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# The Voice of the Lakes

MINNESOTA STATE  
CDA NEWSLETTER

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## Regent's Reflections Mary Pufall, State Regent

Greetings Dear CDA Sisters!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Workshops in August. You will never know how much it meant to us to finally be together again. I appreciate all of the courts who keep in touch via their court newsletters, invitations to special events, photos of your court events and more. You have not let the lingering effects of the pandemic dim your enthusiasm and positivity! You have continued to serve with Joy and Love.



As you recall, our focus this term is inviting more women to join us on this Catholic Daughter journey. Working together with our Leadership-Membership-Court Development Team, all are encouraged to "Let Your CDA Light Shine". Thank you for taking the time to complete your surveys and I assure you they have been read by the MLD Team and the State Board. We have leads/contacts for new courts and ideas for inviting new members. If you would like a visit from the MLD Team, just let us know.

Spirituality and Service is the heart and soul foundation of Catholic Daughters. Catholic Daughters share their God given gifts and talents, by working together with other faith filled women who share similar values. Our mission as Catholic Daughters is to embrace the principle of faith, working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all. Thank you for continuing to reach out and share our wonderful organization with others. The opportunities to serve are unlimited, there is joy in making new friends and making a difference in the world is within our reach. I can't wait to see what God has planned for us in the coming year.

I wish each of you a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Mary Pufall*

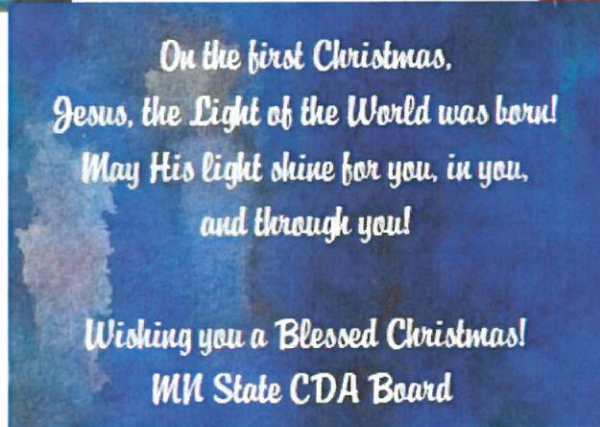
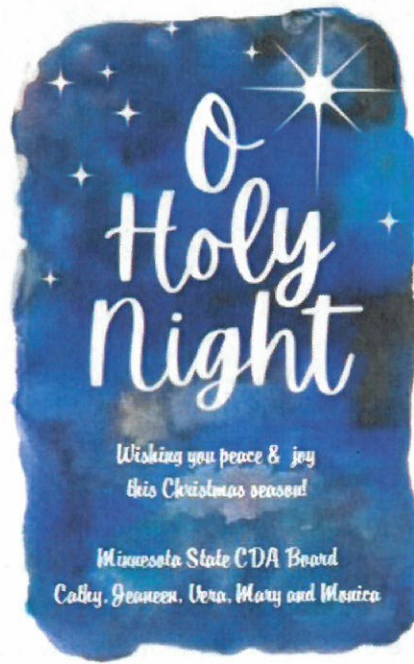
### Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca—75 Years—12/1/1946

Court St. Peter #1601, St. Peter—70 Years—2/24/1952

Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth—60 Years—4/15/1962





'Hats Off' to all of our Minnesota CDA Courts, their officers and Financial Review Committees for attending to the first of this year's two Financial Reviews with dedication and with an eye to improving their review process. At the reviews that I attended in person, I observed that the courts were making a genuine effort to follow the guidelines for Financial Reviews that were presented at the Summer Workshops - officers were present and had their books available to the committee, Recording Secretaries were highlighting motions in their minutes, more courts were updating their rosters and recording member payments and dues etc. Not all report forms looked the same from court to court, and some steps still needed implementing, but for the most part, the required information was on record. I urge all Courts to implement the procedures for record keeping outlined at the Summer Workshops, make changes suggested by your District Deputies, and work toward an even better review in April. And I extend a special thanks to all of our District Deputies for their dedication in guiding their assigned Courts through the Financial Review process. If your court still has questions about the Financial Review process, please contact your District Deputy. Your State Board is always available for further information and guidance as well. Congratulations on your advances and future improvements!



