



Spirit of North Dakota State

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State Regent Deb Johnson



Fall greetings to my CDA Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for all who joined us at the Day of Sisterhood in Harvey. I hope it was a day of enjoyment, prayer, learning and fulfillment for all. If it wasn't please let me know what you'd like to change. Thank you to Ct. Sacred Heart #1908 and Father Boucher for being awesome hosts while we were there.

We are now 3 months into our new year; it is exciting to hear of the new members joining and projects happening in our Courts. I encourage all members old and new to share ideas with your officers and Court. We grow by sharing. If you don't like the

meetings, what can we do or add that will make them better? Want more spirituality at your meeting? Then be the one to volunteer to do something at the next meeting. When we share our gifts with others, we all grow and benefit. Whenever I'm feeling crabby or disheartened, I think of the song by Matthew West "Do Something". If you're not familiar with it, look it up, I think you'll enjoy it.

What can we do to bring new life into our courts and Love of Christ to others?

I am grateful for the gifts being used across ND in all our Courts. Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving and Advent Season. May we all be the hands and feet of Jesus one day at a time. I am thankful for all of you!

Yours faithfully,
Deb Johnson
ND State Regent



*"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, Who will visit us all in our own hearts.
The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" Pope Francis*

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CDA Motto

Unity and Charity



CDA 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.



Hello Catholic Daughters of North Dakota! I am Fr. Mulligan, your new chaplain! I am looking forward to getting to know you and for us to follow the Lord where He leads us! God is always so good to all of us!

Since I'm new, I thought I'd share a little bit about myself to help you to get to know me. I grew up on the family farm four miles North of Grand Forks, ND where we raised beef cattle and alfalfa/grass hay. My parents are James and Jeanne Mulligan. I am the second oldest of four and was born on July 6, 1983. My oldest sister, Jenny, is married (Kyle) and has three children: Aedan, Olive, and Henry. My younger sister, Jamie, is married (Jeremy) and has four sons: Jonah, Ezra, Micah, and Luca. The youngest, my brother, Mike, is also married (Samantha) and has two sons: Patrick and Luke. With my younger siblings, I was homeschooled K-12th. I went to UND from 2002-2006. Being heavily involved at the Newman Center, FOCUS, inspired by the lives of the mystics, a love for prayer and helping others, I heard Jesus calling me to give myself completely to Him, to be all His, and to serve His people as a priest. I graduated with a major in General Studies and a minor in music. I was in seminary from 2006-2013. 2006-07 I was at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Co. for a spirituality year. 2007-09 I was at Cardinal Muench Seminary for Philosophy. 2009-2013 I returned to Denver, Co. for Theology. I was ordained a priest on June 7, 2013 and assigned to St. James Basilica in Jamestown, ND; in addition to the mission parishes of St. Michael's, Pingree; St. Margaret Mary, Buchanan, and St. Mathias, Windsor and served there until 2016. In 2016 I served at Holy Spirit in North Fargo, and then in 2018 I was assigned as pastor to St. Boniface, Wimbledon, St. Mary's, Dazey, and St. John's, Kensal. I have been here since, however, in 2024 St. John's was joined to Carrington, and Sacred Heart in Sanborn joined our parish cluster!

What do I love about being a priest? I love being all His! I love belonging to Jesus! I love the contemplative life, spending time with Jesus in prayer. I also absolutely love meeting and being a part of the lives of all the wonderful people God calls me to serve! It



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is a great privilege and honor to journey with others in this life to our homeland, Heaven! What a gift!

What are some of my hobbies? I enjoy being active: running, biking, lifting weights, and swimming. I especially love fishing in the summer and ice fishing in the winter! I enjoy playing cards and board games as well.

I hope that helps you get to know me a bit and I look forward to getting to know you in the coming months!

Fr. Sean Mulligan

(more from Fr. Mulligan on page 12.)



ND State Officers Attend State Officer Workshop

by Deb Johnson

Your State Officers attended the National Workshop for Officers in Arizona this July at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Here we get updated on what's happening in CDA, pray together, meet other State Officers, meet the National Board / Directors and get to bond as a board. The information we received at this was presented at our Day of Sisterhood so it can be shared with all of you. (see pages 5, 7, 16, & 17)



Pictured above LtoR: State Treasurer Wanda Meyer, 2nd Vice State Regent Angela Scheett, State Regent Deb Johnson, 1st Vice State Regent Sue Judd-Dyrness, and State Secretary Marylin Aune.



Happy Fall,

The color show that God planned was beautiful in SD this year. Doesn't always happen that way. The soybeans are harvested and the corn is almost done at our place. It will be nice to have that over with.

I was pleased to be able to attend the Day of Sisterhood in September in Harvey ND. It was inspiring and fun. It was a nice place to have this educational and spiritual event. Thank you all who attended. The Pilgrimage was great. I got to see where there are grotto and holy spots in North Dakota. We all should do a pilgrimage in our own area and see our other churches and grottos.

We soon enter into Advent. A time of preparation for the celebration of Christ birth. Take part in any events you can to prepare. It gets to be a busy secular time also. Try to not get too wrapped up in that side of the celebration. A big time for Family also. But remember that there maybe some people without family near them. Please try to include those people in some of your celebrations.

Thank you for all you do as CDA courts and continue your good works.

