. He explained that they were really hoping that 2017 would be a better year because in 2016 her Uncle Christopher’s ear was injured when he got hit with a baseball; Uncle Damian’s house burned and they lost everything; someone was driving too fast and hit Uncle Anthony’s car and caused an accident; Miriam herself wound up in the hospital for four days.

Without missing a beat, Miriam proclaimed, “We have to save my uncles!”

When he related this story to us, it struck me how she worried about the others, but not herself. Isn’t that what we should be doing as Catholic Daughters?

In almost every monthly letter I send out to be read to the courts, I encourage members to be kind to each other and



“let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16. Our National Regent, Helene Sheperd, has chosen Psalm 100:2 as her theme

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and encourages us to “Serve the Lord with gladness.” That is what Catholic Daughters should be about... service, spiritual enhancement, charity and doing all this with a united Christian attitude. This is what we need to be concentrating on. Yet

so often I’m hearing complaints that things aren’t going well because the Regent did this or didn’t do that at a meeting. Or there is dissension because the chairman of a committee decided to change the time or punch recipe or something else involving an annual event. Maybe there is disagreement as to when or how awards should be presented. These are just a few things that disturb members. I could list more but you get the picture. Overall, though, I hear about the charitable projects each court is doing on every level and I am so im-

pressed and proud to be associated with this fine organization and all of you caring members.

So besides wishing you all health, happiness and blessings in 2017, my wish is that you will forego the pettiness that is trying to tempt you away from CDA’s true purpose and instead that you will concentrate (metaphorically) on “saving the uncles!”

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State Chaplain—Fr. Franklin Miller



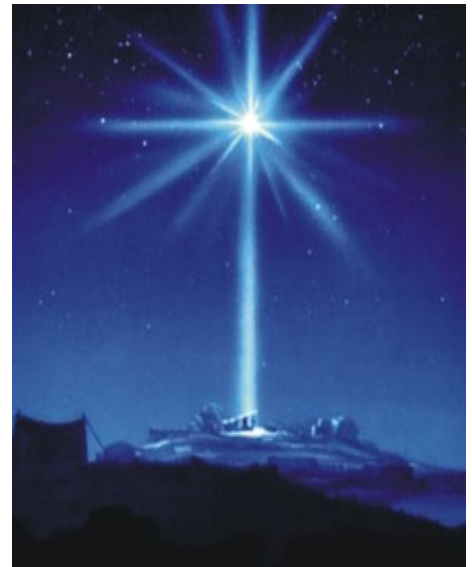
The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord” (Lk. 2:10-11).

2017 AD, another year for us to welcome Christ more fully into our hearts, “it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). As the new year began, we implored our Blessed Mother to assist us in the opening of our hearts to the light of the world, “I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness” (Jn 12:46). “In Jesus Christ, the whole of God's truth has been made manifest. ‘Full of grace and truth,’ he came as the ‘light of the world,’ he is the Truth. ‘Whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.’ (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2466) The truth

is under assault in our society today, with much confusion in the hearts of so many. So many do not know that they need to approach the babe born in a cave near Bethlehem and laid in a manger. “O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!” (Ps. 95:6). The travelers from the east, the Magi traveled a long distance to offer themselves before the “truth”. Knowing in their hearts that something was amiss, they presented themselves before the King “in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations” (CCC, 528). Being a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas renders each member as a servant in the image and likeness of the Blessed Lord. “Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came ‘not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’ For the Christian, ‘to reign is to serve him,’ particularly when serving ‘the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder.’ The

People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ” (CCC, 786). The Catholic Daughters of the Americas exemplify the life of Christ in their service to others as his “image and likeness”, particularly to those lacking in the knowledge and understanding of God.

A Blessed and Joyous New Year to All!



Editor’s Corner—Colleen Wipf & Mary Kennedy

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We would like to bring the tentative schedule of the 50th Biennial ND State CDA Convention to you as an editorial.

The State Board and Court Immaculate Conception have been working and planning the best convention ever for you for over a year now. This convention is a milestone for the State, since it is the 50th convention and a milestone for Bismarck’s court as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The theme is, “**Mary, our Mother, help us say yes.**”

The convention will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center at 1400 E Interchange Avenue in Bismarck. A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of Catholic Daughters.

All members of North Dakota Catholic Daughters are welcome to attend. If you

have never served as a delegate, please consider doing so this year. Even if you aren’t a delegate please consider attending.

An invitation from Delores Friedt, Regent of Ct. Immaculate Conception, can be found on pg. 8 of the newsletter.

Here is a tentative, summarized schedule of the convention.

