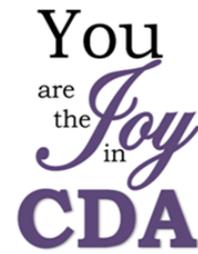


2019 State Convention



The Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their Biennial convention in Rochester, MN on May 3rd and 4th, 2019. CDA members from throughout the State of Minnesota gathered for the event at the Kahler Grand Hotel and the Co-Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The Theme for the event was “You are the Joy in CDA.”

Evonne Seivert, State Regent, Marshall presided over the business meetings. Father Mark Steffl served as the State Chaplin. The convention opened with greetings by the mayor of Rochester, Kim Norton: Chamber of Commerce President, Kathleen Harrington: Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, Mike Kleinschmidt and National Supervisor, Susan Mone’ from Arizona, along with other convention chairs.

50 year plus members, were recognized for their years of service and dedication to Catholic Daughters. The Junior Catholic Daughters from Perham, Winona and St. Charles presented Red Roses and a 50 year pin to the honorees. The Perham JCDA members were Abigail Olstad and Ella Niehaus along with the State Youth Chairmen, Emilee Olstad.

The 2019 State Regents awards was presented to Fuzz Hammers, Perham and Anita McNulty, Eveleth in recognition of valuable contribution to the Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, May 3rd, to honor our decreased members who passed away since the last convention.

After the Saturday Mass a new slate of State officers was installed: Father Mark Steffl and Susan Mone’ installed Father Tim Biren St. Charles, who will be the State Chaplain of the Catholic Daughter for the next biennium. Father Tim Biren and Susan Mone’ installed the newly elected State Officers: State Regent Marlys Knuth of Slayton: First State Vice Regent, Mary Pufall of Moorhead: Second State Vice Regent, Monica Capra of Mazeppa; State Secretary, Bonnie Hein of Fergus Falls and State Treasurer, Vera Hannig of Crookston. These ladies will be serve until the next State Convention to be held in Moorhead, Minnesota in 2021.

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State Theme

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Phipilians 4:13



The 48th Biennial Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas convention was held close to home for Court St. Charles! Being held in Rochester allowed for less travel time to set up the Marian shrine that was supported by Court St. Charles with assistance from parishioners too. Various Blessed Mother statues were donated to the shrine as well as Marian photos. At the convention's opening mass, members from the various courts, brought a candle to the shrine. The shrine was a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

Right:

Special Regents Award given to Fuzz Hammers & Anita McNulty by State Regent Evonne Seivert



Right: Stephani Diekmann is pictured accepting the 1st place newsletter award from State Regent Evonne Seivert, on behalf of Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore, at the MN CDA convention in Rochester. The court newsletter chairperson is Deb Lutmer, and it will now be entered in the National newsletter contest to compete with courts from other states.



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Court St. Rita was represented by Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Treasurer Lorie Curtis, members Rosie Altstadt and Florence "Fuzz" Hammers. Rosie Altstadt and Fuzz Hammers were recognized for their 50 plus years of service. The Perham JCDA members present were Abigail Olstad and Ella Niehaus along with the State Youth Chair, Emilee Olstad.

Court St. Rita received a Superior award for Publicity: 1st place JCDA St. Teresa of Calcutta, for their activities: Awards of Merit were received for Court Development and Court Retention. The education contest winners were 3rd place Sam Lafond and Natalie Rooney for their essay. Natalie Rooney also received 3rd place for her Art.

At the Memorial Mass, Court St. Rita remembers Kathy Thomas and Kathryn Perszyk. Kathryn was a member of Court St. Rita #409 for 69 years.

Court St. Rita #409 is proud to be a member of the Catholic Daughters since 1919. We are looking forward to our 100th Anniversary celebration on September 15, 2019 which will be held at St. Henry's Catholic Church.

Respectfully submitted: Florence "Fuzz" Hammers, Publicity Chair.