Yours in Unity and Charity
Barb Wiechmann
National Director



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Did you know there are **Scholarships** available through CDA?

Could it be for you, a relative or someone you might know? Look on the National Catholic Daughter website for more information, requirements and the 2025-26 forms to use.

- ⇒ 8th grader entering 9th grade in a Catholic High School (2) \$1000
- ⇒ JCDA member entering college fall of 2026 (1) \$1000
- ⇒ Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarship (3) \$2500



**LEADERSHIP****COURT
MEMBERSHIP**

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

I can not believe it is the end of October, where oh where does the time go?? This past July your five state officers went to the National State Officer Workshop in Arizona. It is always a learning experience for us all and a time of sharing and getting to know each other more along with other state officers. It is a time of sisterhood, along with growing spiritually. There are wonderful presentations from the National Officers and National Directors to help us with new ideas and to learn more about Catholic Daughters. We were able to share many of the ideas at our Day of Sisterhood in September.

I would like to share a little more about leadership for us to think about and share ways we can help our courts to grow stronger together. Catholic Daughters is a team. We are women doing God's work, so we don't need to be afraid to be a leader. Everyone can lead because everyone can serve. We want to encourage one another, because there is no room for negativity when doing God's work. We want to stay positive and smile because we love Catholic Daughters.

Another important thing is to communicate, communicate, communicate, because when you are a team member you need to keep the lines of communication open. Everyone needs to know what is going on. Along with communication with each other, we want to communicate with God by spending time in prayer so He can help us to know and do His work.

When we are leaders, we want to keep an attitude of service, because it helps us desire to do for others and that is what Catholic Daughters is all about. Being there for one another, praying for one another, and loving one another.

Catholic Daughters is an organization that can help us to grow in leadership. The keys to leadership are trust, loyalty, commitment, communication, charity, common sense, humility, and humor. These are all qualities of Catholic Daughters, therefore we can all be leaders. Remember, that with Christ all things are possible, and He will help us to be the best person we can be. Be Not Afraid!!!

Your sister in Christ,
Sue Judd-Dyrness, First Vice State Regent

Happy Autumn!

Three students from North Dakota won National awards for the 2024-2025 National Education Contest. Those awards were presented during the CDA State and Territorial Officers Conference in July. They were George Johannsen from Ct. St. Elizabeth #170, Minot, who received third place in Essay Division I, Sarah Novak from Ct. Marquette #677, Grand Forks, who received third place in Art Division II, and Emma Trettel from Ct. Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton, who received first place in Art Division I. Congratulations to them and everyone who participated.

The CDA Membership Contest Phase I (April 1-June 30) winners were also presented during the conference in July. Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck, was recognized for gaining 6 members during that time frame. Phase II ran from July 1-September 30, and the winners have been posted on the CDA website. The Membership Contest is now in Phase III, which runs until December 31. Remember that "Your Membership Drive can 'kill three birds with one stone': Increase your court members, Assist the National Organization, and Win money for your court." Prizes are awarded to the top three Local Courts with the most increased members. First prize is \$100, Second prize is \$75, and Third prize is \$50.

Remember that membership information, including additions (new members, transfers, renewals), deletions (deceased members, resignations, forfeitures), and changes (mailing address, phone number, and/or email), should be sent to me instead of Sue Judd-Dyrness. I manage the ND CDA membership list. However, you need to request new rosters from the National Office. Please make sure you send updates to them, as well as me. You may mail hard copies to me (Angela Scheett, 620 5th Ave S, Grand Forks ND 58201) or email me (scheettcda@midco.net). If you want to save a stamp, just scan a copy of your forms and send them as an email attachment or list changes in an email message. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In Unity and Charity,
Angela Scheett
2nd Vice State Regent



CDA Day of Sisterhood in Harvey

Rev. Sean Mulligan was installed as North Dakota State Chaplain by National Director / State Supervisor Barbara Wiechmann during opening Mass at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. North Dakota State Regent Deb Johnson presented Rev. Mulligan with a State Chaplain pin.



Sisters (& Father) were Welcomed by

Deb Johnson State Regent
and
Kathy Flagen Regent
Ct. Sacred Heart, Harvey



State Chaplain's Message Fr. Sean Mulligan



Message from National Director Barbara Wiechmann



Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

† Johanna Schwahn

Ct. St. Catherine #323

† Joan Meyer

Ct. Marquette #677

† Virginia Wilson

Ct. St. Therese #958

† Geraldine Kirby
† Maxine Wilt

Ct. St. Claire #1846

† Alvina Goldade
† Loretta Vetter

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

† Margaret Hager
† Marie Heit
† Marlys Keller



"Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen"



A Christian pilgrimage is a journey responding to an internal stirring of the Spirit. We want to open ourselves to encounter God to reflect on our life journey, the joys and the sorrows. It may be a desire to go deeper into ourself or into God.

Holy Father, Pope Francis announced 2025 as Jubilee Year with a theme of “Pilgrims of Hope” as a year of hope for the sufferings of the world. This Jubilee year began December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica and ends January 6, 2026. It was Pope Francis’s hope that Christians around the world would do a Pilgrimage during this Jubilee year of “Hope” to increase their prayer life to God and to reach deeper within themselves to encounter God.

