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Regent's Reflections Marlys Knuth, State Regent

Greetings my CDA Sisters,

I pray that All of you are healthy, safe and well today.

First I want to give a shout-out: Congrats Nancy Bambenek on being named as a National Director for Catholic Daughters! You are very deserving of this position.



Covid-19 is hitting close to everyone's home, and especially here in Minnesota. With a heavy heart, but with strong faith in the heavenly Father, I pray that those suffering will have a full recovery and Lord, I am asking You to protect and cover us with your healing hands and precious blood. Please protect and strengthen the elderly, homeless, unemployed, sick, front liners and caregivers, who are exhausted, but not giving up.

My CDA Sisters, I applaud you for getting the year off and running. Officer lists are in, many Courts have returned their financial reviews in a timely manner, some have conducted virtual fundraisers, and monthly meetings are taking place. With all the challenges of the pandemic, you have used Zoom for meetings or gathered in small groups with social distancing, or used email or the telephone. Your resilience and perseverance reminds me of a podcast I listened to recently, "How they Love Mary". Mary is our patroness, and through her apparitions and appearances she has said, "Go and Fear nothing".... "Pray my children, God will hear you." When Mary appeared in Fatima, she requested the daily recitation of the rosary. Those who pray the rosary daily say that praying the rosary brings peace into their life. Prayer is Powerful! We serve the Lord together by taking care of God's people.

We are planning for our State Convention in Moorhead, in April, 2021. We are aware that Covid may still be impacting our activities, so we will have to see what is happening at that time. I will be sending 'The Call to Convention' out in late December. The Board has talked with the caterer and the hotel about Covid issues.

At the Convention new officers will be installed..... we have openings for a State Secretary and a Second Vice-Regent. Let us know if you are interested.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas,

Marlys Knuth

As each one has received a gift.....use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.....

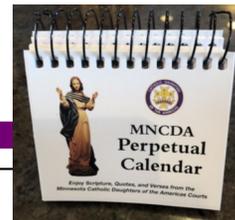
1 Peter 4:10

2020 National Education Contest Winners

ESSAY: DIVISION 2, 1ST PLACE: Dylan Demers, Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead, MN

POETRY: DIVISION 3, 2ND PLACE: Hannah Casselman, Ct Winona #191, Winona, MN

MUSIC: DIVISION 2, 3RD PLACE: Isabelle Holland, Ct. St. Cabrini #1466, Fergus Falls, MN



HURRAH. WOO HOO!! After five years, the Perpetual calendars are finished and ready to be mailed to the Courts. They will make great Xmas or birthday gifts. The purpose of the calendar is to be a fundraiser for the Courts. What a good time since many large group fundraisers are not permitted due to Covid-19. Remember.....each Court could send in a phrase, biblical passage or titles that were meaningful to them at the time. Some Courts even suggested that their inputs be placed on special days and these requests were met..

So.....Courts can now place orders for the calendars.....cost \$8.00 per calendar and the State will absorb mailing or delivery costs.

Courts may resell calendars for the price they select. I have looked at several gift shops and similar sized calendars are priced from \$12.00 to \$18.00

Text or call Marlys Knuth at 507-327-9677 or email me at humphrey7@me.com for the number of calendars you would like. Make your check payable to MN State CDA Court.

No order is too large or too small.....waiting to hear from you!!!!

Marlys

Minnesota
State
Board
News



Congratulations to our new National Regent, Sherry Nilles, and the new National Board that was installed on Oct. 3, 2020 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Des Moines, IA. Due to social distancing, only one hundred and thirty-five Catholic Daughters, family and friends were able to attend and the Red Roses and White Candles Ceremony was prohibited. Nonetheless, it was a beautiful and sacred Mass.