Cathy Nelson, Second Vice State Regent

**2021 National Education Contest Award Winners—Minnesota**

<b>Natalie N.</b>	<b>Mahnomen</b>	<b>Music Div. II</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>Sarah M.</b>	<b>Caledonia</b>	<b>Photography Div. II</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>Brenna C.</b>	<b>Moorhead</b>	<b>Essay Div. II</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>Molly P.</b>	<b>Perham</b>	<b>Art Div. III</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Maeve C.</b>	<b>Fergus Falls</b>	<b>Art Div. I</b>	<b>Third Place</b>

**2021 National Grant for Habitat for Humanity**

**Awarded to Court St. Anne #1840 Medford for Northfield Site**

**2021 National Award for Website Contest**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Category V Div II Minnesota**

**2021 National Award for Newsletter Contest**

**Category VI Div I Minnesota**

**State Newsletter Contest Placing**

**1st Place Category I Div I Court St. Bernard #886, Lismore**

**1st Place Category I Div II Court St. Anne #1840, Medford**

**Help Wanted**

Calling for Prayers.....the State Board has voted to reprint the “Book of Prayer”, but with more prayers added to it.

This book has been a popular item that many have purchased. Past State Officer, Sophie Zvonar, was responsible for compiling the prayers and getting the book printed. The supply is almost gone, but we still have individuals who are requesting to purchase it.

In 2023, MN CDA will be celebrating 100 years and the Board would like to have the book available at that time or before. Inside the cover of the book, the statement is made.....this project was truly a labor of love, dedicated to the past and present Catholic Daughters who celebrate sisterhood!

Marlys Knuth will be coordinating this effort, with more info to be coming out soon.

A message from Immediate Past State Regent, Marlys Knuth

**THANK YOU** ....CDA sisters for the beautiful “spiritual bouquet” book and booklets presented to me or sent to me.

I had requested that you pray for my spiritual intention and YOU responded. I know prayer is powerful and you are great “prayer warriors.” I am feeling blessed to belong to an organization where prayer is a priority. All MN Courts have persevered thru the pandemic, not one was lost. Serving your court, church and community with Christ leading us may have looked different than in the past, but as women of faith.....you survived.

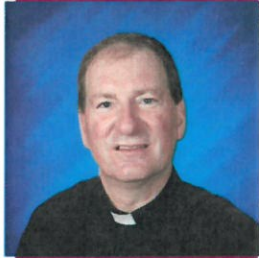
This book and booklets is a priceless gift that I will cherish.

Thank you, love to each of you,

Marlys



## Father Larry Delaney, State Chaplain



Fr. Larry Delaney,  
Pastor

Greetings in the Lord from your new state chaplain.

It is an honor to serve in the role as the CDA State Chaplain for the next two years. On the state CDA website, [www.mncda.com](http://www.mncda.com), I have an introduction of myself so you can look there for more information about me. Next year I am excited about being the spiritual director for the CDA sponsored pilgrimage to Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play. If you are considering joining this pilgrimage, sign up soon! It will be a joy to once again be able to travel more freely so please pray that the Covid pandemic subsides dramatically over this next year.

One of the goals of the state CDA this year is to increase membership. This is a great goal and really is an extension of our baptismal call to evangelize. In my articles this coming year, I will write more specifically about some ideas to help us encourage other Catholic women to join CDA and participate in being the hands and feet of Christ through our service.

### Evangelization begins locally

One of the things about evangelization that can scare many is that it seems too big or some new, hard to organize "program." But really, evangelization begins with our everyday lives, actions and relationships.

Each time I have moved on to a new parish assignment, I have received letters from parishioners who have expressed gratitude for various aspects of my ministry. The surprising realization for me is that the interactions that they recalled generally were not the big things (like starting this program, or leading a new project) but rather the little things. "You helped me when my mother died," "thank you for talking to my teenager about .....", "you were present for so many activities of our parish and family," etc. These were all things that had happened but many of them I had forgotten.

The point is, like St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower), doing the little things makes all the difference. In seeking to enroll new members in CDA, the same axiom is true. We could try doing a big push at Sunday Masses, setting up a table for women to sign-up for CDA membership, etc., but likely this will not have a great effect. Rather, do the little things. Establish a relationship with a young woman in your parish, get to know her, sit with her at Mass, converse about her life, talk about how you love your parish and how you participate in activities and pray for her. When she sees you doing these "little things", then she will be more open to you when you ask, "Have you ever considered joining CDA?" Let us all do the little things to attract more members.