Many Christians have made a Pilgrimage to Rome to visit St. Peter’s Basilica and other Basilica’s and Cathedrals throughout Rome. Knowing that this is not possible for many, Pope Francis gave permission to local bishops to designate pilgrimage sites in each diocese across the world. The Jubilee in each diocese began on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29, 2024, and will end on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28, 2025.

The Diocese of Fargo scheduled a Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage to six Jubilee sites throughout the Diocese. As a Prairie Pilgrimage of Hope it’s understanding the significance of the pilgrimage, to express the great need for conversion and reconciliation.

The newly restored bronze doors of the Cathedral in the Diocese of Bismarck represent the same doors in Rome, so the pilgrims, throughout this holy year, are invited to pass through the holy doors when making a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The symbol, or object, of the holy year is the processional crucifix which has been given a place of honor in the sanctuary of the Cathedral. This crucifix is the destination for the holy year pilgrimage and serves as a reminder of the object of our faith and the cause of our hope—the Cross of Christ.

Our Fall Day of Sisterhood theme was Pilgrims of Hope and the State Board had an afternoon of pilgrimage for those in attendance. We were given a list of Marian Grottos across North Dakota with information on each of the grottos as well as two national holy sites close to North Dakota. We are encouraged to visit these grottos as a Pilgrimage of Hope. Not everyone is able to visit Rome, a national holy site or ND grottos so you are encouraged to find in your city a holy site you can visit as your Pilgrimage of Hope. To fulfill your pilgrimage, you can attend Holy Mass, spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and med-

Greetings from northwest North Dakota!

As a teacher it is hard to believe that we are one-fourth of the way through another school year.

Last spring Williston’s court – Court St. Therese #958 – hosted the state convention. One question that came up during the Day of Sisterhood Workshop was the following: What was the cost to the local court? For the most part, each item’s income and expense broke even. The calculated amounts by the local chairperson and the North Dakota State Board were accurate. However, the Williston Court held a raffle (1/2 beef was donated) which earned \$5,986 as seed money for the convention. This allowed the local court to give a donation, gift card, or cash to local groups and individuals to say thank you for sharing their talents and time for the convention. In the end, the Williston Court basically broke even with very little extra money used by the local court’s funds.

Hosting a state convention is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding. It was a wonderful opportunity to pray together and work together as a team and tap into the many talents of our membership.

As a new member to the North Dakota State Board for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, it has been my absolute pleasure working with the other members of the State Board, learning my position, and especially having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you.

Wishing each of you a joyous fall season.

May God continue to bless and keep each one of you safe.
Wanda Meyer
State Treasurer



itation, conclude with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God (such as the Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, Memorare, etc.) and pray the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis.

Whatever pilgrimage you are able to journey, offer up your sufferings or the hardships of your lives in a spirit of Hope for everyone around the world.

In Unity and Charity
Marylin



Ct. St. Ann #261

Mary Jane Foley

Ct. St. Mary #268

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Amy Kurtz

Elizabeth Nelson (R)

Alison Pokrywinski

Amber Stokke

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Brianna Carpenter

Robynn Berger

Kelly Fisher

Rose Ann Kerzman (R)

Mandy Schaaf

Carol Walther

Ct. St. Catherine #323

Emily Hirschfeld

Ct. St. Theresa #958

Audrey Anthony

Maria Knaup

Maria Kamila Navarro

Ct. St. Claire #1846

Lorlyn Turman

Lorraine Weber

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

Trisha Maine

Ct. Holy Cross #2718

Kristina Hayward

(R) = renewed membership



Welcome to the
Sisterhood!

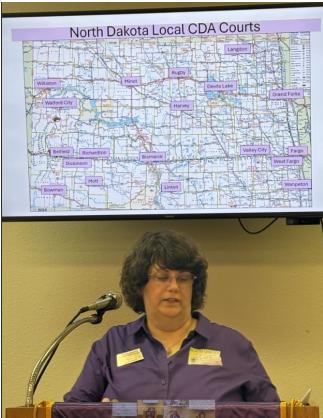


- **LET US BE---**
- **STRONG IN UNITY**
- **GENTLE IN SPIRIT**
- **FAITHFUL IN OUR WALK**
- **MINDFUL OF EACH OTHER'S BURDENS**

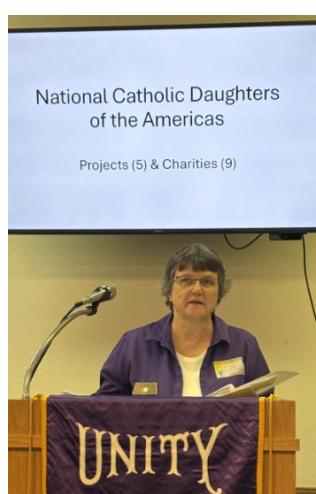
• **SUPPORTIVE AS WE WALK THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL WILDERNESS**

- **LEADING WITH EMPATHY, NOT JUST AUTHORITY**

May we never forget that we are companions in our membership in our court and each step should be guided by love and each member cherished by GOD.



