

# Spirit of North Dakota

## State Regent—Laurel Ann Dukart

Dear Catholic Daughters:

Happy FALL! I'm enjoying Autumn, the crisp air with colors beautifully changing to *yellows / oranges / reds.*



North Dakota Catholic Daughters have been active:

We sponsored booths at conferences in both Dioceses:

1. April 7<sup>th</sup> REDEEMED 2018 Conference, Fargo
2. September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 THIRST Conference for Women, Bismarck

(Both gave us an opportunity to meet new people / potential CDA members.)

July 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - we attended the 57<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD

- 34 ND delegates, alternates and non-voting members / 1 State Chaplain / 1 Local Chaplain
- Enjoyed pre-convention workshops, meetings, spiritual growth, state and fun nights; and more – all shared with sisters (and a few brothers) who have a great love for their Catholic faith.
- Olga Samaniego, Texas, the new National Regent chose the following for her 2-year reign motto: *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”* 1 Samuel 3:9

October 6<sup>th</sup>, we held a ND Fall 2018 Workshop at St. Cecelia's in Harvey. Workshop included: prayer; officer training; Circle of Love Chairmen updates; information from the National Convention and the above conferences; etc. An early snowfall kept some of our members from attending. A special *“Thank you!”* to Ct. Sacred Heart #1908 for their hospitality, very tasty lunch salads, door prizes and treats. In this *month of the rosary*, it was very special as Fr. Frank Miller led us in praying the living rosary using your wooden rosary.



October 21<sup>st</sup> – CDA Sunday  
Upcoming 2019 events include:

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ct. St. Cecelia, Mandan – April 29<sup>th</sup>
- 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial ND State Convention, Devils Lake

**Congratulations** to all the courts welcoming new members (2018's list is on page two). Please continue to ask Catholic women to join CDA.



*Welcome*  
**Emily Guilherme**

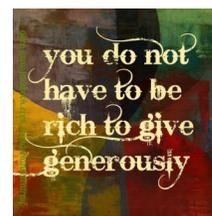
Emily Guilherme, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice National Regent from Corona, CA., has been assigned as our National Supervisor. She will be attending our 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial ND State Convention in May 2019. [And weather permitting our November 17<sup>th</sup> ND State Board meeting in Harvey.]

Reminder to take a look at the ND CDA Facebook and website.

*Happy Thanksgiving!* 

*“Thank You, God, for CDA and all You have allowed me to experience because I said ‘Yes’!”*

 *In Unity and Charity,*  
**Laurel Ann Dukart**  
*ND State Regent*



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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;

Fall is in the air and snow has already made an appearance.

Snow, snow stay away and come back another day.

In 2008, Pope Benedict told the people in Rome, “The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each “Hail Mary” (Pope Benedict XVI, May 3, 2008). Traditionally, October is the month of the Rosary, in memory of the help of the Blessed Mother during a time of great need. Many prayers are needed for our nation and the Church. We are living in very serious times, which require a whole-hearted response of prayer from each of us. “Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you ... He



prays without ceasing who unites prayer to works and good works to prayer. Only in this way can we consider as realizable the principle of praying without ceasing” (*Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2745).

Recently, Pope Francis encouraged all Catholics to recite at the end of the rosary the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel composed by Pope Leo XII: “Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.” The effort of participating in building up the Church and the local court entails a personal commitment of unity and charity and life in Christ. “Speak Lord, your servant is listening” (I Samuel 3:30).

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

Fr. Franklin Miller



## Welcome New Members

**Ct. St. Ann #261**  
Carol Bannerman (T)

**Ct. St. Mary #268**  
Gina Schwan  
Jacquelyn (Jackie) Aronson

**Ct. Immaculate Conception #322**  
Joan C. Boehm  
Lynn Marie Megal  
Marian (Irene) Walter  
Margaret Brandt  
Florence Kiefer (R)  
Adeline Pelster (R)

**Ct. St. Catherine #323**  
Naomi E. Kovash

**Ct. St. Cecelia #362**  
Colene Rinas  
Diane Schmidt  
Dona M. Bentz  
Marcy Pflieger (R)

**Ct. Marquette #677**  
Carol Rerick  
Dawn Scott Larson  
Merilee Koopman (R)

**Ct. St. Therese #958**  
Linda Haley

**Ct. Cardinal Muench #1852**  
Connie S. Brandt  
Ellen Horn  
Lynette Klein  
Sherry Koch  
Marina Sims  
Michelle Stach  
Linda Thoennes  
Helen Beyer (R)  
Patricia Stuen (R)  
Jane West (R)