May you have a blessed and safe winter season!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Larry Delaney



Left: Pictured is Lisa Ouderkirk, Linda Schons, and Alana Kuznia being installed by Second Vice State Regent Cathy Nelson and First Vice State Regent Monica Capra.

**DD  
and  
State  
Chair  
News**

Greetings to all of my Minnesota CDA sisters!

The holidays are quickly approaching and that is traditionally a time when families get together to enjoy the festivities and each other. It is also a time for helping others, especially those in need. Many courts are planning to follow through with their Family Circle of Love activities by serving families in their parish and/or communities. These are wonderful, worthwhile projects that are appreciated both by those giving as well as those receiving. In my opinion, it is an actual calling for Catholic Daughters to spread the loving, caring spirit of family to others within our individual corners of the world. The holiday spirit of caring, giving and sharing is a wonderful thing and should live on all year long. Remember though that spirit begins at home.

The family is the single most important and influential unit of our society. It is the source, the building block for our children. The atmosphere in which a child is raised will, for the most part, determine the behavior of that child throughout his or her life. There are however, outside influences in our society these days that are so strong that they challenge and ultimately stimulate these children to stray from what they were taught in their upbringing. In a recent homily, our pastor said that there are presently four generations living in his family. He said that his parent's generation practiced their catholic faith faithfully and raised their children to do so also. He said that some of his siblings have fallen away from practicing their religion even after that type of upbringing. He went on to say that the next younger generation is falling away from practicing their religion even more and then he referred the youngest children (great nieces and nephews) as being "heathens" as they have not even been baptized. How many of you can relate to a similar scenario in your families? It is sadly apparent that our churches have fewer people attending mass. Some of the drop in attendance is due to Covid, but not all. The questions are:

\*What is happening in our society that is causing our young people to fall away from God & religion as well as loosening of their morals?

\*What can we, as CDA sisters, do about it?

My intent in this message is to emphasize an issue that exists in our society today and ask that all of our CDA sisters unite to pray for a resolution. We certainly cannot resolve this problem individually, but we can resolve to set good examples and pray. Pray for your individual families as well as all families in our parishes, communities, states and country.

As the state Family chairperson I am asking for some suggestions on what our state CDA courts and sisters would be willing to do, in a united prayer format, to offer our prayers and sacrifices for the intention of inspiring our families, our children, to return to a stronger relationship with our Lord, the church and to improve the morality of our society.

**Wishing everyone a joyous and blessed holiday season - God bless! Kathy Bastianelli**

**Minnesota State Family Circle of Love Chair [kathybastianelli@gmail.com](mailto:kathybastianelli@gmail.com)**

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN MINNESOTA

### State News

On Friday, October 8, 2021 members of Court St. Anne #1840, Medford MN were joined by Catholic Daughters from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin to help build a Habitat for Humanity home supported by Minnesota and National Catholic Daughters Habitat Grants. Court St. Anne was awarded the annual \$10,000 Minnesota Habitat for Humanity grant to assist with this build as well as a \$10,000 grant from National Catholic Daughters of the Americas. This support is especially appreciated for this Northfield MN Quad unit which will provide homes for four families!

Our CDA Build Day was a great success, with members surprising the Rice County Habitat for Humanity staff and builders as to what a group of dedicated women can accomplish in spite of limited experience. With direction from regular Habitat volunteers and an expert site supervisor who guided us with knowledge, humor, and patience, we accomplished a lot...even moving the project ahead of schedule!

Besides the fifteen Catholic Daughters who helped on October 8<sup>th</sup>, four Court St. Anne members have been trained as site hosts and have scheduled days on which to serve the project in that capacity. Other Court St. Anne members are planning to build again as a group on December 11, 2021. And even more are signing up to pray for the success of the build. Court St. Anne is grateful to all who participated on the October 8th CDA Build Day and invite everyone to assist as they can. If you are nearby, you can help build or provide lunch on a day of your choosing. And everyone can pray for the success of the build! Just go to [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org) to sign up to help, to pray, or to view pictures highlighting the progress being made. What an awesome testament to the commitment of Catholic Daughters around the country to spreading the Light of Christ to others!

Shown in the pictures attached are Catholic Daughters and Habitat volunteers who helped with the CDA Habitat Build on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Northfield, MN. Thank you to all for your participation and prayers!