Among the newly installed was our very own **Nancy Bambenek** who was installed as a National Director. Nancy is from Court St. Charles # 1791 in St. Charles. She served as our State regent from 2011-2013. She currently serves our state court as a member of the Leadership Development team. Nancy's deep faith and love of God is evidenced by her abundant joy, kindness, and her genuine concern for others. She is a confident leader and is dedicated to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Nancy will be representing Michigan, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Congratulations to Nancy!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Home ownership is a dream. Give the best gift to a needy family.....sponsor a Habitat Build! There are Regional Habitat offices throughout the State and they are happy to work with you. Habitat applications are due Dec 1, 2020. The application, regional offices list and other helpful info is posted on our website: mncda.org The MN State Court gives a \$10,000 donation toward the build upon completion and dedication of the house. These funds come from the Gummi Bear fundraiser. Carol Bertrand, the Gummi Bear State Chair has informed me that this year, due to the pandemic, many Courts did not order Gummi Bears, so we may not reach the goal of having contributions over \$10,000but do not worry.....in the past years, when the contributions exceeded \$10,000 the State Court put the overages into a separate account, to use in times like this. So, we have funds available for the 2021 Build! This is a great service project as CDA members can help "build" on certain days, volunteering to work is enjoyable, and provides fellowship, new things to learn and new friends to meet.

Note from Olga, our past National Regent and 2020 National Convention awards

Olga wrote "We came so close!" We were well into our plans for a wonderful convention when we were forced to admit we would have to shut it down. I've learned that God is never outdone and He never leaves you hanging.....He always see you through. The National Convention bags can be ordered and are on the National store website. The words "We came so close" are written on the bag.

Awards

National Leadership State Court recognition.....Minnesota.....Investing in our local Courts.....Regent-Marlys Knuth

National Leadership Local Court recognition.....Court St. Charles #1791, St. Charles, MN.....Strengthen our Sisters, Strengthen our Courts.....Regent-Margaret Gall

National Newsletter-local entry-Div. I -2nd place...Court St. Bernard #886, Lismore, MN...Regent-Stephanie Diekmann

National Newsletter-local entry-Div. II -2nd place....Court St. Justin #2020, Mahanomen, MN...Regent-Beverly Schoenborn

National Education contest;

Poetry.....2nd Place.....Hannah Casselman.....Ct. Winona #191, Winona, MN

Essay.....1st Place.....Dylan Demers.....Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead, MN

Music-Div. II3rd Place.....Isabelle Halland.....Ct. St. Cabrini #1466, Fergus Falls, MN

National St. Faustina winners—Minnesota (award given to those recruiting new members);

Beth Arendt.....Ct. St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa-Bellechester, MN

Kathryn Eveslage.....Ct. St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall, MN

The State Board decided that we would send out the following, as a remembrance of the convention:

The National convention pin is one featuring bluebonnets (a Texas flower)

I will be sending a 2020 Bylaws book and pin to each local Court Regent in our State.

Olga's pin, the "praying hands " along with the 2020 Bylaws book will be sent to all DD's and State Chairs.

Save the Date!
April 23 and 24, 2021
Minnesota CDA State Convention
Moorhead, MN
We Are Called...To Serve

You won't want to miss out! Court St. Mary #509, your hosts, are looking forward to seeing all of you next April.

Registration starts Thursday, April 22nd at the Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead at 3 p.m. Hospitality will be on site.

Hotel room rates are \$109.00/night. Please ask for the CDA block of rooms to get the discount rate. You may call the Marriott directly at 218-284-1000. Room registration is open NOW!

The Hotel has a pool, outdoor courtyard, spacious lobby with a small restaurant and bar. Complimentary Continental Breakfast is NOT provided, but the restaurant will be open at 6:30 a.m.

Mass, Convention business meetings, Adoration, Silent Auction and meals will be held at St. Joseph's Church.

Friday Night, The Johnson 5 Band will be playing and Saturday at the banquet, Renee Rongen, Motivational Speaker, will inspire and energize you.

Join the Party! Please bring a new pair of pajamas size newborn through adult to the event and we will deliver donations to women and children in need.

Father Tim Biren, State Chaplain



Greetings in Christ, the Messiah!

We are now in the midst of the liturgical season of Advent. The word “Advent” simply means “arrival.” It is the manifestation of something long-awaited. It is a time that we reflect on Israel’s promised savior and remember his birth, as well as anticipate his return. It is a time of joyous remembrance and eager anticipation.

What are some Biblical themes during this season? Certainly, the love and faithfulness of God our Father is high up there, but have you ever considered the idea of *hope*? Although it may not be the first thing that comes to mind during the Christmas season, there is much to consider, especially this year!