**Ct. Sacred Heart #1908**  
Heather Schaan  
Jennifer Tesch  
Mary Hall  
Mrs. Lauren Lemer  
Myrna Marchand

**Ct. Queen of the Prairies #1965**  
Judy Eppinette

**Ct. Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148**  
Andrea Krebs

**Ct. St. St. Gerard #2518**  
Alana McClellan  
Mariana Rumer  
Sharon Linnehan

**Ct. Holy Cross #2718**  
Dora Mae Mitzel  
Jane Wirth

**T= Transfer / R = Renewal**

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## From the Desk of Emily Guilherme



To the North Dakota Catholic Daughters,

I am very excited to be your new National Supervising Officer for the next two years and I look forward to meeting many of you and working with your excellent State Officers. I am most excited to see what we can collaborate and do to build up the Kingdom of God in your beautiful state.

In just a few short weeks it will be Advent and we will be preparing for the coming of Christ into our world and into our hearts. I ask you to join me in praying for all of our Catholic Daughters of the Americas around the globe, that we may all continue to seek Jesus' face and serve Him in every woman, man, and child we encounter.

As Advent makes way for Christmas, I pray that we are all able to make way for the peace to enjoy Christ's presence in our homes and lives and invite Him into the hearts of our families. May we not lose focus in the midst of the business of the holiday of Christ's purpose of coming to earth: to save us all. May we never forget the words of the angel to the shepherds: "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." (Luke 2:10-11)

I wish all of you and your families a wonderful and truly blessed Advent and Christmas, as well as God's many blessing for you in the New Year.

With gratitude in His grace,

**Emily Guilherme**

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## State Vice Regent — Mary Baer



I can't believe how time flies. It seems like we just held the April Calendar Raffle but here it is seven months later. Sorry it has taken so long for you to get the results but the timing of the raffle did not work well with the timing of the newsletter. This issue was delayed in hopes we could get more e-mails and addresses up to

date to keep our mailing costs down for the newsletter and we needed to find a new editor. Once again ladies you need to be commended for your contributions. This year's raffle brought in a profit of \$17, 262.72. I think this is a great amount since I received tickets from about 500 people and we mailed to over 1500. We had over 90 people sell their whole book of tickets or more, great job ladies! A list of winners can be found on page 5 in this newsletter. 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 newsletter, convention and workshop expenses. School as well as the CCD programs for your parish are in full swing now. Please keep the staff and students in your prayers throughout the year. Working with young people takes patience and energy; daily prayers are appreciated.   
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## Second Vice State Regent—Bonita Erickson



Hello Ladies!

How the summer just flew by. It's hard to believe that the National Catholic Daughters Convention held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota is already over. It was a great convention. It is a rather awesome and overwhelming feeling to be a part of some 1200 Catholic Daughter members all together. They come as far as Guam, Puerto Rico, Texas, Maryland, Nebraska, New York, Minnesota, New Mexico, Iowa, and **North Dakota**. It was wonderful to have so many North Dakota delegates and members attending this convention!!

There were workshops preceding the opening of the convention. They were on such subjects as family, spir-

ituality, youth, leadership, legislative and membership. A terrific singer named Kathy Troccoli entertained and inspired us in the evening.

Our biggest task as a delegate was to listen. Knowledge and information from conventions inspires local courts. The sessions started with opening prayer. The Standing Rules were read and adopted. The Credentials Committee's report was adopted.

A discussion of the bylaws commenced. There were **27** proposed amendments! Fourteen were adopted. Approximately 5 were adopted with amendments **added** to the amendments. Five failed to be adopted.

We were reminded that we are made in the likeness of God, so we are **sacred** persons.



Father Maurer spoke of the reticence of young people to join organizations. People don't join organizations, they join people. Let your courts be homes. The ladies you want to recruit are not joiners. The people you want in your courts are not going to join an organization, they're going to join a court of community or a friend.