*Front row kneeling/sitting l to r:* Cathi Breitbarth and Carmen Battenfeld both of Ct Sacred Heart#1424 Waseca; Habitat Volunteers Rosie Fink and Jerry Kipp.

*Back row standing l to r:* Cathy Nelson, Court St. Anne Regent & 2nd Vice State Regent; Lois Nelson, Past MN State Regent & Past Natl Director; Gail Heim and Carla Brady, all of Ct St Anne 1840, Medford; Barb McGovern, WI State Court, LaCrosse; Mary Pufall, MN State Regent, Ct St Mary 509, Moorhead; Paula Curry, Ct St Joan of Arc 1291, Marshall; Habitat Volunteer Dave Wolf; Maggie Trumpy, Terry Lachine, Bernice Lansing, WI State Regent and Marie Allen, all of LaCrosse WI; and Darlene Moritz, Natl Supervisor from Milford IA.

*Not pictured:*

Winnie Hughes, Ct St Anne 1840, Medford; Rev. Jim Starasinich, Chaplain Ct St Anne; Site Supervisor, Jim Frederick, and homeowner.



Fifteen Catholic Daughters, Court St. Anne's Chaplain, four Habitat volunteers, and one of the homeowners participated at the October 8<sup>th</sup> CDA Build Day!



# District Deputy & State Chair News

Greetings:

**Quality of Life:** Issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all peoples. It is one of our spokes of the Circle of Love.



This can encompass many areas. I will offer a few areas to dwell on.

**Personal Identity Theft:** Every six minutes in this country, someone's identity is stolen, and billions of dollars are lost annually to those who illegally obtain and use personal information. As mothers, grandmothers, and friends, we should be aware that even children's identity can be stolen and exploited. I have personally observed this in my profession, and it is sad.

**Family Health Issues:** Volunteer your time at a long-term care facility by visiting individuals who are often alone with no outside contact. Bring young people to visit. Remember these individuals with small gifts, personal items, holiday cards or just a homemade treat. Other ways are to run errands for them, pick them up for mass or a doctor's appointment. Invite speakers to your CDA meetings: Hospice, Suicide, Respite Care, being a Care Giver, and Public Health on Covid to name a few. Check your local community for other options. Many times, your local Senior Center or Fitness Center have a lot of options to offer.

**Community Issues:** Establish contact with local government officials. Support organizations such as The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, Homeless Shelters, and United Way. They provide training to help in emergency responses at the time of natural and other disasters. Help is always needed. I personally have been involved with Salvation Army for over 30 years. We have provided many meals during floods or missing people. Also, for displaced people due to fire, the homeless, medical issues, and the list goes on.

Presently Emily Guilherme is serving as our National Quality of Life Chairman. One of her favorite quotes is from St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Do small things with great love". Every act, done with love and with God, is Love.

Enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season and be thankful for all we have and remember some others are not so fortunate.

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Praise and thank you God Our Father, Creator of all things!

*"To see God in everything makes life the greatest adventure there is!"*  
(Jo Petty)

For the times that we have created, rather than destroyed;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times that we could have helped someone and we did;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times we didn't hurt anyone's feelings;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times we have shared, rather than avoided, responsibility;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times we have been respectful of ourselves and other people;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times that we have been loving, caring, forgiving and sharing;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times that we have thanked you for your great gifts to us;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For the times we have diligently tried to be all that you asked us to be;

**We praise and thank you Lord.**

For all the times that we have loved, appreciated, and cared for the beauty of your great universe!

**We praise and thank you Lord. Amen**

{Can be used for individuals, simply change "We" to "I"}

**Circle of Love Spirituality Chair, Evonne Seivert**



Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian hosted their salad and dessert luncheon on Wednesday July 14th in St. Adrian's church parlors. Their major fundraiser was cancelled last year (like everything else!) so it was great to be able to gather for food and fellowship. Guests enjoyed many interesting salads and beautiful desserts. We were so pleased to see our sisters from Ct. Joan of Arc # 1291 show up with their purple hats! The good Lord also sent us over a half inch of rain that day. A blessed day, indeed!



Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian participated in the Pajama Party this past spring. The pj's were donated to the Southwest Crisis Center in Worthington, MN. Pictured with the items donated are front left to right, Carol Rupp, Lenore Domeyer, Micki Croat. Back, Pam Konz, Suzi Lonneman, Lynnette Domeyer, Vida Konz, and Mary Mulder.