Pictured above: Lois Nelson is announcing the award for Court Development/Retention as State Regent Evonne Seivert presents it to Regent Diane Rohde-Szarke, in the back ground is Parliamentarian Zonda Befort.



Pictured above: State Regent Evonne Seivert, Fuzz Hammers and Regent Diane Rohde-Szarke accepting the award for Publicity, in the back ground is State Secretary Bonnie Hein.



Several members of Court Queen of Peace, Slayton and St. Theresa, Currie attended the State CDA Convention in Rochester on May 2-4 at which time Marlys Knuth was installed as Minnesota State Regent.

Pictured are: Karen Juenemann, Bev Schreier, Sharon McClure, Rita Lear, Marlys Knuth, Joyce Risacher, Jeneen Nelson, Joanne Halbur, Jan Bryan, Jan Thraen, Lana Oliver, and Jill McCord.



A tradition at the Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas convention is to host a luncheon celebration honoring 50+ members. A wonderful meal was prepared by the Kahler Grand hotel staff, and local JCDA court members presented those celebrating 50+ years with flowers. It was wonderful to see these members honored for their many years of sharing their time and talents with their local CDA courts.



National Representative, Susan Mone', installs our new MN State Board; left to right; Vera Hannig, MN State Treasurer; Monica Capra, Second Vice State Regent; Marlys Knuth, MN State Regent; Mary Pufall, First Vice State Regent; and Bonnie Hein, MN State Secretary.

Congratulation to all!



*Left to right): Member, Darlene McGuire, accompanied Fran Goodrich, a **60 year member** of Court St. Charles at the CDA Minnesota Convention luncheon honoring 50+ year members.*



Above: Pearl Wieneke is the newest 50+ year member of Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore. Her nameplate was added to the plaque of the other 50-60-70 year members. Congratulations. Pearl and thank you for your dedication and commitment to our court.



The passing of the gavel and signing of the document



Pictured Left to Right: Sharon Kinker, Norma Giles, Lorraine Weverka, Vicki Meulebroeck, Diane Doom, Arlene Lesewski, Jackie Doom, Fr. Mark, Mary Carstensen, Kathy Everslage, Mary Eick, Louise Van Leeuwe

These Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 attended the May 2019 CDA Convention in Rochester. These members immensely enjoyed the weekend with other CDA members. They attended the meetings, renew many friendships, socialized and enjoy the delicious meals with many other CDA Courts at the State Convention.



Above: Monsignor Fr. Richard Colletti court chaplain for Ct. Santa Maria #247-Adrian, Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore and Ct. Madonna #839-Wilmonet posed for a photo at the State convention in Rochester. Attending the convention and representing their courts were: front-Lynnette and Lenore Domeyer; back -Stephani Diekmann, Deb Lutmer, Cindy Bullerman, Fr. Colletti, Patricia Lenz, Lori Nelson, Carol Bertrand and Joan Joens.



What's in the Box!!

The CDA Court of St. Joan of Arc #1291 from Marshall attended the State Convention in Rochester May 2019. Here we are enjoying the Recognition Dinner for our State Regent, Evonne Seivert. Evonne has such a love for collecting many fun assorted hats that she now treasures. The Marshall Court of St. Joan of Arc #1291 honored her by wearing "Sparkly Purple Hats" for her Recognition Dinner, "Fun and Food" enjoy by all!



Left to Right: Arlene Lesewski, Kathy Eveslage, Diane Doom, Sharon Kinker, Lorraine Weverka, Vicki Meulebroeck, Louise Van Leeuwe, Mary Carstensen, not present Mary Jo Eick.



Marlys Knuth's family surprised her and entertained us at the Saturday evening banquet. From left to right: Grandson Aaron playing the Bass, Son Nathan at the piano, Granddaughter Tamar playing the flute and grandson Jonah playing the Cello. It was beautiful!