While there was a lot of business to cover, there also was some time for fun. North Dakota State night was ended by taking in the Purple CDA falls of Sioux Falls. Marvelous and beautiful are the words to describe them. On South Dakota Fun Night the Presidents of Mount Rushmore and their secret service agents delighted us with their presence. A DJ played great music and lots of members got their dance groove on!

There was lots of fellowship. New friends were made and reunions with old friends.

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## State Secretary—Sue Judd



'Hi' from your State Secretary, Sue Judd

It is so hard to believe it is already October! Where has the year gone? I can't believe we will be celebrating

Thanksgiving and Christmas before we know it. I wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving and Advent, along with a joyous Christmas season

**Dear sisters in Christ, I need your help!!** I am asking all 21 ND courts to set up a committee at their next meeting. This committee will be made up of members who are willing to make some phone calls. And depending on the size of your court, that will determine how many members are on the committee. I need EVERY court to do this!! Please start by getting a copy of your membership roster from the National Office. Then split up the roster between the committee members and call every member on the list to verify their

complete address, phone number, whether or not they have an email address. If they have email, what their email address is. So, if your court has 200 members you might want 10 or 15 or 20 members on the committee, if you have 40 members you may only need 3 or 4 on the committee. Talk it over at your first meeting and decide how many phone calls each committee member wants to make and find enough committee members to get the job done.

**After you have done all the calling and updating, combine your information and send the changes to me and to the National Office.** After that, I plan to compare National Rosters with mine, so that hopefully we will all have the same information. I know this is a big project, but it is **very important, because we need to get our rosters up to date.** We are spending a lot of money on each of our newsletters and only about half of our members are receiving them, so PLEASE help me get our rosters up to date!!

Thank you in advance!!

I also want to share with you a little bit of what I learned at National Convention about our newest spoke on the Circle of Love which is "Family". They shared with us that the make up of our families has certainly changed over the years. Families used to be mom, dad, and children. Sometimes extended with grandparents. But now, families consist of maybe just mom and children, or just dad and children. Sometimes, there are grandma, dad, & children, or grandpa & grandma, mom & children. We have many different combinations that make up families today. So, when we are thinking about projects or activities for the families we want to be sure to include things that all types of families can do. At our fall workshop I shared the Button Prayers, the five finger prayer and other prayers that are on the National website under the 2018 Convention Materials and then family materials.

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Mary Baer (cont. from page 3)



**Prayer for the School Year”**

Gracious God, bless all teachers and catechists as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts.

May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with their parents, throughout the school year.

May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

Be with us as we journey through this school year.

Amen

Sue Judd (cont. from page 4)

Here are a couple of family prayers you can share and say with your family:

Father, we ask that You watch over our family, friends, the homeless and those in our community. Help us to love, respect, encourage, and support one another. We ask that you protect us, as we continue to grow in love and peace. Amen.



Heavenly Father, we know You are in the midst of our home day and night. We thank You for watching over us at night, as we sleep and for Your continuing presence. Embrace us in the shadow of Your wings. we ask that You go before us to prepare the way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Remember the Rosary is always a great family prayer too!!

## In Loving Remembrance

Ct. St. Ann #261

- †V Paula Deichert
- †V Betty McKelvey
- †V Mary Masseth
- †V Sophia Van Hook
- †V Frances Fjeld

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

- †V Elizabeth Wald
- †V Pauline Holkup
- †V Juleen Cunningham
- †V Irene Hall
- †V Lorna Gross

Ct. St. Catherine #323

- †V Verna Anfinson
- †V Helen Marsh
- †V Rose Dvorak
- †V Mary Mann
- †V DorothyKostelecky
- †V Martha Kadrmas
- †V Mary Agostini
- †V Florence Bogner
- †V Eugenia Herauf

Ct. St. Cecelia #362

- †V Verona Berger

Ct. Marquette #677

- †V Effie Gregoire
- †V Dot Burkhard

Ct. St. Therse #958

- †V Arlene Valley
- †V Ruth Steen

Ct. Little Flower #1193

- †V Elizabeth Hoffert
- †V Ann Mack

Ct. St. Veronica #1421

- †V Kathy Ebner

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

- †V Lorraine Mack-Schaeffer

Ct. Queen of the Prairies #1965

- †V Marjorie Mikkelsen

Ct. Fr. Tracy #2121

- †V JeannineVanderpol



Note: Deaths include those not previously published end of 2017 and all of 2018 .