May 5 Registration, 9-11:30 a.m.
Vocations Mass celebrated by Bishop Kagan
Lunch
Business Session, 2:20
Rosary
Supper
Live Auction

May 6 Memorial Mass, 8 a.m.
Business Session with elections held during session
Lunch
Business Session
Social
Banquet

May 7 Installation Mass, 9 a.m.
Brunch
Wrap-up and farewells

I truly hope you will make an effort to attend convention this year. We can try to make it the best convention ever but it is your attendance and participation that will truly make it a worthwhile experience.

See you in May!

Kathy Kennedy

Second Vice National Regent—Vickie Feist



North Dakota National Representative Article- January 2017

My dearest Catholic Daughter sisters, I am so happy that I have been again appointed as the ND National Representative for the 2016-2018 term! North Dakota has such a hard-working board of officers- who enjoy and have fun carrying out the work they do for the courts of the state.

If you haven't heard yet, the current version of the Tools of the Trade is now available on line at www.CatholicDaughters.org - complete with the Procedure Manual, the Ceremonials, the Circle of Love Book, and the Prayer Services Book. If you would like, you can even

download the sections to your own computer for easy use when you aren't online.

In the year 2017, I would encourage **all** North Dakota courts to recite the *updated* CDA Positive Pledge at the beginning of **each meeting** to help us all stay on track.

Today, I make this commitment in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, National, State and Local, that I will not entertain, speak or listen to negative thoughts regarding the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' leadership, membership or programs. I promise I will only be a positive member now and in the future.



State Vice Regent —Laurel Ann Dukart



A few months ago, while visiting after a Court Marquette #677 monthly meeting, discussion included the presentation of court symbols. Leona Czapiewski mentioned this tradition started in 1980 at the 32nd

Biennial North Dakota State CDA Convention held in Grand Forks. Of course, I wanted to know more.

So . . . Suzanne Flom, Virginia Wilson and I met at Leona's (Suzanne's mother). Leona and Virginia [two long-time members of Court Marquette #677] brought scrap books, photos, letters, awards, etc. and shared history of our court as well as North Dakota Catholic Daughters. It was an enjoyable evening: looking at photographs; reading through correspondence and what was recorded; discussing 'then' and 'now'. Pictures were PRICELESS! It left me yearning for more.

Attending a Memorial Day celebration with Mom, re-emphasized the importance of history and that it needs to be preserved for future generations. Although things change over the years, we need to remember who and what made us what we are today – both as a country and as Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I challenge all North Dakota CDA members to visit with other members (especially long-time members), look into your court & ND court histories, record and share it. Please share with all ND CDA members by submitting it to be included in the North Dakota Catholic Daughters website and Facebook. Please submit website information to me at dukartcda@outlook.com, thank you.

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It is with gratitude that I am writing this article; Catholic Daughters of North Dakota you out did yourselves with supporting the April Calendar Raffle in 2016.

The State made a profit of \$14,253.50! That is \$11,000 more than last year! We sold \$16,370 worth of tickets and had expenses of \$2116.50. We spent more in postage this year but it certainly paid off. We sent a book of tickets to every member. We realize that everyone cannot buy or sell tickets – we do not know who these people are so we just sent to everyone. No one was obligated to buy. We currently have about 1700 members and about 450 of those members sold or bought

tickets this year.

I apologize that the ticket stubs were on the bottom of the ticket instead of the top. I did notice this had happened but it was after thousands of tickets were printed and I was not about to start over. I also apologize that your book of tickets was not in sequential number order – it would have taken much longer to put the books together had we ordered the numbers. We saved the State Court some money by printing our own tickets, unfortunately this meant they weren't perfect.

Quite a few tickets were returned because of wrong addresses. It might be time again for a court officer to request a roster with addresses from National and update the outdated ones.

A list of winners is listed in this newsletter. I wish everyone could have won. Not everyone could be a

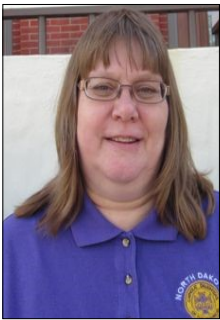
winner in the raffle but we are all winners by being a member of the Catholic Daughters!!

The 2017 April Calendar Raffle is rapidly approaching. I hope you find it in your heart to buy and or sell some of your tickets. It would be awesome if we could surpass the 2016 record. The proceeds 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 expenses.

I would like to end my article with *“A New Year's Prayer” - God of this new year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future not knowing what the days and months will bring to us or how we will respond. Bring love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way.*

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State Secretary—Bonita Erickson



Sing with me...
I've got the joy,
joy, joy, joy, down
in my heart--
Down in my heart!
Down in my heart!
I've got that joy,
joy, joy, joy down
in my heart! Down
in my heart to
stay! And I'm so

happy so very happy. I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. And I'm so happy so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

So joy abounds your days, right? Wouldn't it be just wonderful if we were this happy and joyful all the time? Sometimes I don't feel joyful or happy. I feel tired, anxious, empty or anything but happy.