1st Vice State Regent
Sue Judd-Dyrness



2nd Vice State Regent
Angi Scheett



State Secretary
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Wanda Meyer



Court Saint Catherine #323, Dickinson Beloved Spouse of Jesus

by Jennifer Wyckoff



Every little girl dreams about her wedding day - the dress, the church, the flowers, and the groom standing at the end of the aisle waiting to be united to her for the rest of their earthly lives. I tried to have those same dreams but there was always something missing, or so I thought. The groom. Every time I imagined my future wedding I could never envision anyone standing there waiting for me and honestly it was disheartening, and I wouldn't recognize that my future spouse had been waiting for me at the altar for 35 years, As humans we desire being desired and loved, something which I had yet to experience (by any man earth side.)

Fast forward through the college dating, tears, prayers, and religious life discernment to 2020 when I received the proposal of a lifetime. Jesus was calling me to be His, exclusively and eternally as His bride into a unique, rare, ancient and particular vocation, consecrated virginity! As I read about it I felt as if I was reading about my own life and I knew it was God's holy will but I struggled to find information and assistance within the diocese. It would be a couple of years until God would present me with the person I needed to begin the process to become a consecrated virgin, my priest/boss/formator. In 2022, I accepted Jesus' proposal and a formation plan was created. On my birthday, March 1, 2023, I was given the amazing news that I would officially begin formation the following week, I cried a lot of happy tears. September of 2024 my formation team (formator, confessor, and a spiritual director) agreed that I was ready and by a letter printed in my own hand, we petitioned the bishop to consecrate me. He agreed to my consecration and I was told to pick a date, and knowing that my confirmation saint's feast day was approaching I chose November 22nd. The bishop accepted the date and the preparations began. During this time I was required to take a silent retreat, which was both a blessing and a test. I also needed to do all the fun wedding stuff in sending out invitations to family, friends, priests and religious, plan the liturgies for the Mass (my favorite part), plan the food and decorations, find musicians and a photographer, and find a dress ... in 2 months time. Everything fell into place beautifully.

November 22, 2024 (Feast of St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr) was the day that I fully surrendered my life to the Lord, and embraced my new role as a mother, bride, and spouse, it was the most beautiful and perfect day ever! I walked (wanted to run) down the aisle of my home parish, St. Joseph's in Dickinson, North Dakota, to meet my Beloved at the altar. I was completely filled with peace and joy, no nerves. The pews were filled with people I love, I was accompanied down the aisle by my 2 attendants (one of which is also a consecrated virgin), 4 servers, a deacon, 6 priests and Bishop David Kagan! The Rite



of Consecration to a Life of Virginity for a Woman Living in the World is incredibly beautiful. I placed my hands between the bishop's hands and then laid prostrate in front of the Altar of Sacrifice while the Litany was sung, both of which are also seen at the ordination of a priest. By the power of God, Bishop Kagan conferred my consecration as I knelt before him, then I was given the physical insignia of my brideship to Jesus in the form of a wedding ring that the bishop placed on my finger and a veil, I was also given the Liturgy of the Hours. The most beautiful part of the Mass was being intimately united with Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, as His beloved spouse.



My life is no longer my own as a Bride of Christ and is lived fully in service to the Church and under the direction of the diocesan bishop. My days are spent in prayer, penance, sacrifice, and works of mercy and consist of daily Mass, at least one Holy Hour, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, other devotional prayers, and serving the Church in my personal apostolates which include my full time job as an executive assistant to my priest, and director of the faith formation for the 4 parishes in our city.

Fr. Justin Waltz Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Jennifer





Court Saint Gianna Molla #322 Bismarck JCDA RPR Interview

by Karen Selensky, Regent

Pictured at left: Our interview on Real Presence Radio - host Karen Selensky (Regent - Ct. Immaculate Conception #322) with guest Maddie Abbot.

Maddie is our member who will be leading the new Junior Catholic Daughters of America court, St. Gianna Molla #322.



Best Wishes Jennifer, You are truly blessed!



Left to right: Brian Frank (server), Glenda Bird (attendant), Justin Berger (server), Fr. Brandon Wolf, Fr. Christian Smith, Jennifer, Bishop David Kagan, Fr. Justin Waltz, Fr. Benjamin Wanner, Jacinta Evinger (consecrated virgin), Fr. Dustin Johns, Joseph Hauglid (server), Alvin Meier (server), Fr. Joseph Evinger



Court Saint Ann #261, Fargo CDA Pilgrimage to State Convention

by Vicki Bosch

Court St Ann #261 Fargo ND took a CDA Pilgrimage to the State Convention in Williston ND. There were 7 Court St Ann daughters that headed to Williston ND for the State CDA convention May 2-4, 2025. They were Karla Kraviec, Peggy Motschenbacher, Lois Titus, Patsy Mathern, Paulette Kraiter, Nancy Berg and Vicki Bosch. We decided since we had to drive across the state, we would make this a pilgrimage to prepare our hearts to open to the Holy Spirit for the convention. The sites we chose to visit were Holy Cross church in West Fargo, University of Mary Marian grotto, the gravesite of Blessed Michelle Duppong, and the Richardton Abby. We recited a decade of the Rosary at each site. We managed to turn a 7-hour journey into a 14-hour long trip but the blessings we received along the way were too numerous to count.



Holy Cross Church was recently dedicated by Bishop Folda and many in the group had not yet seen this beautiful church. We were met by Fr Kevin Lorsong for a brief tour of the sanctuary and a beautiful travel blessing was given to us for our journey. The first decade of the rosary was prayed close to the Statue of Padre Pio.

