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State Regent - Mary Baer



REJUVINATED by Mary Baer, State Regent

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

Feeling pretty good about being a North Dakota Catholic Daughter. It was so nice to be able to gather as a group for our State Convention. It was an exhausting but exhilarating weekend. I was definitely CDA rejuvenated. I wish I could have visited with more of you at the convention, but time went by too fast. Those of you that were there I hope your heart was filled as mine was and that



you were able to take home some new ideas or thoughts for your courts. For those of you who were unable to attend I know it is not possible for everyone to attend but it is my hope that sometime every member could experience a convention at least once. It is such a great way to share our faith with our Sisters in Christ. Much of this newsletter focuses on highlights from the convention that may be of interest to everyone and may have been hard to take notes on at the convention. I hope all will enjoy.

My wish for everyone is to have an enjoyable summer. Perhaps think of some new CDA projects or ideas. I will keep you posted in my monthly Regent letters as to updates about the Fall Day of Sisterhood on September 30.

Blessings for a Beautiful Summer
Mary

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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.

State Chaplain - Rev. Shane Campbell



CALLED TO WITNESS

by Fr. Shane Campbell, State Chaplain

Jesus promises, just before he ascends into heaven, to send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit animates us in our following Christ more closely, to know and understand what we believe, and to have the courage to proclaim what we believe. What a magnificent gift. These "special graces are given to enable [us] to spread and defend the faith by word and deed as a true witness to Christ" (Didache Bible; CCC 900). The Catholic Church is missionary. Jesus did not intend for only the Apostles to go and make disciples. We, through our baptism, are likewise commissioned to profess the faith. We must allow the graces and blessings we receive to provide us the courage and wisdom to encourage many other souls to encounter Jesus and pursue a path to holiness and heaven.

Our goal is not only to reach the gates of heaven — the very ones Jesus opened through his love and sacrifice, but more importantly, through our own love and sacrifice, answering his call to witness to all the ends of the earth is to bring as many others with us as possible.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



“PUT YOUR NETS OUT INTO THE DEEP: MOVING MOUNTAINS”

2023 NATIONAL FALL RETREAT

RETREAT DIRECTOR:
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FATHER SHENAN BOQUET

Fri, Nov 10 - Sun, Nov 12, 2023

Starting/Ending with lunch at noon
on both dates.

Spirituality Life Center

7100 E 45th St. N, Bel Aire, Kansas 67226

\$300.00 includes room & meals.

Limited to 65 retreatants.

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2023 STATE CONVENTION

by Barb Ward, National Director

Here I am—on a mid-sized plane sitting in a middle row, with the seat belt around my middle, in the middle of a writer’s block. OK! OK! —enough about the “middles”. What a wonderful four days I have just experienced! Thank you to all my CDA Sisters of North Dakota! You emulate what we were built on—Spirituality and Service. Spirituality—the offering of a Vocation Mass, a Memorial Mass, the Installation Mass, novenas, adoration, rosary and so much more. Service—your gifts for the baby shower for The Women’s Care Center, your state project. In addition to this you had all the other good works you performed throughout the year. This was quite evident when you presented your court symbols.

Our motto, Unity and Charity, was prevalent throughout the whole weekend. Unity—hosting court #2148, Our Mother of Perpetual Help of Belfield came together (for a court of approximately 41 ladies) to pull off a state convention. CDA—Can Do Anything! The whole community pitched in to help—unification in action! Donations that you garner to help various projects swell during conventions.

Many thanks to all the wonderful ladies I met this weekend. To the State Board who gave me a chance to get to know them better, and to State Chaplain Rev. Shane Campbell for all his support and time. A special thanks to Bruce and Mary Baer for sharing their home, and EVERYONE who helped in any way this weekend. I hope to see some of you again at your annual Fall Workshop. God Bless you all!

