



# Spirit of North Dakota

## State Regent — Laurel Ann Dukart

A special **“thank you”** from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, Masses, cards, etc. They were like a blanket from heaven covering and protecting me from further harm. I felt my Guardian Angel always at my side. Due to diabetic complications I was hospitalized for 45 days, then back to my apartment. I still have a procedure or two before complete recovery and I will be able to walk on my right foot again.

**“Thank you”** to Mary Baer 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent and my State Board, for stepping up and taking care of things when I was unable to do so.

**State Activities:**

The State Board was honored to assist some Local Courts with the **installations of newly elected officers.** This

was done while observing restrictions and using safety precautions. Congrats to all 2020-2022 Local Court Officers.

On Respect Life Sunday, October 4, the Board attended Mass at the Cathedral then joined Bishop Folda for the annual diocesan Eucharistic procession **“Walk with Christ for Life”.** (pictures page 6)

Following the walk, the Board participated in the **“40-days for Life”** campaign, peacefully praying on the sidewalk in front of the Red River Women’s Facility. (pictures page 6)

The October 10, **2020 Fall Virtual Workshop** was a success thanks to Courts/members that participated. Local Courts shared how they were managing during this trying time. Each Court doing what



worked best for their Court.

For **CDA Sunday**, October 18<sup>th</sup> articles by Bonita Erickson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent were included in both the Dakota Catholic Action and the New Earth. I hope you were able to read her article and celebrate CDA Sunday with your Court.

Due to circumstances, the CDA sponsored **Nativity Scene** will not be displayed at the North Dakota State Capitol this year. “Thank you” to Marella Krein Regent, members of Ct. Immaculate Conception #322 and Margaret Sitte Legislation Chairman for their time and efforts to attempt to make this happen. (cont page 7)

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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,



"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Lk 2:14). Immediately after the angels finished singing and returned to heaven, the shepherds left the pastures in the hills to make their way to Bethlehem to see what had taken place. Upon their arrival in Bethlehem, they found the "King of kings and the Lord of lords" (Rev. 19:16) lying in a manger, with Mary and Joseph, wrapped in swaddling clothes. The shepherds were greatly blessed by God to be introduced to Jesus at the beginning of his life on earth. As Catholic Daughters, we

are all blessed by God to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18b) this year and every year through our efforts to love one another in "unity and charity".

Living in these difficult times with COVID-19 we "search" out the Christ Child as did the shepherds so that our hearts will become closer to him. "In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Jesus is our hope in difficult times. As disciples of our blessed Lord, we always strive to keep in mind that "God is with us" (Mt 1:23b) in all we do because "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts by

the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Prayer, formed by the liturgical life, draws everything into the love by which we are loved in Christ and which enables us to respond to him by loving as he has loved us" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2658). Let us love God greatly by reaching out to those in need during these difficult times, especially our fellow Catholic Daughters.

Please stay safe and well!



May you have a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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### Welcome New Members

**Ct. St. Ann # #261**

Sherry Behrman

Rachel Kriese

Kayla Mehrer

Bernadette O'Keefe

**Ct. St. Mary #268**

Sarah Gratton (T)

**Ct. Immaculate Conceptoin #322**

Sharon Miller

**Ct. St. Catherine #323**

Martha Dvorak

Doreen Pacht

**Ct. Sacred Heart #1908**

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"T" - transfer

## Welcome National Supervisor — Nancy Bambebek



It is a joy to extend my warmest wishes of Christ peace and blessings to you. I would like to start by thanking you for reading my note. Installation as your National Director occurred for me in Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday, October 3, 2020. My two-year term will conclude at the National Convention in Puerto Rico, July 2022.

I loved growing up on a dairy farm in Southeast Minnesota with a family of 10. I enjoyed helping my dad outside much more than the inside work that seemed mundane. I went to Catholic school and yes, I wore a uniform every day to school. I dreamed of becoming a nurse since the ninth grade. That dream became a reality when Mayo Clinic, Rochester hired me to be a nurse on a surgical neurology floor. I loved the fast pace and the joy it brought me to help patients recover and go home. I left the hospital to marry my husband, Michael and move to the Winona area. We have eight children, 15 grandchildren with two of them in heaven as infants. All of these Godly gifts smite me.

I work at the Ronald McDonald House full time and have a home

health care business. With several other CDA nurses who are also court sisters, we assist our elderly to be able to stay in their own homes until the end of life. Both of these opportunities are extremely gratifying to me.