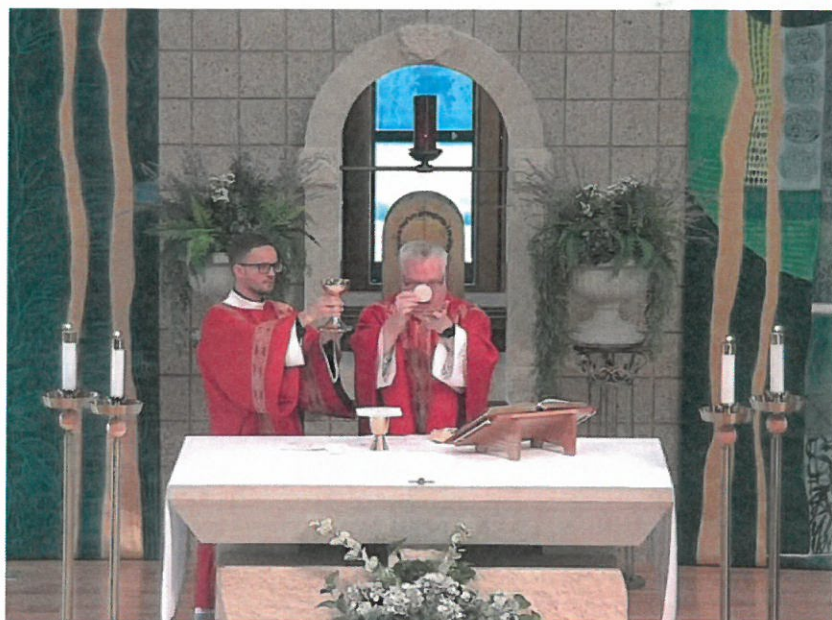


In 1931, Josephine Houdek, Celvina Brothers, Ann Probst, Marcella Blatzheim, and Sister Jean Theophane (Alice Steinbauer) formed a committee to consult with the priests in Owatonna to obtain permission to form a Catholic Daughters of America Court. On June 7, 1931, Court Owatonna #1180 had a reception and Installation of the new court.

There were 30 names on the Charter and they made up the charter membership of Court Owatonna #1180. The meetings were first held in member's homes, then in the following locations: Adsit Hall (over Jerry's Restaurant); over the Fitzgerald Store (now Elwood's Cleaners); the Auditorium Hall; St. Joseph's Nazareth Hall; the Sacred Heart Club House; and in the Catholic Center (once St. Hyacinth's Church). Presently, to our current location in Joseph Hall, St. Joseph Parish.

On June 7, 2021, Court Owatonna #1180 turned 90 years old. We celebrated our anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>, starting with a Mass, followed by a Court meeting. We had members of the State Board in attendance as well as our Deputy Director.

It was a very successful and blessed event. Looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2031!



#### Support our Seminarians

*Left:* Redeemer Saints and Court St. Charles CDA were excited to have seminarian and now Deacon Michael Churchill celebrate Mass with Father Tim Biren at St Charles Borromeo Church. Deacon Michael was assigned to our parish for a year before returning to Detroit last year to continue his studies.

Everyone was happy to congratulate Deacon Michael and enjoy fellowship after Mass as we celebrated this special event in his life.

Court St Charles CDA members will pray for him as he continues his journey to ordination next year.

**Catholic Daughter of the Americas Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 Marshall**

In May 2021 the CDA started a new project at Hill Street Place. We were asked to prepare and plant a Butterfly Garden for all the residents to enjoy throughout the summer. Several CDA volunteers planted and will maintain this beautiful Butterfly Garden for the season. It looks wonderful and is enjoyed by many. Needless to say the CDA had a fun day preparing and planting this rewarding project that now many are enjoying. Actually the "Envy of the Neighborhood!!!"



Planting Diane Louwagie & Vicki Meulebroeck



Planting Jackie Doom



All Set and Finished



Left: Finished for the Day-Pictured is Louise VanLeeuwe, Pam Pavot, Jenny Dieken, Diane Louwagie and her granddaughter.

Perpetual Calendars are \$8.00 and make lovely gifts! Who We Are Books are \$2.00 and are great for new members and as a tool to share MN CDA.