In fact, hope is a very prominent theme in Advent. The anticipation of the coming Messiah is always in light of the hope we have in his return. Just as the Israelites hoped for their deliverance, we too look forward to the final deliverance, his return in glory where he will create a new heaven and a new earth. As the prophet Isaiah proclaims:

*But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31*

God has promised us He will deliver us. He encourages us by his Holy Spirit to cling to His promises, to love His word and to cherish His statutes. He makes clear paths for our feet so that we continue to press forward in a world which is often seems so dark. We eagerly anticipate the coming of our Lord, who shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it. The hope that Jesus has been providing for over 2,000 years will sustain our faith, and we will be stronger than ever – because Jesus is closer than ever!

Come and let us rejoice in the HOPE of our Lord. You got this! Do not be afraid!

God loves you!

Fr. Tim Biren, MN CDA State Chaplain

**God has
chosen you
for greatness!
Join us on the
Journey!**

**Fr. Tim Biren,
Pastor**

Right: Court St. Charles #1791 is excited to have one of our members appointed as a National Catholic Daughter Director.

State Chaplin Fr. Tim Biren is pictured with Nancy Bambenek who was recently installed as a National CDA Director.





By Margee Keller, Publicity Chair

District
Deputy
and
State
Chair
News

Every year, each court is asked to complete a Publicity Report. As you may know, Christmas will be here, and the February deadline will follow shortly.

So it doesn't catch you off guard, here are some things you should consider doing at this time:

1. Does your Court have a person or committee in charge of Publicity?
2. How many members of your court are involved in this program?
3. How do you notify members of an upcoming meeting?
4. What are the goals and visions of getting the news out about CDA in your community and church(s)?
5. What type of publicity did you use to increase awareness of Catholic Daughters in your community and with your members? How many times:

Articles to SHARE magazine State Newsletter Zoom calls Texts
 Announcements at Mtg. Emailed Minutes Church Bulletin Emails
 Bulletin boards Telephone tree Court newsletter Local newspaper
 Court website State Website Facebook Flyers
 Church Calendar Church website Diocesan Paper Others

Please list: Radio/Texts/Radio website/posters/word of mouth/etc.

The easiest way is to keep a binder with tabs for National/State/Local/Church/Special Projects. You can submit the entire binder if you wish.

Any questions, please contact me at 218-349-4566 or margeekeller@hotmail.com

Habitat—National Project

Catholic Daughters, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, work to build simple, decent and affordable homes for economically disadvantaged people so they can have a better environment in which to raise their families. Catholic Daughters help provide financing for the house and also help to build these homes. This is a very rewarding experience for all. Each year, a \$10,000.00 grant is awarded in Minnesota upon the completion of the home. The money is raised through donations collected by local courts, who offer Gummi Bears and information at various locations in their community. We recently dedicated our Habitat home in Eveleth on July 24th.

Thank you to Court St. Margaret #1888 for all of their assistance. Currently, Court Winona # #191 is in the process of working with their affiliate, Winona-Fillmore Counties Habitat. Funds are also available thru the National CDA. Check this out on their website. The 2021 Application information has been sent out to the Local Court Regents. If you need assistance, or have questions please contact Marlys Knuth or Mary Pufall. Deadline for returning application is December 1, 2020.

Help make a difference in your community for a deserving family!

District Deputy & State Chair News

Support our Seminarians (SOS)

By Rita Young, State SOS Chair

An activity that is near and dear to many Catholic Daughters in the state of Minnesota is supporting our seminarians. Every Court has done an amazing job of praying and caring for all seminarians in the state for several years now. Did you know there are two parts to the support that CDA bestows on our beloved seminarians? Based on some comments I receive on annual reports, not all understand the two facets of CDA's commitment to priestly vocation.

At State Convention in 2011, I believe, a proposed Project was selected by vote of the delegates to collect \$1/member from all Courts to support seminarians. This Project has been approved by vote at each of the subsequent State Conventions to date. (At the 2019 Convention, the State Project assessment was increased to \$2/member to also support women religious.) The Court contributions are distributed among the five Dioceses in Minnesota as well as the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul to help offset the cost of seminarian education.