I am most grateful to Sherry Nilles, our National Regent who believes in me for this position. I am excited to meet each one of you. I want to be of value to your courts. I will make you three promises. Number 1. I will pray for you daily. All of the members and especially the leaders at the local level and at the state level. Number 2. I am a hard working team player. My farm background has not left me totally. Number 3. I will make mistakes and you need to tell me so I can ask for your forgiveness. In the Gospel of St. Luke, we read that after Jesus cured ten lepers, there was one, a Samaritan, who returned with great gratitude, "fell at the feet of Jesus, and thanked Him." This image is a poignant reminder that stirs my heart to take time to give special thanks to God for the many blessings I have received.

My prayer for you is that you may know of the peace that surpasses understanding and the joy that gives strength and hope to the heart.

Nancy Bambebek  
CDA National Director  
Minnesota.

## In Loving Memory

### Ct. St. Elizabeth #170

- † Rosella Ruebleke
- † Mathilda Kuntz
- † Donna Christen
- † Norma Baranick
- † Theresa Gehl
- † Barilynn Martin

### Ct. St. Catherine #323

- † Veronica Gayda
- † Johanna Eberts
- † Mary Haich
- † Ann Marie Neurohr

### Ct. St. Veronica #1421

- † Patricia Helfrich

### Ct. St. Claire #1846

- † Albina Kelsch

### Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

- † Esther Goldale

### Ct. Bishop Wehrle #1919

- † Dorothy Barth
- † Rose Renner
- † Minerva Zimmerman
- † Stella Rummel

*May they rest in  
Peace*

*Amen,  
Alleluia!*



## Local Courts—Installation of Officers

### Ct. St. Ann #261, Fargo



On September 8, 2020, installation of new officers for Court St. Ann #261 was held at St Anthony of Padua church prior to our meeting and presided by Deacon Paul Schneider. Newly elected officers are (L to Rt): Lois Titus, Financial Secretary; Deb Johnson, Vice Regent; Peggy Mondry, Regent; Linette Knoll, Recording Secretary; Barb Stendberg, Treasurer.

### Ct. St. Mary #268, Devils Lake



Court St. Mary, #268 Had their Installation of new officers on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at their first meeting of the year.

Officers were installed by the Very Rev. Chad Wilhelm, Court Chaplain and Bonita Erickson, 2nd Vice State Regent. Our new officers are from left to right: Cheryl Hefta- Recording Secretary, Deborah Bustos- Vice Regent, Charlotte Kitsch- Regent, Rose Windjue- Financial Secretary, and Joann Kitchens- Treasurer.

### Ct. Marquette #677, Grand Forks

Officers were installed by the Msgr. Daniel Pilon, Court Chaplain. Front row from left to right: Sue Petterson Recording Secretary (proxy); Mary Jo Schill Treasurer; Mnsgr. Pilon; Lucy Hanninen Regent; Virginia Wilson Vice Regent; Suzanne Flom Financial Secretary. Back row: Bonita Erickson 2nd Vice State Regent and Laurel Ann Dukart State Regent.



### Ct. St. Veronica #1421, Mott



Rochelle Steinke Treasurer; Mary Messer Recording Secretary; Mary Pat Schwartz Regent; Fr. Stephen Foluruno Chaplain; Peggy Crane Vice Regent; Cheryl Olson Financial Secretary.



## Local Courts—Installation of Officers, cont.

### Ct. Cardinal Muench #1852, Wahpeton



L to R: Fr. Dale Lagodinski Chaplain; Wendy Wermer-skirchen Treasurer; Cathy Johnson Recording Secretary; Liz Toussaint Regent; Pat Keaveny Vice Regent; Sue Solberg Financial Secretary; and Fr. Eric Seitz

### Ct. Sacred Heart #1908, Harvey



L to R: Deb Schultz Recording Secretary; Carol Vondal Treasurer; Donna Marthe Regent; Kathy Flagen Vice Regent; Susan Waldoch Financial Secretary; Fr. Kevin Boucher Chaplain



Officers placed rosaries in the open hands at Mary's feet.

### Ct. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #2122, Wilton

Back row: Secretary Mary Ann Welder, Treasurer Amy Beehler

Front Row: Vice Regent Cindy Opp, Regent Heidi Quinn, Financial Secretary Marge Conley



### Ct. Holy Cross #2718, West Fargo

Front Row (L to R): Robin Knudson Vice Regent; Lisa Roeske Regent

Back Row (L to R): Dora Mae Mitzel Financial Secretary; Kathy Haaland Treasurer; Kathie Wokasch Recording Secretary



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent — Bonita Erickson



What a year it has been! I would have never imagined a year ago that we would face a worldwide pandemic that would change our lives so dramatically.