Barb Ward
National Director

Beauty for Ashes: Hope and Healing in Jesus Christ

Surround yourself with women who pray for you behind your back, no jealousy, no backstabbing, just complete happiness for you, and a desire for your success.

Those women are out there so don’t settle for less. Good friends are God’s gift to us, and how we treat them is our gift back to Him.

Be this woman!



LEADERSHIP

by Deb Johnson, 1st Vice State Regent



Prayer for Leadership

*God did not call us to succeed.
God called us to serve.
God did not call us to win.
God called us to work.
God did not call us to live long.
God called us to live for God.
God did not call us to be happy.
God called us to be hopeful.
God did not call us to fame.
God called us to faith.
God did not call us to seek power.
God called us to seek peace.
God did not call us to loot from the earth and from each other.
God called us to love our earth and each other.
(From Guide my Feet by Marian Wright Edelman)*

Thank You Ct. Our Mother of Perpetual Help of Belfield for a convention well done! Thank You to all who came and made our sisterhood complete! It was a Blessing to have all our past National and State Regents present. You all may not realize what an impact you have had and still continue to have on our ND CDA members. Thank You for all you’ve done for CDA. Thank You to all who came for the first time! I hope you met many and got to know your sisters from the other courts.

Remember to thank your court officers as we are coming to the end of our CDA year. Meetings may be done but they are busy planning next year. Give them ideas on things you would like: group activities, prayer, serving others or speakers you’d like to hear. As we work together, we make our courts stronger in faith and fellowship. Your state board will attend the national workshop offered for us in July in Arizona. We look forward to bringing back new ideas for the fall workshop offered to you.

So, until we meet again-Enjoy your summer-Pray for your sisters and Have fun with family! In Unity and Charity with Love and Prayers,

Deb Johnson
1st Vice State Regent



MEMBERSHIP

by Sue Judd-Dyrness 1st Vice State Regent

I would like to thank all of my sisters who were able to attend the State CDA Convention in Belfield this May. What a wonderful convention we had and thank you for allowing me to be your Second Vice State Regent for another two years!!

I would also like to thank the members who have worked hard at getting new members to join their courts. We had two courts this past 2 years gain over 20 new members. Court St. Therese # 958, Williston gained 28 and Court Holy Cross # 2718, West Fargo gained 24. We also had Court Immaculate Conception # 322, Bismarck gain 16 new members and Court Our Lady of Perpetual Help # 2148, Belfield gain 10 new members. Wow!! That is super!! Keep up the good work ladies!!!

Most of our courts also lost members, so we need to always keep thinking of ways to invite new members. We have a wonderful organization in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and we need to share with others how and why we love Catholic Daughters. The women of your parish need to be invited to join, so step out and start inviting.

May you have a blessed and peaceful summer!!
Love and prayers,
Sue Judd-Dyrness 2nd Vice State Regent

State Secretary - Rita Mastel



Pray the Rosary
by Rita Mastel,
State Secretary



What a beautiful month of May! Yes, to me it is filled with a lot of special things: Mothers' Day; birthdays; anniversaries; weddings; graduations; and the CDA State Convention. The Ascension of Our Lord; Pentecost and the visitation by our Blessed Virgin Mary. Also, the month of the rosary - all wonderful things that we are able to enjoy and celebrate so pray the Rosary and wash your hands because *God and germs are everywhere*.

Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you abundantly!



GENEROSITY

by Angela Scheett, State Treasurer



The recent Biennial Convention was a wonderful event. I really enjoyed the whole weekend. It was my first convention as a State Officer, which gave me a new insight into the experience. I learned quite a bit. I am glad for the opportunity to participate and continue in my role as State Treasurer for the next two years.

As I mentioned in my last article, the offering gathered during Friday and Saturday Mass and at brunch on Sunday were earmarked for specific donations. People were very generous. The amounts collected included \$508.00 for vocations, \$1,205.05 for the Women's Care Center, and \$760.08 for Project Ignite Light, which was selected as the new State Project.