Minnesota JCDA members



JCDA Merit Award

Minnesota 48 Biennial State Convention



Evonne's Convention Summary

*A much awaited event came on May 3&4 in the year Two thousand nineteen
Minnesota Catholic Daughters met in Rochester; a Convention to convene.*

*We greeted each other with hugs, joy and laughter plus "Glad to see you?"
We had registered, checked in, got name tags, our notebooks, and meal tickets too.*

*Promptly at nine we gathered as Regents carried in small tea lights
They were placed on the Shrine of Holy Mother Mary; a special, holy, gleaming sight.*

*Our liturgist Rita led us in "The Joy of the Lord" and believe me, we sang every word
We sang from our hearts and our souls, 'though new to us now, we couldn't miss being heard*

*Those on the dais were introduced so we knew who was there,
We were seated by courts with our delegates well prepared.*

*Rochester dignitaries arrived and greeted us as did our Second Vice National Regent too,
Plus our Chaplain, State Officers, Convention Committee, Paste State Regents to list just a few.*

*We listened to Standing Rules, Parliamentary Procedure , Correspondence and all.
A Credentials Report is essential so each Court responded to the Secretary's roll call.*

*Our agenda seemed long with so much to do, so with no other challengers in view,
We voice voted for Officer, Marlys, Mary, and Bonnie with Monica and Vera brand new!*

*Our State Board Complete with Regent Marlys, 1st Vice Mary and Sec. Bonnie on board again.
We added Monica Capra as 2nd Vice and Vera Hannig as Treasurer, both ready to begin.*

*Resolutions passed on attending Adoration, caring for our Sisters and for ourselves too.
We resolved we would continue with Court Pals to get more acquainted as something we do.*

*The Seminarians continue as our project with the Women Religious added now too.
We voted to increase project donations by dollar, an additional charitable gift for those two.*

*We cannot forget the many discussions as delegates were part of it all,
Debate and considerations were essential to answer our call.*

*We celebrated Mass at 4:30 each day, with so much to be thankful for, to God we give praise.
Memorial Mass on Friday, we remembered our deceased members, since our last Convention
days. It was our patriotic day so we wore red, white and blue*

Convention Summary Continues

*We celebrated our Courts by the so many projects well done.
The State Chairs chose winners but all deserved credit – every one!*

*The State Chairs all had exhibits of the work accomplished the past year
It is amazing what they accomplish, they deserve a loud cheer.*

*All appointed DDs and State Chairs are sworn in , they've answered a call
The brand new and continuing both draw interest from all.*

*Fr. Mark Steffl, served Catholic Daughters so well, his caring Chaplain efforts are now complete
Fr. Tim Biren our new Chaplain , now installed , we now graciously greet.*

*Father Tim's game of "What's In The Box?" brought laughter to more than a few
While frightened contestants screamed when a surprise object popped up-you would too!!*

*Jackie and Evonne from the State Board did retire.
Now it's News Letter Editor and Spiritual Enhancement Chairs they aspire.*

*The Convention Committee worked hard and made it happen exceedingly well.
They did so much, much, more, if you noticed their efforts you could tell!*

*Oh yes, the Lucky Bucks, the Silent Auction and photo shots, gave us lots to do
There was never a dull moment, your joy and enjoyment was not all up to you!*

*The food was delicious and plentiful too, with salads and desserts with each meal
The service was excellent and the waiters and waitresses friendly I feel.*

*Ah, the Flipside music that entertained us couldn't be beat.
The Knuth Family's music and dancing were amazing and really a treat.*

*A few of the courts could not be there but you are always in our hearts in all we do.
We are all sacred women and we serve our Lord and He carries us through.*

*The 2019 is history now but fond memories we hold dear,
We'll gather together, in Moorhead, God willing, in the 2021st year.*

Our appreciation to all; you brought JOY with you.

Thank you for being a part of it too.

On behalf the Minnesota State Board,

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