St Therese, before her religious vows, made a retreat. Now one would think that in anticipation of such a joyful day, her heart would have been

filled with consolation. Instead, everything was filled with desolation. But that didn't bother her in the least.

St Therese knew that Jesus loved her. We need to be happy like St Therese

who, despite feeling far from being a saint trusted that God would eventually make her into a great one.

In other words, be happy that

God will especially be working through you even in the midst of your daily darkness. Be happy that the Lord knows your weakness and will eventually come down for you and raise you to the heights of his

love.

It's really about finding happiness amid the dryness of everyday life. It's about discovering extraordinary joy, happiness and peace in the midst of regular ordinary day to day existence.

Truly it's the secret to happiness in this life.

I've got that peace that passes understanding way down in the depths of my heart. Down in the depths of my heart to stay! I've got

that peace that passes understanding way down in the depths of my heart.

May you have a happy, joyful and peaceful New Year!!!



State Treasurer—Sara Topen



Badlands Choice Clinic was a simple idea of being a resource center for women in Dickinson which was converted into a reality back in 2015. As declared in its mission statement, the clinic seeks to “empower women and families to make life-affirming pregnancy decisions through counseling, education, compassion and aid through the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.” This reality of a new women’s clinic does not come without cost. As Catholic Daughters we decided to help with

that. Since being voted as our state project at the convention in Fargo, the ND Catholic Daughters have contributed \$3,288.50 to the efforts of this life changing organization.

If you have not made your contribution to the state project please do so. We hope to have a representative from Badlands Choice Clinic at our state convention to speak about the amazing things happening there. Any additional monies received at the convention will be presented at that time. During the convention a new state project will be discussed and voted on as well.

Come to the convention not only to become unified as Catholic Daughters but to cultivate a spirit of charity.



Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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working through love in the promotion of
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human dignity for all.

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Local Court News



Rugby members celebrate 50 years

Regent Sandra Mongeon presented the 50th anniversary pins to three members of Court Little Flower #1193 at the May meeting. Rosary and mass preceded.

Pictured R to L: Mongeon, Theresa Paul, Past Regent; Arlene Schmaltz, Past Regent; Betty Hoffert, member.



Court St. Elizabeth #170

Members attended and stood honor guard at, Vicky Adams who passed away on March 31, 2016. She attained an all time high with membership during her time as Regent and helped to organize a court in Belcourt.

An annual "baby shower" was held during May meeting. Members were asked to bring baby items such as baby clothing, blankets, bedding, bottles, bathing supplies, lotions, soaps and baby food to the meeting. The items were donated to the local Catholic Charities; food items were taken to the local food pantry at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Minot. Catholic Charities will then give the items to new mothers in need.

Court St. Ann #261

In honor of the month of the rosary, on Oct. 22 Ct. St. Ann, Fargo led rosary before morning Mass. It was followed by a light breakfast and a spiritual talk by Chaplain Fr. James Gross. The theme, "Serve the Lord with gladness" was taken from Psalm 100. Father recalled how his German Russian grandmothers so often served their families with such joy at every get together. His view "from the card-table," though perhaps a limited one, gave him the perspective of everything running effortlessly. This too is how we as Catholic Daughters serve in our own households and parishes. Though we know there are sometimes struggles and trouble with communication, those who benefit from our labors see the smiles and heart-warming concern with which we serve each other and our families. Father also spoke of the titles in the Litany of Loreto, including "Help of Christians" and how mother's respond when someone is unkind to their child. Just so, our Blessed Lady moves to defend us, with even greater concern than we ourselves seek to keep our children from being hurt. Following the talk, we all went into church to pray.

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Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of you walking through the day with us. God of this new year, we praise you. Amen.

2016 CDA April Calendar Raffle

- April 1 \$25 Kay Roch, Grand Forks
- April 2 \$50 Tacita Splonskowski, Fargo
- April 3 \$50 Deb Liebelt, Harvey
- April 4 \$25 Veronica Gores, Minot
- April 5 \$25 Beth Graham, Audubon, MN
- April 6 \$25 Paula Kraft, Barton
- April 7 \$25 David Truka, Mandan
- April 8 \$25 Jo Greff, Mandan
- April 9 \$50 Rose Marie Glesch, Bismarck
- April 10 \$50 Anna Tharaldson, Mott
- April 11 \$25 Ann Dammel, Bismarck
- April 12 \$25 Josie Stockert, Dickinson
- April 13 \$25 Elizabeth Hoffert, Rugby
- April 14 \$25 Mary Conlin, Fargo
- April 15 \$250 Lynette Bender, Martin
- April 16 \$50 Tammy Schmeets, West Fargo
- April 17 \$50 Katherine Engelstad, Bismarck
- April 18 \$25 Elizabeth Nilles, Fargo
- April 19 \$25 Jeanie Deichert, Mandan
- April 20 \$25 Deb Johnson, Fargo
- April 21 \$25 Therese Linnertz, East Grand Forks, MN
- April 22 \$25 Becky Kraft, Willow City
- April 23 \$50 Jodie Longie, Devils Lake
- April 24 \$50 Doug Olson, Mott
- April 25 \$25 Alberta Clement, Valley City
- April 26 \$25 Sandra Fearing, Williston
- April 27 \$25 Millie Hauck, Richardton
- April 28 \$25 Peggy Longstreet, Wattertown
- April 29 \$25 Genie Kelley, Richardton
- April 30 \$50 Ambrose Hoff, Richardton