At State Convention in 2013, a Project proposal took CDA's support of seminarians a step further by suggesting Courts adopt seminarians to pray for, communicate with, celebrate their birthdays, and occasionally supply them with gifts. This Project was approved by vote and has evolved into an ongoing Program of the State Court. "Programs" are activities of the Court that carry out our motto of "Unity and Charity" and do not require a vote by Convention delegates to be continued. Kathy Bastianelli (Court St. Margaret, Eveleth) and Bev Falteysek (Court Owatonna) were the initial leaders of the program. They gathered the names of seminarians from the Dioceses and assigned them to the local Courts. Eventually, Kathy became State Chair of the Program, and that role was passed to me in 2017.

So, to recap, there is a State Project for seminarians funded by one-half of the \$2/member assessment which is given directly to the Dioceses by the State Court and there is a State Program that provides local Courts the opportunity to develop a spiritual and personal relationship with seminarians assigned to them by the State SOS Chair. My greatest joy in serving as State Chair is getting to know other CDA members throughout the state and hearing about their experiences with their seminarians. My greatest challenge is fulfilling the request from some Courts to be assigned seminarians from their Diocese. Often, there are more Courts within a Diocese than there are seminarians. On the flip side, there is only one Court in the Archdiocese, but 50+ seminarians. My greatest prayer is for Courts to embrace the overall goal of the program, which is to support the discernment/vocation journey of all the gentlemen in seminary and acquaint them with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Your prayers are most important. Keep up the good work that you do!

Family

Bev Phillion, State Chair

There were 17 out of the 28 courts (61%) who submitted a project for the Circle of Love area of Family this year. All were unique and so interesting to read and see all the different ways the Courts are serving the Lord and their neighbor!! Great job, Ladies!!! Congratulations to Court Queen of Peace of Slayton for their winning project "Memorializing Lost Native American Youngsters"!

St. Corona is one of the patron saints of pandemics. During this trying time we need to rely on our faith and not fear to help us get through it. Prayer is a good way to do just that. I leave you with this prayer to St. Corona and my wish for a safe, blessed holiday season for you and your family:

Lord Jesus Christ, you came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve you, might be kept safe from this pandemic. Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord. Give us the grace to follow you, and like the martyr of St. Corona, who gave her life for love of you, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation. Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. St. Corona, patroness of pandemic victims, Pray for us!

CDA Women's Religious Grant Available - Due April 1 by Colleen Peplinski, Chair colleen@cstalums.org

The MN State CDA board just announced the State Projects, and once again the Women's Religious project will be allocated monies to be distributed on behalf of Women's Religious for a specific need for the Order or individual residing in Minnesota (ideas include technology upgrades, retreats, health care, altar repairs, etc.). In 2020, four awards were made to various Women's Religious Orders totaling \$2,000 for their specific needs. What a beautiful way to share our gifts with those who serve our spiritual needs!

Each court is assigned a Women's Religious order that we are to engage with throughout the year. How is your court interacting with the Women's Religious Order during the pandemic? The most widely-spread engagement is that of prayers for our women who serve the Lord in Minnesota. Reach out to see how your court could help in a more tangible way. Is there a specific need the Sisters are planning for next spring? Please help us support the Sisters by applying for this grant found on our website: www.mncda.com

All applications are due April 1, 2021 so let's connect with our Women's Religious orders in Minnesota and let them know we support them in Unity

Gummi Bear tip

Ct St. Anne #1840 in Medford staples a small sheet of paper to the top of the Gummi bear bags explaining where the donation goes and wanted to share this tip with other Courts because many patrons seem to like the info and are more willing to donate. This is what the sheet says:

MINNESOTA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
BUILDING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL

Thanks to your donation, MN CDA and Habitat for Humanity International have continued a partnership of building a house annually in the State of Minnesota. Annually, grant awards have been made amounting to \$10,000, all from the Gummi bear candy proceeds!