Bonita Erickson (cont. from page 4)

**.So SAVE the Date!!!!!!!**

**May 3-5, 2019**



for the

**North Dakota**

**51<sup>st</sup> Biennial State Convention**

**to be held in Devils Lake!**

**You don't want to miss  
the great times!!!!!**

### April 2018 Raffle Winners

- April 1 \$50 Joyce Fleck Solen, ND
- April 2 \$25 Viola Borho Devils Lake, ND
- April 3 \$25 Josie Stockert Dickinson, ND
- April 4 \$25 Mary Hoffart Devils Lake, ND
- April 5 \$25 Lillian Seifert Bismarck, ND
- April 6 \$25 Rosemary Schwan Devils Lake, ND
- April 7 \$50 Regina Schmidt Belfield, ND
- April 8 \$50 Bernice Redding Minot, ND
- April 9 \$25 Judy A. Barbot Williston, ND
- April 10 \$25 Ryan Johnson Fargo, ND
- April 11 \$25 Kristen Vetter Linton, ND
- April 12 \$25 Margaret Ruder Grand Forks, ND
- April 13 \$25 Cheryl Hefta Devils Lake, ND
- April 14 \$50 Martha Kadrmas Dickinson, ND
- April 15 \$50 Katie Kitsch Webster, ND
- April 16 \$25 Karen Hammer Playa Del Rey, CA



- April 17 \$250 Darlene Bohl Mandan, ND
- April 18 \$25 Mary Ann Friesz Mandan, ND
- April 19 \$25 Stacey Rebel Hebron, ND
- April 20 \$25 Josie Stockert Dickinson, ND
- April 21 \$50 Karen Monson Valley City, ND
- April 22 \$50 Kathy Hueske Richardton, ND
- April 23 \$25 Tillie Kuntz Belfield, ND
- April 24 \$25 Esther Goldude Harvey, ND
- April 25 \$25 Rebecca Trangsrud Fargo, ND
- April 26 \$25 Agnes Kitzan Bowman, ND
- April 27 \$25 Jake Larson Mandan, ND
- April 28 \$50 Clem Volk Bismarck, ND
- April 29 \$50 Bernice Davis Wahpeton, ND
- April 30 \$25 Marie Fichter Dickinson, ND

# 57th Biennial National Convention—Sioux Falls, SD

## THURSDAY, JULY 19<sup>th</sup> – STATE FUN NIGHT / ND AT THE ROLL'N PIN CAFE



Fr. Frank Miller,  
Renee Wert, Dolly Hoelmer

Sue Judd, Daphne Hecker,  
Jean Privratsky, Claudia Bosch

Barb Badinger, Bonita Erickson,  
Barbara Nelson, Mary Baer

Anne Wuolo, Lupita Hagar,  
Rose Windjue, Rita Mastel



Patricia Muldoon, Tacita  
Splonskowski, Elizabeth  
Plemel-Scott, Peggy Plemel

Karen Spenningsby, Patricia  
Mathern, Margaret Sitte,  
Maryilyn Aune

Deb Johnson, Margaret  
Chaput, Loretta Duma,  
Char Kitsch

Deacon Doug Campbell,  
Mary Campbell, Therese  
Linnertz, Joan Scheett



Delores Friedt, Leona Friedt,  
Kathy Kennedy, Linda Kempel

Elizabeth Plemel-Scott (Ct. Holy  
Cross) & mother Peggy Plemel  
(Ct. St Mary)

Delores Friedt (Ct. Immaculate  
Conception) & mother Leona Friedt  
(Ct. St. Veronica)



Dorie Baer (from  
Nebraska – donning  
ND CDA sweatshirt)  
and daughter-in-law  
Mary Baer (Ct. Our  
Mother of Perpetual Help)

### Friday—FUN Night



Kathy Kennedy and  
Claudia Bosch  
with President Jefferson!



Dancing the  
Butterfly!