The funds for the Women's Care Center will be added to other Local Court donations received since January 2023, when the last donation was sent for Giving Hearts Day. So, a final amount of \$1,380.05 will be sent to the Women's Care Center. As a reminder, we gave them a total of \$5,658.00 over the past two years, of which \$4,905.00 was designated for Giving Hearts Day, increasing the amount the Women's Care Center eventually received.

About 40 baskets were donated by Local Courts or individuals. They were split between two auctions. A live auction was held after supper Friday evening. The auctioneer, Jon Leadbetter, kept it a very lively event which raised a total of \$2,380.00. The baskets designated for the Silent Auction were available for bidding on Friday and Saturday. It closed after the banquet Saturday evening and raised a total of \$1,214.00.

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Angela Scheett State Treasurer

Correction from 2023 Spring Edition

In the last issue of the newsletter, new member Jennifer Rose Larson, was incorrectly listed in the deceased member list. I apologize to Jennifer and Court Saint Therese #658 for this error.

Laurel Ann Dukart, Editor

Welcome New Members

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

Lynn Lewis

Ct. St. Catherine #323

Tina Pavcek

Cheryl Brooke (renewal)

Joan Nikoal

Joan Berger

Ct. St. Therese #958

Jennifer Rose Larson

Ct. Marquette #677

Mary Cox

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

Sandra Mack

Ct. Bishop Wehrle #1919

Denise Brossart

Ct. BishOur Mother of Perpetual Help #2148

LaRae Tschetter

Betty Obrigewitch

Ct. Bishop Wehrle #1919

Joan Haus

Gayle Cummings

Kathy Albin



Welcome to the Sisterhood!

In Loving Memory of Our Sisters in Christ

Ct. St. Mary #268

† Loretta Gefroh

† Karen Nick

† Shirley Kitsch

† Lois Reardon

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

† Diane Glatt

Ct. St. Catherine #323

† Donna Wolf

Ct. Marquette #677

† Mona Feist

Ct. St. Therese #958

† Maureen Spooner

Ct. Little Flower #1193

† Bertha Schell

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

† Leona Volk

† Karen Olschlager

Ct. Queen of the Prairies #1965

† July Illerbrunn

Ct. Father Tracy #2121

† Dybe Jacobs

† Elanor Sime

Ct. Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148

† Sarah Emmil

Ct. St. Cecelia #362

† Pricilla Eckroth

† Helen Risch

† Laurel Sullivan

† Laurayne Miska

† Beatrice Zander

† Mary Masseth

† Aldene Barnard

† Mary Ann Morrison

† Florence Dillman

† Betty Hilfer

† Betty Axtmann

† Pearl Zerr

† Francis Berger

† Martina Stanek

† Betty Brunelle Taghon

† Angie Gieser

† Betty Kostelecky

† Deloris Palmer



“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord!”



photos by Angela Scheett

Above: Fr. Marty Nagy explains the meaning of the icon Mary our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Right: Deacon Tony Holt explains how he ‘leads’ with his stole as Fr. Nagy looks on.

53rd Biennial ND State Convention, Belfield, ND



Convention photos on pages 6, 7 and 8 by Annette Steffen and Angela Scheett.



Deb Johnson
1st Vice State Regent
introducing
Belfield Mayor Jeff Iverson



Left to right: Elaine Benson & Lucy Hanninen Session Timers, Sue Judd-Dyness 2nd Vice State Regent; Lynette Knoll Secretary Pro Tem; Gloria Niess State Parliamentarian; and Mary Baer State Regent



Mary
Our
Patroness



Left to right: Deb Johnson 1st Vice State Regent; Fr. Shane Campbell State Chaplain; Angela Scheett State Treasurer; Barb Ward National Director / Supervisor; and Laurel Ann Dukart Immediate Past State Regent