Members and their families of our organization have helped in the actual builds—framing, siding, shingles, sheet rocking, painting & cleaning. Since 2001, homes have been built in Dillworth, Marshall (2), Hibbing, Red Wing, Luverne, Moorhead, Owatonna (2), Fergus Falls (2), Crookston, Rochester, Eveleth, St. Peter, Faribault, Winona (2), and Edgerton(2).

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING WITH OUR 20TH BUILD!!!

The local Gummi bear chair updates this sheet each year before printing and stapling it to the packages.

Quality of Life

By Jeaneen Nelson, Chair

What do you think of when you read the words, Quality of Life?

In these days of uncertainty as we try to navigate safely, we are never assured of not being exposed to the virus. We need to do what we feel comfortable doing as we move from one month to another. Last March we never expected to still be living with cautions and wearing masks this long. The important issue is that we continue to live and not be afraid. "Faith Over Fear!"

It is important to take care of oneself so that we can be fulfilled and have the energy to reach out to others. Going thru grief can be especially lonely now that we can't be attending funerals to show our support. We can't be visiting our dear friends in the nursing homes or those living alone at home, but a phone call or a note in the mail can make all the difference to that person. It also makes us feel good to know we might be bringing sunshine to the heart of another.

Some ideas for us:

Write a list of what you are thankful for.

Choose a new hobby that you can find enjoyment in.

Clarify what is really important for you and write it down.

Start a 30 day challenge and set a realistic goal. Keep a diary to see the gains you make.

Make a list of projects you need to do and check off as you finish.

Meditate.

Sew diapers or sundresses for the missions.

We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be the helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness. By taking good care of ourselves first in these uncertain times, we can be the Hands and Feet of Jesus for others!

Local Court News



Minnesota Court Celebrates 75 Years
 Court St. John #1371, Pipestone, honored its 75th Anniversary with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Kosse and Deacon Tschann at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone, followed by a catered lunch and program in the church hall. Members were blessed to have State Regent, Marlys Knuth and 2nd Vice State Regent, Monica Capra attend following a snowstorm the day before. During the celebration members were entertained with violin and piano music, along with several tables filled with memorabilia of our Court history, including the original Charter from 1945.



Members of Court St. John 1371 (Gen Lustfield, Patt Johnson, and Irene DeJong) in their decorated car, join the parade in welcoming their newly ordained Deacon, Kevin Aaker, to their combined parishes of St. Catherine, St. Joseph, St. Martin, and St. Leo. As people passed by celebrating the event with honking, clapping, and well-wishing, they received a delicious cupcake and bottle of water. What a delight for all, especially Deacon Kevin!



Above: Blessed Virgin statue that Ct. St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth, had refurbished

Right: Ct. St. Bernard #886 offered a "self-serve" Gummi Bear distribution to abide by this years Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

Pictured by the display are Regent Deb Lutmer, Financial Secretary Ellen Henning, Lisa Diekmann, Lydia Diekmann and her daughter, Morgan.



Consecration of Renee Doll to the Life of Virginity for women living in the world.

Court St. Rita #409, Perham, Minnesota is proud to announce that our financial secretary, Renee Doll, was consecrated to the Life of Virginity at 3 PM Mass on July 31st, 2020 at St. Henry's Catholic Church with Donald Kettler (Bishop of the St. Cloud Diocese) presiding. Concelebrants were Reverend's Brady Keller, Aaron Kuhn (Renee's Spiritual Director) and Matthew Kuhn, Pastor at St. Henry's. Other clergy participating at the Mass were Deacon's Randy Altstadt, Mark Stenger and Richard Quistorff, Court St. Rita Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies. Attendant's and Lector's were Jennifer Martin (Renee's Sister) and Cheryl Prosocki (friend). The music was provided by Jeff Blickenstaff, Heidi and Grace Kalina accompanied by Isaiah Blickenstaff on the piano.

The formation of a consecrated Virgin is a serious choice, as the consecration is permanent. It is a process: The Education is a study of what a consecrated virgin is, what is expected of them, the study of scriptures, study of other consecrated virgins and saints, doctors of the church and church history. The participant meets with a spiritual director, the bishop and a formation director/team. It is at least a 2 year process.