And Thursday Night the  
Falls turned CDA Purple



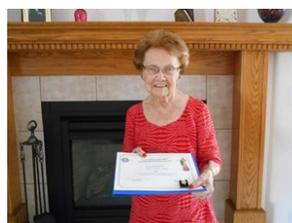
## Court Marquette #677—Grand Forks Celebrates Long-Time Members



Rita Phelps also re-  
ceived a 70-yr pin  
and award certificate  
(photo unavailable)



Dorothy Kulas 60-yr pin  
and 63-yr award certificate



Mary Anne Tupa 50-yr pin  
and 51-yr award certificate



Elsie Marek 50-yr pin and  
51-yr award certificate

# Vickie Feist asked this letter be shared with our members:



September 19, 2018

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

I have tendered my resignation from the position of 1st Vice National Regent as of September 30, 2018. After serving you for years on the national board, I feel a responsibility to share this decision as well as the reason with you before leaving.

I have felt the great privilege and responsibility that you have entrusted in me as a national director and then national officer of our sisterhood. I have taken seriously everything asked of me and tried to do so with a loving Catholic Daughter heart, giving my all for the good of our order and for my fellow sisters.

Olga's theme "*Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening*" relates to my decision to step down. You see, when in San Antonio, Texas this week for a national board meeting and to celebrate our new National Regent with a Mass and Banquet, my heart was repeatedly touched by prayer and Mass reflections about becoming vulnerable in God's hands and allowing Him to lead me. I began to see how the way I have continued to serve as a national officer with such strenuous hours, demands, and travel (that is made increasingly more difficult due to medical issues)- putting the service of CDA above health, has been due to my sin of pride.

God put a vision on my heart while in San Antonio that helped me to see this more clearly and I would like to share that with you.

What I saw with my mind's eye was me as a little girl working diligently on something in my lap, while a caring man is near me, I feel him looking lovingly at me with a bit of a grin on his face. He gently tells me to hand this thing to Him- that He will take care of it. Without looking up, I keep working feverishly while declaring with childish determination "No, I can do it- I know I can".

He then gives a tender, loving, and amused smile- one that I have given myself to our children and grandchildren who are trying to do some silly thing like make it rain with no clue that they just don't have the power. He pulls me closer and tells me "No, you are aren't strong enough. But I will take care of it."

I was able to see clearly how I have been like that child- insisting I can do it despite how my health and strength have repeatedly told me differently. I have not seen how He has been trying to tell me to trust that He will take care of everything, Finally I can honestly say, Yes, *Lord, your servant is listening*. While I am at peace with the direction God is leading me, know that I will deeply miss being with you and serving you in this way as your National Officer, but I will continue to be a prayer warrior for our organization.

The bylaws of the order specifically outline the procedure when there is a vacancy in a national office and Olga will provide notice of the appointments in the future.

God love you, Vickie M Feist

## State Treasurer—Deb Johnson



Why do we need spirituality? I know that is what I was looking for in my life, that brought me to join the Catholic Daughters.

The spirituality talk at the National Convention was like a Reset button for me. It's been a hectic summer/fall for me and I'm sure the rest of you also! I needed a reminder to spend time daily in prayer-it's too easy to get caught up in the day to day crazy-

ness. This happens in our courts also! The key to a strong court centers around spirituality. Prayer doesn't change God it changes US! We need to engage in all types of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Prayer helps us to do what we were created to do: TO KNOW, TO LOVE and TO SERVE. Powerful service comes from our relationship with God. This is what sets CDA apart from other organizations. When we pray as a court we

recognize: Where the Lord wants us to serve, How we are to serve and to recognize the gifts and talents of our members to do the service.

Thanks for all who attended the Fall Workshop! I hope you went home with a number of ideas to boost the Spirituality of your meetings Thanks to Father Miller, Sue and the rest of your State Board.



In Unity, Charity and Prayer  
Deb Johnson State Treasurer

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**Opportunity  
is knocking!  
(twice)**

*Once:* “The Voice of CDA” / Spirit of North Dakota is in need of an Editor. Is it You??? Manage our eight-page newsletter three to four times a year.

*Twice:* The North Dakota CDA website also needs a Web Master. Do you know someone (yourself) that would like to give it a go?

*\*\*\*If you feel the urge to answer, please contact any of the State Officers.*

CDA Purple Falls



Save-the-Date  
May 3, 4 & 5, 2019

## 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial North Dakota State CDA Convention



*“Gentle Mother, Teach Us Wisdom,  
Teach us Love.”  
Devils Lake*