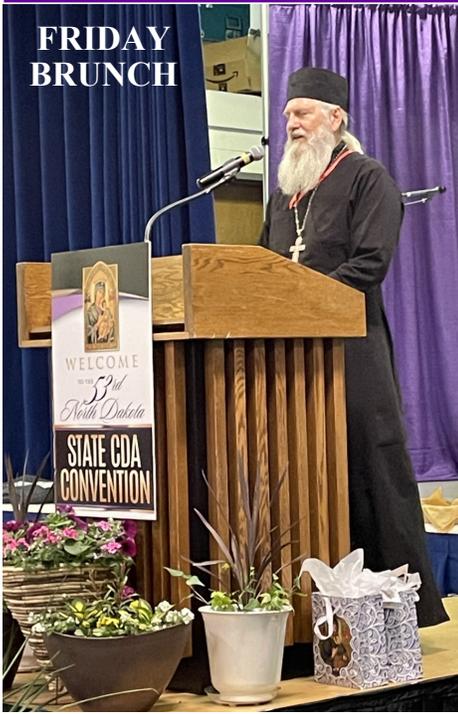


CONVENTION
FLOOR



Our Lady of America

53rd Biennial ND State Convention, Belfield, ND



FRIDAY BRUNCH
Fr. Marty Nagy Pastor
St. Demetrius (Fairfield) and St. John
The Baptist (Belfield) [Ukrainian Rite]



Kolach
Ukrainian Welcome Bread



FRIDAY AUCTION
LIVE AUCTION
Jon Leadbetter, Auctioneer



FRIDAY BANQUET
Ukrainian Choir



Our Lady of
Perpetual Help



53rd Biennial ND State Convention, Belfield, ND



Monsignor Thomas Richter



Left to right: Carol King and Susan Gunn
Rachel's Vineyard



Our
Lady
Queen
of
Heaven



State Deputy Kevin Boehm
Knights of Columbus



Annette Steffan
Convention Co-Chairman



Sister Phoebe Schwartz



ROSARY
Led by National Director and State Officers

Local Court News

#171 Court St. Elizabeth. Minot

by Ali Coleman

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, St. Elizabeth Court #170, celebrated their 111th anniversary as the first and oldest court in North Dakota. Our ice cream social gathering was fun, with old memories shared and new memories made. Our membership is now 50 Christian women. A 7:00 pm memorial mass is held the second Tuesday of every month at Our Lady of Grace to honor our deceased and living members. We missed all of you who could not join us. Please know that we prayed for you and ask that we pray for each other daily. It is a blessing to hold the title of Regent for St. Elizabeth, Court #170. Thank you to all the officers and members as we continue to recruit new members and share our time, talents, and treasures.



Way in Back: Vicky Theil

Back Row Left to Right: Arlene Fiedler, Cathy Burbach, Gloria Aberle, Amber Klein, Loretta Burbach, Miranda Hager, Bonnie Brunner, Julie Gayzur, Varden Lang, Deb Brothers, Karen McDonald, Ali Coleman, Darlene Solberg, Gloria Niess, Bernice Redding

Front Row Left to Right: Janette Mapes, Veronica Gores, Evelyn Klein, Dorothea Howey, Isabel Klein, Elaine Benson.

SAVE - THE - DATE

2023 Fall “Day of Sisterhood”



Saturday, September 30, Wilton, ND

Hosted by Court Elizabeth Ann Seaton #2122

More information coming soon!





Congratulations to all the Courts! Divisions were changed this year to make the number of courts in each division more even.

