

Court St. Mother of Mercy #621
Hometown, MN
REGENTS REPORT
APRIL 2011 – APRIL 2013

Regent's Name:
Chaplain's Name:
Meeting: 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Resurrection Church
Annual Dues:

Current Members:
New Members:
Deaths:
Resignations:
Current Membership:
Number of Receptions:

Major Court Sponsored Events: Birthright Baby Shower; lead the rosary before Sunday Mass once a month with the intention to end terrorism; provide a rosary for each parish Baptism, donate a 9/11 remembrance bouquet for the church; sponsor a soup supper during Lent; Annual Fall Bazaar; Annual Spring Salad Luncheon, Good Eaten' cookbooks—2005 State Fundraiser; coffee an' at K of C Bingo; Court Anniversary Dinner with recognition for 25 year members.

Major Fundraisers: Annual Fall Bazaar averaging \$1,400; Annual Spring Salad Luncheon averaging \$800; Fall 2007 bake sale for MN State Fundraiser \$375; Good Eaten' cookbooks \$55; free will offering at Coffee an' at the Knights of Columbus Bingo average \$55

Annual Contributions:

Catholic Charities	\$ 50	Deacon retirement (2008 only)	\$ 25
CDA National Projects	\$ 75	Priest going-away gift (2008 only)	\$ 100
No. Am. Pontifical College	\$ 51	Range Respite/Camp Joey	\$ 50
MN State CDA Projects	\$222	Ronald McDonald House	\$ 50
Christmas/Easter Flowers for church	\$ 50	Salvation Army	\$100
9/11 Bouquet	\$ 25	Rosaries for Baptisms (average)	\$ 40
Diocese of New Ulm-San Lucas Mission	\$ 50	Scholarship for High School Graduate	\$500
Gummi Bears (average)	\$750	Youth of Parish Donation	\$ 50
Morality in Media	\$ 50	High School Band Calendar	\$ 10
MCCL	\$100	Post Grad Parties	\$ 75
Prolife	\$100	Eveleth-Gilbert Sport Boosters	\$ 40
Needy family of Parish	\$ 50	Quad City Food Shelf (2008 only)	\$207
Mission in Honduras (2008 only)	\$ 50	Mesabi Thunder Special Olympics	
Priest's Christmas Gifts	\$100	(2008 only)	\$100
Priest's Appreciation Day	\$ 65		

Meeting Programs:

Student report about his Close-up trip
Circle of Love Projects
Horizons presentation—volunteer group with grant to improve community
2 Members of local Lutheran Church members about their mission trip to Honduras
Memorial for Deceased Members (Nov)

Circle of love Program

Spiritual Enhancement: We lead the rosary before the Sunday Mass each month with the intention to end terrorism. We say the "Take Time, Take 3" (3 Hail Marys) to end terrorism after each meeting. Each month, we have a prayer intention for the month. Members are notified of this intention at our court meeting and through our newsletter and the church bulletin. Parish members are also encouraged to pray for these intentions. Our Court members are responsible for Eucharist Adoration for one hour each week. We are prayer partners for First Communion and Confirmation students each year. Besides these Court activities, members set up and assist at Masses at the nursing homes and participate in the World Day of Prayer service.

Legislation: During the past 2 years, our Court has sponsored the Birthright Baby Shower in our parish. We secured the services of the Special Needs Department in the Virginia High School to make punched cutout of teddy bears, bears, hands and lambs to be used as gift tags that were labeled with the needed gift items. The pastel colored gift tags were hung on a twig tree on a banquet table in the back of the church. A layette basket with a few gifts already inside was also displayed on the table. Announcements were published in the church bulletin asking parishioners to consider taking a tag and donating an unwrapped baby item. The collection included three weekends and resulted in an average of 450 items donated each year. The items were then delivered to the Birthright headquarters. Birthright is an organization that helps young mothers in need during and after their pregnancies.

At each meeting, our legislative chairperson reports on issues and bills in the legislature using Operation Morning Star and other newspaper articles. Our Court Directory includes contact information for our MN and US Congressmen.

Leadership: We are very pleased that we received 9 new members into our court during the past 2 years. Members are involved in all of our court activities and events. They chair and serve on the bazaar, salad luncheon, Gummi Bear, soup supper and coffee and committees. Members chair the education, youth, legislative, and sunshine committees and serve as ritual coordinators for our court. This gives members and opportunity to use their leadership and other talents and allows the Court officers to concentrate on duties of their office.

National Projects: Our Court contributes \$75 annually toward the National Projects, plus \$51 annually to the North American Pontifical College. One of our members has also made hats and scarves for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Quality of Life: Instead of having our traditional sit down dinner at our December CDA meeting, our Court decided to donate the cost of our meal to the local Food Shelf that provides emergency and short-term food assistance to income-eligible individuals and families. Members donated \$207 and 235# of nonperishable food items.

Our Court has provided volunteers one Friday each month for our local Salvation Army Supper Club. These volunteers serve the meal and help with the clean up. Our Court annually donates to MCCL, ProLife, Morality in Media, Salvation Army, Range Respite, Ronald McDonald House, Catholic Charities and a needy family in our parish. Members visit the hospital and nursing homes and donate gifts to the Giving Tree and Birthright.

Youth: In cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, our Court sponsors a breakfast for the graduates of our parish. We award a \$500 scholarship at this breakfast. Annually our Court donates to the chemical-free post-graduation parties in our area. Our Court members are Prayer Partners to the First Communion and Confirmation students of our parish. Members collect Campbell's labels, Kemp's milk bottle caps, and 'boxtops for education' for our local schools. Members also donate craft items and used greeting cards to be used by local students. Our Court budgets \$100 annually to help youth attend retreats.

Education: Our Court is very proud of the creative endeavors of the participants of our 2008 CDA Education Contest. We had a State 1st place winner in art, 2nd place winners in art and essay and 3rd place winner in photography. CDA member, Nancy Palo's painting was the National winner! Another CDA member placed 3rd in poetry in Minnesota.

Publicity: To keep members informed and to promote community awareness, we use the church bulletin and the local newspapers to announce our activities and events. We submit photos and articles to the Gopher News. We use public service messages on the area radio station and public access TV to advertise our fundraisers. We also use poster to advertise our fundraisers. Our Court publishes a newsletter quarterly.