Pictured (LtoR): Patsy Mathern, Nancy Berg, Vicki Bosch, Lois Titus, Rev. Kevin Lorsung, Karla Kraviec, Peggy Motschenbacher and Paulette Kraiter (Past State Regent)



University of Mary Marian grotto was visited after navigating the road construction in the parking lot.

It is a peaceful place to visit and pray. The second decade of the Rosary was prayed by Mary.

Pictured (LtoR): Nancy Berg, Karla Kraviec and Peggy Motschenbacher.

The gravesite of Blessed Michelle Duppong was visited after an interesting trip over red gravel roads facilitated by “google maps”. We first visited the home of Monica Jacobson a cousin of Michelle, whose farmstead is next to the cemetery where Michelle is buried. She graciously hosted our lunch. We then headed to the cemetery for prayers and another decade of the rosary. It is a very beautiful and peaceful place where one looks out over the rolling hills and farmlands. We felt very close to her presence and the presence of God in this setting.

Front Karla Kraviec, Paulette Kraiter;
Middle: Lois Titus, Peggy Motschenbacher;
Back Nancy Berg, Vicki Bosch and Patsy Mathern.



We made it to the Richardton Abby for a visit with the monks and a tour of their abbey and the beautiful church. We were late and did not make a good first impression on our tour guide Fr. Placid. We ended up as great friends and he gave us a thorough tour of the abbey, and we learned a lot about Benedictine history and the history of the abbey. It is the only church in the US that serves both as an abbey church and a parish church for the community. We found many treasures in their gift shop and wine cellar where we were hosted by Br Basil and before we left, we said another rosary in the abbey chapel.

LtoR: Patsy Mathern, Peggy Motschenbacher, Vicki Bosch, Brother Basil, Nancy Berg, Paulette Kraiter and Lois Titus.

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North Dakota State Pilgrimage

by Deb Johnson

The Fargo Diocese provided the opportunity to do a pilgrimage to all the sites chosen in this Jubilee year of Hope. Why do we go on pilgrimages? We all need a little downtime with God. Every journey brings us closer to God. If we are going to treat ourselves, why not enrich ourselves with the Glory of God? On this road-trip to Maryvale, St. Mary's Cathedral, Carmel of Mary Monastery, St. James Basilica, St. Michael's Church, and St. Therese Little Flower Church, I was blessed to encounter fellow Sisters in Christ and Past State Chaplain Very Rev. Franklin Miller. We were lucky to see the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit in which they haven't been able to prove that it is not Christ. I hope you all take advantage of opportunities offered to spend time with God at least once a year.

Pictured LtoR: Deb Johnson, Angela Scheett, Nancy Orthman and Anne Wuolu



Court Saint Ann #261 Fargo Celebrating New Members

by Deb Johnson

Ct St. Ann's #261 newest CDA sisters as they were welcomed into our court. Left to right: Linette Senger, Char Feldman, Jean Durick, Mary Jane Foley, Sheila Van Raden, and Mary Kerbaugh.

Welcome to the Sisterhood Ladies!!!

(cont. pilgrimage to convention)

We made a stop for supper in Dickinson, and then headed north for Williston, through the beautiful badlands during sunset. As we drove, we prayed the final decade of the rosary in our cars as our journey to Williston was drawing to a close. Each of us found peace and meaning in the sites we visited that day. It was a good way to pray for wisdom and knowledge for the convention. It put us all in the right frame of mind to walk into the convention and be ready and willing to follow where the Holy Spirit leads us. Wonderful memories were made, friendships strengthened, and laughs were shared with many stories to tell.

Friday Auction Night at the convention. Ct. St. Ann #261 members enjoying the cake they won with the highest bid and shared with all around us.

LtoR: Patsy Mathern, Deb Johnson, Karla Kraviec, Peggy Motschenbacher, Nancy Berg, Lois Titus and Vicki Bosch, seated Paulette Kraiter.





Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



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The month of November is a month dedicated to praying for our beloved deceased. There are many different ways we can pray for the dead, but one way the Church proposes to us is to offer up the great gift of a Plenary Indulgence which is the removal of all time in purgatory! What a great gift of God's Mercy! Below are some answers to common questions people have about and "how to obtain" Plenary Indulgences, enjoy!

Indulgence

- What is an Indulgence? An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (Sacrament of Confession), which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. (can. 992, CCC 1471)

- How does this relate to my relationship with Jesus? This is another sign of Jesus' great desire for us to be with Him in heaven! Not only does He forgive us our sins (Baptism/Confession) to save us from the fires of Hell, but He also takes away all time in Purgatory (Plenary Indulgence)! Jesus so desires you to be with Him, that He doesn't want you to go to Purgatory temporarily, but straight to Heaven!

- What is Purgatory? The state in which those suffer for a time who die guilty of venial sins, or without having satisfied the punishment due to their sins. You can think of Purgatory as the "Entryway" to Heaven. A soul in Purgatory is only there temporarily and will only end up in Heaven! Simple logic - If I am imperfect (not the psychological illness of perfectionism, but being perfected in love) and I enter the perfect place (Heaven), I would make Heaven imperfect. So God, in His mercy, instead of sending me to hell because of these imperfections or to satisfy any temporal punishment due to sin, gives me time .