As our daily lives have been up-ended, one thing has not changed. The love of God the Father and

our Lord Jesus Christ!

God is close to you, closer than you can ever know. He not only walks beside you. He lives within you. He is there to strengthen you everyday, to comfort you and to guide you. As we come to the season of Advent, let us ask Jesus to come into our lives.

Jesus, come and dwell with me, with my family and with your whole church.

Take a minute to ask the Lord to

speak to your heart. Lift up all your needs and concerns and trials to the Lord.

O come Emmanuel!! Come into our hearts. Merry Christmas to you!



### State News

### "Walk with Christ for Life" - Respect Life Sunday,



Bishop John Folda lead the procession as the rosary was recited by his flock.



Bonita Erickson  
2nd Vice State  
Regent



Sue Judd State Secretary and Deb Johnson State Treasurer (with Sue's granddaughter Tyana)



Praying for the end to abortion.

### Prayer To the Virgin Mary

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word."



Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.



Deb Johnson, Sue Judd, Bonita Erickson and Laurel Ann Dukart

### 40 Days For Life Sidewalk Campaign



Praying the Rosary: Deb, Sue, Amara, Bonita and Tyana (seated)

## Local Courts News

### Ct. St. Elizabeth #170, Minot

We made sure that every Catholic Daughter in Court St. Elizabeth received a revised booklet about what our court does in the community. Multiple changes were made. This booklet will be revised again in 2022.

Our court sends every Catholic daughters, family whom has passed on to be with our Lord in heaven.

We have a Mass said for every Catholic Daughter who passes. We process and honor her at Mass.

With COVID-19 visitation with Catholic Daughters in Assisted Living or Nursing homes is not permitted. We cannot take them a flower or cookie, this saddens us deeply. We do call and send cards. Involvement in the community is very limited now. We will be taking photos at our court when we send a card to our Seminararians, with prayers, and news from home. We are putting our thoughts together, what to send that they can hold in their hands and make them smile.

Ali M. Coleman, Regent

### Ct. St. Ann #261, Fargo

Just a few CDA members gathered together (due to COVID) for CDA Sunday on October 18, 2020 at St. Anthony of Padua Church at the 11:00 mass with Fr Courtright officiating. Deb Johnson shared a message with all about being a CDA member at the start of the mass. Members in attendance were (L to Rt – Front Row): Patty Landsman, Mary Mann, Joan Rheault, Linette Knoll, and Marie Dormanen. (Back Row): Bernadette O'Keefe, Judy Niebauer, Ann Steinhof, Peggy Motschenbacher, Peggy Mondry, and Deb Johnson.



### Ct. Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck

At the November meeting of the Immaculate Conception Court #322 Father Wayne Sattler spoke about the book he just finished and published the spring of this year; 'And You Will Find Rest, What God does in Prayer'

The book is based upon retreats that Father Sattler has presented on and is for people on the path of prayer. To help them understand the path of contemplation. Father Sattler is hoping that anyone who learns from his book to make a commitment to daily prayer. He also introduced the works of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. The book is meant to be read more than once and to turn to for guidance in ones prayer life.

In Unity & Charity, Marella A. Krein, Regent Court #322



## State Regent—cont from front page

**2021** I challenge members to get their creative juices flowing and participate in the National CDA Education Contest. Themes for 2021 are:

***“Let All You Do Be Done With Love”***

***“Show Love To One Another”***

How timely, a little reminder to love others as Jesus loves us.

In January, the State Board will continue with plans for The 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial North Dakota State CDA Convention ***“Mother Mary Our Perpetual Help, Our Refuge and Our Hope”*** scheduled for April 30-May 2, 2021. The venue is in Belfield – Masses at St.

Bernard's Catholic Church. Court Our Mother of Perpetual Help #2148 of Belfield will be our hosts. The convention will be different than past conventions. We may need to consider virtual options. We will keep you informed as things progress.

Things to start thinking about for the state convention:

- elect delegates/alternates prior to February 15 (must be post-marked and sent to National by then)
- suggestions for a State Project
- consider running for a State Office



**Please stay safe!**

***Merry Christmas!!!***

***In Unity and Charity,  
Love, Laurel Ann***

*May the Holy Spirit grant you the gifts you most need and those you will make the best use of.”*

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!