At the actual Consecration, according to the Code of Canon Law, these women must be consecrated to God through the diocesan Bishop according to the Rite approved by the church. The Bishop prays the prayer of consecration, the Virgin receives a ring (mark of the Bride of Christ), a veil and the book, Liturgy of the Hours (prayers of the church).

At the consecration, the Virgin dresses in white, is examined of her willingness and intentions and resolves to follow Christ in a life of perfect Chastity. Upon consecration, they are betrothed mystically to Christ. The Litany of Saints is prayed as an offering to God the Father and asking for the intercession of the Virgin Mary and Saints. They are to stay a virgin to God for eternity and be dedicated to the service of the church.

Consecrated Virginity is one of the oldest recognized forms of consecrated life in the Catholic Church. It is actually as old as apostolic times. Blessed Virgin Mary was actually the first consecrated Virgin. Other consecrated Virgins were: St. Agnes, St. Agatha, St. Cecilia and St. Lucy. In 1970, the actual rite was renewed and today around 5000 women throughout the world have joined the age old "Order of Virgins".

Life for the consecrated Virgin looks pretty ordinary. They can live as individuals making themselves available to the desires of the church and work of their spouse (the church). They can hold jobs to support themselves (as the local diocese is not financially responsible for them). They must take time for their physical, spiritual, psychological, emotional and special needs. Their primary focus is on prayer, praying for the needs of the people and priests, attending Mass daily, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, studying scriptures, as well as taking time for personal prayers and devotions. Consecrated virgins living in the world do not wear habits, take vows, change their name or title, they have no leader or Mother Superior. They remain in their diocese, receiving direction from the diocesan bishop but not under his obedience. Reference of consecrated virgins can be found in Matthew 19: 12 and I Corinthians 7:25-40. The consecrated virgin is called to be spiritual by following the example and inspiration of the saints, in particular the Blessed Mother Mary.





Court St Margaret Mary #605 International Falls—Rosary Rally



Left: Julie Hindman, Regent, and Mary Wilson are standing next to one of the signs we displayed during our Rosary Rally, praying for our Police, held Saturday, September 26th, across the street from the police station. Mary Wilson, our rally captain, handed out blessed St. Michael medals after we finished. She will also be giving our law enforcement medals as well. Five CDA members and a member of the KC's participated. What a beautiful day to pray for our protection from evil.

Right: The banner that we displayed during our Rosary rally for protection of our police force. Pictured left to right are Julie Hindman, Linda Vellieux, Sandra Orgas, Mary Wilson, and Judy Potter. Not pictured is KC member, Rich Hindman. People driving by showed their support by honking.



Patriotic Rosary

In recognition of the turmoil occurring in the United States and elsewhere in the world, Court Queen of Peace gathered to say a Patriotic Rosary. Regent Joann Halbur led the rosary and commentary. The rosary was said on the anniversary of Our Mother's appearance to the children at Fatima.



Pictured left to right are: Regent Joann Halbur, Joyce Risacher and Judy Carlson



Left: Court Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton, in support of the Confirmation students from St. Ann's Parish, remembered the students with key chains.

Pictured Left to Right: Maverick Beckman, Dylan Johnson, Isiah Kathman, Deacon Kevin Aker, Kenedy Jackels, Bishop John Quinn, Ryley Thraen, Fr. Thien, Kylie Frisk, Kolby Frisk, Amber Boock



Above: September Installation of 2020-2021 Officers for Court St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall. Picture L to R: Treasurer- Jackie Doom, Regent-Vicki Meulebroeck, Vice Regent-Paula Curry, Recording Secretary-Mary Jo Eick, Financial Secretary-Mary Carstensen; Back Row: Chaplain-Fr. Dennis Labat, District Deputy-Louise VanLeeuwe, Second Vice State Regent- Monica Capra and State Secretary-Bonnie Heim.



Above: Kathy Eveslage receiving the St. Faustina Award, State Secretary, Bonnie Hein and Second Vice-State Regent, Monica Capra. St. Faustina was dedicated to spreading the news of God's mercy and His love for His people. The St. Faustina award was established to honor those members who are dedicated to increasing our membership so that we can continue to share God's love and mercy with others. The award is given to those who reflect leadership in recruitment and court development. Winners were nominated by their State Regents.



Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court St. Margaret Mary #605 , International Falls—100 Years—1/09/1921

Court St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls —50 Years—1/10/1971

Court Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton—70 Years—4/15/1951



The installation of officers for Court St. Cecilia #2025 of Red Lake Falls was held on Monday, August 31, 2020, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. District Deputy, Monica Beauchane, also Court Treasurer, conducted the ceremony. Outgoing officers attended the installation. These ladies will put into practice the state theme: As each one has received a gift...use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (Left to right): Melanie LaCrosse ~ Vice Regent; Shirley Johnson ~ Recording Secretary; Monica Beauchane ~ District Deputy/Treasurer; Bev Phillion ~ Regent; Janet Hagl ~ Financial Secretary; and Gen Knott ~ Proxy Treasurer stand ready to use their gifts and talents to serve their Court for the 2020-2022 term.



Pictured below: Catholic Daughters of Court St. Rita, #409, Knights of Columbus from Assembly #1773, and JCDA of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Perham, Minnesota



On the 19th Anniversary of the bombing of the World Trade Center, and out of respect for those who lost their lives that day, Court St. Rita #409, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, Assembly #1733, participated in a Patriotic prayer service at 5PM on September 11, 2020, at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Perham.

The Patriotic Rosary was led by Knights of Columbus, Financial Secretary Ken Guck. Scriptures were read by Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus, patriotic songs were sung by the congregation.

The Rosary was prayed for the conversion of our country, for our National, State and County leaders, as well as all 50 states in the Union and those souls in each state. The prayer service calls for the United States to be a light for all nations, that peace may reign throughout our land and beyond all boundaries. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Thank You to Ann Dardis of the Catholic Daughters for coordinating this event.



Court St Margaret Mary #605 had their installation of officers on September 8, 2020. Due to covid19, we had two officers unable to be there in person.

Pictured are. Left to right. Mary Wilson, who was a proxy for Sandra Orgas-the financial secretary, Julie Hindman, our Regent, holding her phone with Donna Hayes our Vice Regent installed virtually by face time. Linda Vellieux (helper of Judy Potter, our district deputy, who did the installation), Sandy Sakry, our secretary and Betty Ericson our Treasurer. Each officer was presented with a rose. We did a court room installation and then held our regular meeting after, spending 15 minutes in adoration in church.

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Catholic Daughters of Americas Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 from Marshall MN was presented with a Silver Tea Set by Frances Boerboom and her daughter Elaine DeRuyck. Accepting the set is Regent Vicki Meulebroeck.

Frances, age 102, is the oldest living member of the court and her daughter is a 50+ year member. The silver set was originally a gift to Frances & her husband for their 25th wedding anniversary, and she is pleased to pass it along to her Catholic Daughter sisters.



Bonnie Hein and Mary Pufall traveled to Eveleth for the Habitat House dedication. It was well attended, and held outside in the 90 degree heat. Thank goodness for shade and an occasional breeze. Anita and Linnea had briefed the Habitat spokesperson and we received a very nice thank you for our check and the participation of the Catholic Daughters providing meals, snacks and assisting with the build.

Naomi is a single mom of Kyrie, and are happy that they will be closing on the house very soon and moving in. Kyrie was so happy she had a present, a clock given by the State Board. The Eveleth Court apologized for not being able to provide a lunch for everyone who attended, but did give a card and gift certificate for them to enjoy later. On the 10 pm news they had a segment of Naomi and Kyrie and their new home.

Habitat House Dedication—Eveleth



Junior Catholic Daughters Court St. Maria #839 has been very busy these last couple of months, and plan to be the upcoming months as well. They started out with a new slate of officers and installed 2 new members to their Court in October. The girls are very excited to get this year going again and to do all fun activities they have planned in the months ahead.

Earlier this summer, they worked together to clean the veteran's memorial section of our local cemetery. They also got together and did a Fall Fun Day where they did a bunch of fall activities such as: guessing how much a pumpkin weighs, guessing how many pieces of candy corn were in a container, did some Minute-To-Win-It games that inquired them to be split into two different teams in which they won prizes, and they finished the day up with a Hayride. The court leaders had just as much fun as the girls did!