(Purgatory) to remove the imperfections. Once perfected in love, I enter heaven.

- What does an Indulgence do? An Indulgence either removes some (Partial Indulgence) or all (Plenary Indulgence) time in Purgatory (temporal punishment due to sin)

- Can I give it to someone else? Plenary indulgence may be applied to the recipient or a deceased soul, unless otherwise stated.

- How do I get a Plenary Indulgence? In order to obtain one, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

1. Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin

2. Have sacramentally confessed their sins

3. Receive the Holy Eucharist

4. Pray for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father & Hail Mary)

5. Do the Prescribed Work for the plenary indulgence

- What are some of the Prescribed Works (# 5 above) to receive a plenary indulgence?

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least half an hour

- Devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures for at least half an hour

- The devout performance of the Stations of the Cross

- The recitation of the Rosary in a group at a church or oratory with family, religious Community, or pious association

- Devoutly visiting a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead from November 1-8 (May only be applied to one deceased person)

- Further Instructions: "It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions (#'s 2-4 above) take place on the same day that the indulged work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulged act.

Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence."¹

- How often can I get one? A partial indulgence may be gained several times a day, unless otherwise stated; A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.

- Is it hard to obtain a Plenary Indulgence? It's being free from all attachment to sin (# 1 above) that's hard and it's quite possible that even evidently good people, who seek plenary indulgences regularly, never, in their whole lives, obtain one, because they are unwilling to relinquish their favorite little sins.

- What if I don't complete all the steps for a Plenary Indulgence? If one is not free from all attachment to sin (# 1 above), the indulgence will only be partial. If a person doesn't complete #'s 2-4 above, then an otherwise plenary indulgence becomes only partial.



Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck Appreciating Our Priests

by Karen Selensky

Buddy Program for June Priest Appreciation month
and our distribution of gift baskets to the parish priests.



Upper right LtoR:
Financial Secretary Barb Thorson,
Fr. Steven Vetter,
Rufus,
Patti Armstrong,
Fr. Joshua Ehli
(Cathedral Parish-Bismarck)



Second row on the left LtoR:
Brigid Turbide,
Fr. Josh Waltz,
Ursula Masseth
(St. Joseph's-Mandan Parish)

Second row on the right LtoR:
Sue Mock, Fr. Dustin Johns,
Fr. Rus Kovash, Delores Friedt
(Ascension Parish-Bismarck)

Third row LtoR:
Fr. Dinoy Rebera,
Regent Karen Selensky,
Fr. John Paul Gardner
Bev Rivinius
(Corpus Christi Parish-Bismarck)



Fourth row LtoR:
Alice Eretz, Barb Braun,
Fr. Fred Harvey, Joanne Mahrer
(Christ the King Parish-Mandan)



Fourth row middle right:
Fr. Kregg Hochhalter
(St. Anne's Parish-Bismarck)



How to get your court's activities in the newsletter: Take pictures, write a brief story of what your court is doing in the pictures, give a list of names of people in the pictures - Then please email to Laurel Ann Dukart Editor at dukartcda@outlook.com.



Court Saint Mary #268, Devils Lake March for Life

by Marylin Aune

Ct St. Mary #268, Devils Lake had several members participate in the Ramsey County Area Right to Life March for Life held October 1. The RTL event began with a tail gate at Encore 301 movie theatre, a half hour walk then watched the Movie "Bella".



Members attending (pictured L to rt):

Marylin Aune
Cindy Ewert
Sue Ann Locker
Luanne Krein
MaryAnn McDonald,
Sally Herda
Patty Cote
Carol Kuntz



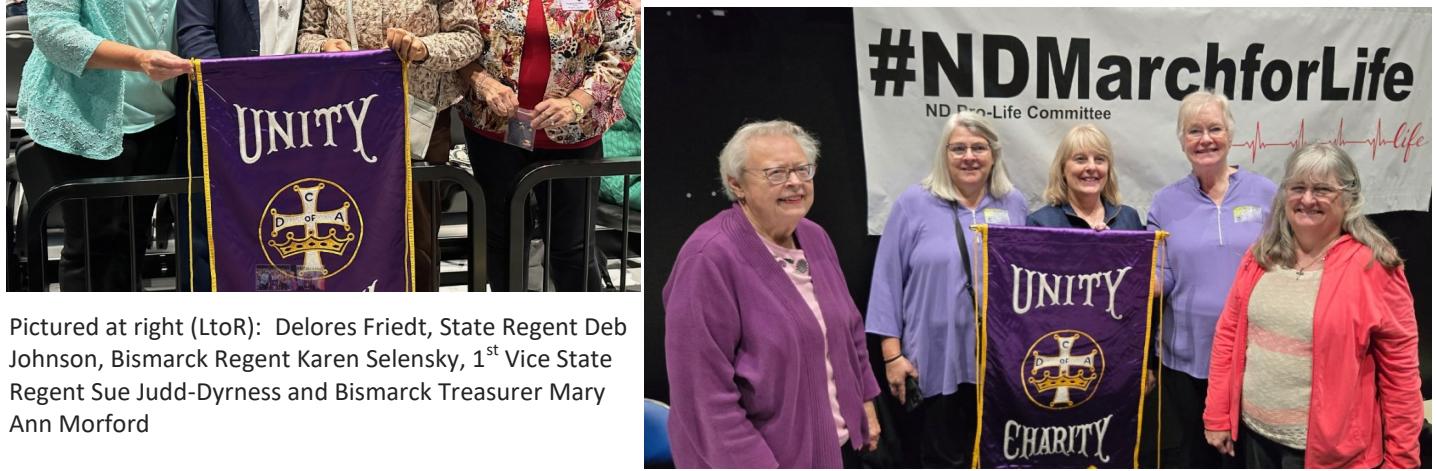
Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck Walk for Life

by Karen Selensky

Sisters in Christ found at the ND March for Life in Bismarck on October 10th. We enjoyed Mass with Bishop Kagan, lunch, a great speaker, and witnessed the enthusiasm of the younger generation in supporting life!