Circle of Love / Youth—J.C.D.A.

by Sherran Mayer

As I prepare this article for the newsletter I am excited with the possibility of two new JCDA courts in North Dakota.

One of the biggest questions is usually, "How do we start a JCDA court?"

- 1) Contact the State Regent and/or the State JCDA Chairman about your interest in starting a junior court.
- 2) Appoint a local JCDA Chairman [they should be a Catholic Daughter and they should complete the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese.]
- 3) Select a Chaplain.
- 4) With the help of the State JCDA chairman and State Regent set a date for the first meeting. Advertise in the church bulletin, newspaper and etc. Be sure to extend the invitation to the mothers also. Prepare for the meeting keeping in mind the goals of the JCDA program and the Threefold Program of Message, Service and Community. Explain the importance of the program and the good it will do for the girls, for

the community and for God and the church. Distribute application forms for all girls present. Invice the chaplain to talk to the girls.

- 5) Second meeting. Follow up meeting should follow one week later. Have the girls bring back their applications. Be sure to advertise this meeting for girls and mothers. Decide on the name of the court. Most courts take the same name as the senior court. Decide on the amount of dues. Suggest \$5-10 per year. Get guidelines provided by National JCDA through the State Court. Determine whether you will have a Juniorette court for ages 6-10 or Juniors, age 11-18. They can be combined if the numbers are low for each. Junioresses don't have to have an State Installations. Juniors may choose to have a State Installation.
- 6) A state with five or more Junior Courts, in good standing, may organize a State JCDA court.

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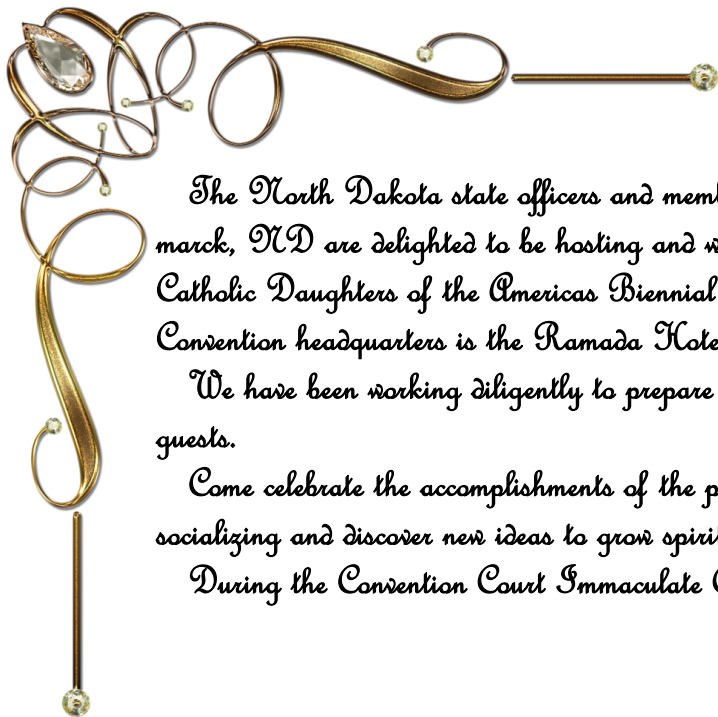
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INVITATION

The North Dakota state officers and members of Court Immaculate Conception #322 in Bismarck, ND are delighted to be hosting and wish to extend this invitation for you to attend the ND Catholic Daughters of the Americas Biennial State Convention May 5-7, 2017 in Bismarck. The Convention headquarters is the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center.

We have been working diligently to prepare a memorable Convention for CDA members and their guests.

Come celebrate the accomplishments of the past two years, enjoy many great speakers, daily Mass, socializing and discover new ideas to grow spiritually and to be of service to others.

During the Convention Court Immaculate Conception #322 will be celebrating 100 years.

Unity and Charity,
Dolores Friedt, Regent
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