Education

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott
- 3rd Place Court Queen of the Prairies #1965, Langdon

Division II

- 1st Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey
- 2nd Place Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot
- 3rd Place Court Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson
- 2nd Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck

Family

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court Marquette #677, Grand Forks
- 3rd Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott

Division II

- 1st Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey
- 2nd Place Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Mary #268, Devils Lake
- 2nd Place Court St. Therese #958, Williston
- 3rd Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson

Leadership

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court Marquette #677, Grand Forks
- 3rd Place Court Elizabeth Ann Seton #2122, Wilton

Division II

- 1st Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey
- 2nd Place Court Holy Cross #2718, West Fargo
- 3rd Place Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot

Division III

- 1st Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck
- 2nd Place Court St. Mary #268, Devils Lake
- 3rd Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson

Legislation

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court St. Claire #1846, Linton
- 3rd Place Court Queen of the Prairies #1965, Langdon

Division II

- 1st Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Mary #268, Devils Lake
- 2nd Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck

Quality of Life

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Claire #1846, Linton
- 2nd Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott
- 3rd Place Court Marquette #677, Grand Forks

Division II

- 1st Place Court Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton
- 2nd Place Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot
- 3rd Place Court Holy Cross #2718, West Fargo

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Therese #958, Williston
- 2nd Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson
- 3rd Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck

Spiritual Enhancement

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court Marquette #677, Grand Forks
- 3rd Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott

Division II

- 1st Place Court Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148, Belfield
- 2nd Place Court Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton
- 3rd Place Court Holy Cross #2718, West Fargo

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Mary #268, Devils Lake
- 2nd Place Court St. Ann #261, Fargo
- 3rd Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck



April 2023 Raffle Winners



**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas®**

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Dorothy Smith Zahl, ND \$100
2 Jean Thielman Fargo, ND \$100	3 Connie Paintner West Fargo, ND \$50	4 Ruth Quam Wahpeton, ND \$50	5 Denise Tebay Norfolk, VA \$50	6 Magdalena Banyai Mott, ND \$50	7 Charlotte Hoff Richardton, ND \$50	8 Brenda Volesky Belfield, ND \$100
9 Joanne Oltmanns Dickinson, ND \$100	10 Jason DeLorme Williston, ND \$50	11 Rosemary Kadrmas Bowman, ND \$50	12 Annabelle Weger Dickinson, ND \$50	13 Regina Emery Williston, MN \$50	14 David Holkup Wilton, ND \$50	15 Delores Friedt Bismarck, ND \$100
16 Paulette Estvold St. Croix, MN \$100	17 Jane Busko Fargo, ND \$50	18 Paulette Estvold St. Croix, MN \$250	19 Peggy Mondry Detroit Lakes, MN \$50	20 Marjorie Conley Wilton, ND \$50	21 Cheryl Grossman Dickinson, ND \$50	22 Joanne Fischer Marmarth, ND \$100
23 Lenore Burke Bowman, ND \$100	24 Scott Johnson Fargo, ND \$50	25 Mary L Peters Dickinson, ND \$50	26 Charlotte Hoff Richardton, ND \$50	27 Regina Schmidt Belfield, ND \$50	28 Joseph Hauglid Dickinson, ND \$50	29 Weston Manifold Mandan, ND \$100
30 Mary Peters Dickinson, ND \$250	1				5	6

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Circle of Love 2023 Winners continued

Youth

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott
- 2nd Place Court Elizabeth Ann Seton #2122, Wilton
- 3rd Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City

Division II

- 1st Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey
- 2nd Place Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson
- 2nd Place Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck
- 3rd Place Court St. Therese #958, Williston

Scrapbook

Division I

- 1st Place Court St. Gerard #2518, Valley City
- 2nd Place Court Queen of the Prairies #1965, Langdon
- 3rd Place Court St. Veronica #1421, Mott

Division II

- 1st Place Court Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton
- 2nd Place Court Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey
- 3rd Place Court Father Tracy #2121, Bowman

Division III

- 1st Place Court St. Mary #268, Devils Lake
- 2nd Place Court St. Catherine #323, Dickinson
- 3rd Place Court St. Therese #958, Williston

Membership Trophies

Selma Carufel Trophy (greatest percentage increase) - **Ct. Holy Cross #2718**, West Fargo - 24 new members
Claudia Bosch Trophy (most new members) - **Ct. St. Therese #958**, Williston - 28 new members

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Newly Installed North Dakota State Officers



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