Pictured at left (LtoR): Alvina Reichert, Bismarck Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum, Norma Rajme and Virginia Dolajak



Pictured at right (LtoR): Delores Friedt, State Regent Deb Johnson, Bismarck Regent Karen Selensky, 1st Vice State Regent Sue Judd-Dyrness and Bismarck Treasurer Mary Ann Morford



Court Father Tracy #2121 Bowman Celebrates 50 Years

by Codie West

Court Father Tracy #2121 Celebrates 50 Years!

On July 27, 1975, Court Father Tracy was instituted at St Charles Catholic Church in Bowman, ND. And fifty years later, on the same day, July 27, 2025, Catholic Daughters from St. Charles, St. Mel's, and St. Mary's along with Catholic Daughters from other courts around the state gathered to celebrate. Ct. Chaplain, Fr. Ben Franchuk began the day with Mass. A luncheon and program followed.

State Regent Deb Johnson presented awards to charter members. These ladies are Lenore Burke, Dora Folske, Agnes Kitzan, Marlene Lutes, Shannon Schmit and Current Court Regent Terry Walter. Court Father Tracy's current membership is 45.

Along with State Regent Deb Johnson of Ct St. Ann #261 Fargo, other guest members were from Ct. Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148 of Belfield and Ct. St. Theresa #958 of Williston.



Pictured above (LtoR):

Front row: Charter Members Lenore Burke, Terry Walter, Agnes Kitzan

Second row: Berna Hendrickson, Evelyn Wahl, Codie West, Bea Vadner, Felise LaFlamme, Rose Bergquist, Rosemary Kadrmas

Third row: Carol Foss, Rita Septon, Jane Nelsen, Donna Manolovits, Bonnie Mrnak, Amy Burke, Susan Hinek

Fourth row: Father Ben Franchuk, Betty Pearson, Louise Hilton, Sandy Caron, Ann Walby



Pictured at left (LtoR) are: Jane Nelson Treasurer, Codie West Vice Regent, Deb Johnson State Regent, Terry Walter Regent, Carol Foss Recording Secretary, and Susan Hinek Financial Secretary



Court Immaculate Conception #322 Bismarck 63 Years a Member

by Karen Selensky

Elvira Rogstad and her daughter Sharon Renfrow at our September meeting. Elvira is Court Immaculate Conception's #322 oldest member at 96 years young. She has been a member for 63 years and her daughter Sharon Renfrow was just awarded her 25 year award. Both lovely ladies. They are both members of St. Hildegard's in Menoken, ND.





Day of Sisterhood 09-27-2025



Pilgrims of Hope Walking with God
Marylin Aune, Deb Johnson, Fr. Mulligan,
Angi Scheett, Sue Judd-Dyrness, and
Wanda Meyer

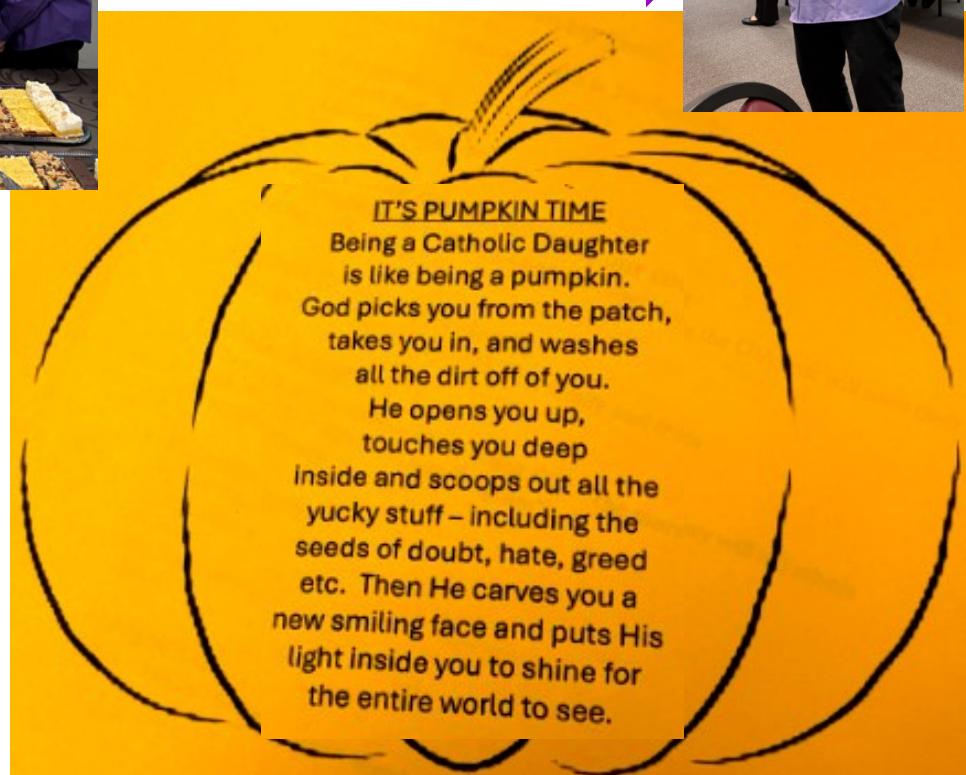


Immediate Past State Regent
Mary Baer



"I can do all things in You!"