For the upcoming months in winter the girls have decided to do an Adopt a Family project and will do some fundraising. The proceeds will go to families in our area that cannot afford Christmas gifts this year. They also decided to do a Hat and Mitten drive and everything that they collect will go to the surrounding area schools to kids who need hats and gloves. The girls will also be doing some Christmas Caroling around the town of Wilmont (while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies!).

Below are photos from the cemetery clean-up and also a picture of the girls during a competition during their Fall Fun Day – trying to get a cookie from your forehead to your mouth without using your hands!





Superior

Court St. Rita #109, Perham
Court Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton
Court St Margaret #1888, Eveleth

Excellence Awards with Distinction

Court Joan of Arc #691, Blue Earth
Court St Margaret Mary #605, Intl Falls
Court St John 1371, Pipestone
Court St Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall
Court St Cabrini #1466, Fergus Falls

Publicity

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Court Owatonna #1180, Owatonna
Court Our Lady of the Fields #2107, Argyle
Court St James #1820, St James
Court St Justin #2020, Mahnommen
Court St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazepa/Bellechester
Court St. Bernard #886, Lismore
Court Bishop Schenk #2010, Crookston

Honorable Mention

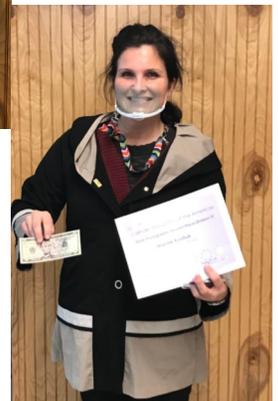
Court St. Peter #1601, St. Peter
Ct St Theresa #973, Currie
Court Santa Maria #247, Adrian

Circle of Love winners at National

Courts, please check out the Minnesota State CDA website (mncca.org) ...the MN Circle of Love submissions to the National Convention are there with the narrative detailing the project. MN State Court was recognized for LEADERSHIP by National and Court St. Charles was recognized for Circle of Love Local Court LEADERSHIP. Congrats to US!



Left: Student Taleia Boyer, from International Falls, received her 1st Place certificate and \$10 cash prize for her Photography Education entry.



Right: Teacher Marnie Kostiuk, from International Falls, received her 2nd Place certificate and \$5 cash prize for her Photography Education entry



Catholic Daughter Sunday-Oct 18, 2020

Mass was celebrated for Ct St. Rita at St. Henry's, Perham, by Father Matthew Kuhn. The event included installing Deacon Richard Quistorff as Court Chaplain, the Installation of new Officers for 2020-2021: Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Vice Regent Janel Altsadt, Secretary Leanne Stoll, Treasurer Bev Holzer, Financial Secretary Renee Doll, and the Reception of new Members: Jackie Hager, Tara Moenedick, Pat Hager, and Susan Rohde. State Secretary Bonnie Hein, District Deputy Lori Curtis and Ritual Coordinator Ann Dardis conducted the rituals.



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Welcome New Members!!

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Ramona Bork, Claudia Johnson

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Blessed Be Their Memory

Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls
Elaine Miller

Ct. Margaret Mary #605, Intl Falls
Cecile Readman

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Esther Ryan

Ct. St. James #1820, St. James
Jo Ann Plumhoff

Ct. St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa
Gloria Bradley

Ct. Bishop Schenk #2010, Crookston
Kathleen Brule, Elsie Bateman, Ellamae Longtin, Delores Myerchin, Joan Barrus, Ellen Patenaude, Dorothy Pawlik, Willa Mae Mercil

Ct. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall
Carol Kesteloot

Ct. St. Peter #1601, St. Peter
Evelyn Alger, Jean Germscheld, Carol Smith

Ct. St. Justin #2020, Mahanomen
Marilyn Agnew, Barbara Bruggeman, Mary Ann Dentz, Bernice Horace, Altha Spaeth

Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead
Judy Buscher, Anna Hovdestad, Mary Powers, Clara Zurn

Ct. Caledonia #555, Caledonia
Leona Welsh

Eternal rest
grant unto
him Oh
Lord,



.....and may
perpetual light
shine upon
them.