Iveth Luna



Living Rosary

1st Vice Regent Sue Judd-Dyrness led us in the living rosary and announced each of the Joyful Mysteries.

Each sister took her turn at praying the Apostles' Creed; a Glory Be, O My Jesus, and Our Father; or a Hail Mary. Together we prayed the Hail, Holy Queen, Concluding Prayer; and Memorare.





Day of Sisterhood 09-27-2025



State Regent Deb Johnson presented the following **2025 National Recognitions:**

Essay Division I 3rd Place

George Johannsen

Ct. Elizabeth #170 Minot

Accepting Gloria Niess Regent



Poetry Honorable Mention

Susan Waldoch

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908 Harvey

Accepting Kathy Flagen Regent



Art Division III 3rd Place

Sarah Novak

Ct. Marquette #677 Grand Forks

Accepting Margaret Hoeger Vice Regent

Sarah accepting her certificate from
Joan Scheett Court Education Chair



Courts not present:

Art Division I - 1st Place Emma Trettel

Ct. Cardinal Muench #1852 Wahpeton



Circle of Love, Membership Contest Local Court

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322 Bismarck - 6 new members



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2025-2026 Education Award Themes are:

◊ ***"The Least of These"***

~ Matthew 25:40

◊ ***"The Least of These :
Lifting Others Up"***





Local Court News



Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck CDA Sunday

by Karen Selensky

Court Immaculate Conception #322 celebrated CDA Sunday by attending Mass together.



Pictured (LtoR):

First Row LtoR: Fr. John Paul Gardner, Cathy Bergan, Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum, Regent Karen Selensky, Millie Wald, Johanna Nagel, Lorri Lengenfelder, Joanne Jaszkowiak, Delores Friedt, Treasurer Mary Ann Morford, Recording Secretary Diane Krupinsky

Second Row LtoR: Marella Krein, Bev Rivinius, Ursula Masseth, Jelena Barfield, Mandy Schaaf, Mary Uhlman

Third Row LtoR: Joanne Wangler, Rita Mastel, Florence Wangler, Norma Rajme, Celia Sattler



Court Marquette #677, Grand Forks CDA Sunday

by Laurel Ann Dukart

To celebrate CDA Sunday, Court Marquette #677 attended Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, enjoyed a breakfast sandwich provided by Joan Scheett monthly chairman, and held a meeting.



Pictured (LtoR):

Fr. James Gross Pastor at St. Mary's, Angi Scheett 1st Vice State Regent, Laurel Ann Dukart Financial Secretary, Sue Pettersen, Treasurer, Kaaren Pupino Regent, Margaret Hoger Vice Regent, Mary Cox Secretary, and Msgr. Daniel Pilon Court Chaplain.

Suzie Flom modeling the CDA aprons that will be worn at our next Pie Social.



Joan Scheett Oct. Chairman

LtoR: Joan Scheett, Angi Scheett, Mary Helt, Suzie Flom, Mary Jo Schill, Msgr. Pilon, and Lucy Hanninen





Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey CDA Sunday

by Kathy Kennedy

Court Sacred Heart #1908 in Harvey spent their CDA Sunday serving throughout the Mass. We served as Lector, Song Leader, Organist, Eucharistic Ministers. And Gift Bearers. 26 members processed in with Fr. Boucher. Kathy Kennedy, our Vice Regent, gave an inspiring talk about CDA activities with an invitation to **"Come, check us out!"**



Pictured (l to rt)

Front row: Shirley Leintz, Meg Hoffart, Nancy Selzler, Diane Martin, Kathy Kennedy, Kathy Flagen, & Angie Marchand.

2nd row: Rosalie Axtman, Ally Haluska, Jennie Martian, Carol Vondal, Mary Kennedy, Connie Schneider, Carol Weininger, Trisha Maine, & Mary Hall.

Back row: Fr. Boucher, Elizabeth Cunningham, Elizabeth Leier, Heather Schann, Myrna Marchand, Sr. Anne Germaine Picard, Susan Waldoch, Janet Steckler, Vanessa Anderson, Mary Bachmeier, Lola Faul, & Deacon Jeff Faul.

Court St. Ann #261, Fargo CDA Sunday

by Deb Johnson

Ct. St. Ann #261 enjoyed Mass together at Nativity Church and supported the Knights by eating a delicious KC breakfast.



Front LtoR
Paulette Kraiter
Karla Kraviec
Peggy Motschenbacher
Nancy Berg
Deb Johnson



Back LtoR
Myrna Rivard
Dorothy Montplaisir
Pam Olson

Spirit of North Dakota

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