Please contact Mary, Monica, Cathy or Jeaneen if you are interested. We will arrange for delivery or can mail them to you.



Court **Santa Maria #247 of Adrian** will be extending this fundraiser through the end of the year. Thanks for considering an order!! We really appreciate it!!

**That's My Pan** web page will be available to place an order for cake pans of various sizes and styles, along with other baking utensils, mugs, cutting boards, etc. BE SURE TO CHECK "NOT LOCAL" IN THE TEAL COLORED AREA AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE SO IT IS MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

Go to: [thatsmypan.biz/SantaMaria247](https://thatsmypan.biz/SantaMaria247)

On June 28th, **Court St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa-Bellechester**, celebrated our **60th Court Anniversary**. We were pleased to have four State Officers, our District Deputy, and most of our members, including three Charter members, with us that night. Our three Charter members present that evening were; Mary Heppelmann, Josephine Befort and Rita Huneke. We also welcomed new members Becky Hinchley, Ivana Micallef, Donna Bautch and Teresa Buck that evening. Following our Mass and new member reception, we had a wonderful meal and then our business meeting.



**Court St. Bernard #886** has several members who have demonstrated our motto of "Unity & Charity" for many decades. Their service has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Bette LeBrun (66 yrs.), Joyce Erdman (58 yrs.), Mary Ann Loosbrock (64 yrs.), were present at Mass on CDA Sunday to receive their pins, a gift from the Minnesota State Board and to be recognized. Unable to attend were Henrietta Lais (74 yrs.) and Marie Schnieder (79 yrs.). We congratulate them and make it our goal to serve CDA as they have and continue to do.

*Right:* Bette LeBrun, Mary Ann Loosbrock, Joyce Erdman and Monsignor Richard Colletti, Court Chaplain.





Left to right: District Deputy Linda Schons, new members Rachel Poser, Lisa Glynn & Tammy Richter, with State Regent Mary Pufall

On September 11, 2021, the 20th Anniversary of the bombing at the World Trade Center in New York City, our Catholic Daughter **Court St. Rita #409**, along with the Perham Knights of Columbus Assembly #1733, participated in a Patriotic Prayer Service to honor those who lost their lives on that day.

The 3 PM Patriotic Rosary was led by KC Financial Secretary, Ken Guck. Scriptures were read by CDA and KC members, Patriotic Songs were sung by the congregation, led by Deacon Richard Quistorff at St. Henry's Catholic Church, Perham.

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!



Left to right: Grand Knight Robert Wagenman, Sarah, Kelly & Karen Wagenman, Rosie Altstadt, Renee Doll, CDA Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Leanne & Avery Stoll, Deacon Richard Quistorff, Ken Guck, Al Stigman

**Court St. Rita #409, Perham** met in person on September 7th, 2021 at St. Henry's Church hall for the first time in over a year because of Covid. Our first meeting was very special.

The evening started with prayer by Chaplain Deacon Richard Quistorff, followed by officers potluck. Rita Rotta, our 70 year member, was presented with a CDA pin, certificate and a flower. Reception of New Members Rachel Poser, Tammy Richter and Lisa Glynn were installed by Ritual Coordinator Sherryl Holzer and Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke. The new members were also presented flowers and a pin.

A program on her life as a Consecrated Virgin Living in the World was presented by member Renee Doll. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain Deacon Richard Quistorff.

Guests were State Regent Mary Pufall, Moorhead and District Deputy, Linda Schons, Detroit Lakes. The meeting ended in prayer by all the members.



Left to right: Rita Rotta & Regent Dianne Rhode-Szarke

## Local Court news continued.....

### Projects by Court St. Cecilia #2025 Red Lake Falls

#### "Mountains of Luvs"

Each Advent season Court St. Cecilia collects diapers and wipes to donate to the local Life Care Center, a non-profit organization that supports women and men who chose life for their newborn babies. This project is chaired by member Kathie Johanneck and has been a successful project for the past ten years. Court members, along with the Parish community, are asked to donate diapers and wipes throughout Advent. The "Mountains of Luvs" are delivered to the Life Care Center in Thief River Falls, MN to assist them in their important work of serving families.

*Right:* Kathie Johanneck standing next to the pack 'n play and mountain of Luvs.



*Left:* The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Cecilia gave the \$1,200 proceeds from their Summerfest Breakfast in July to the teachers of J. A. Hughes Elementary School to help them purchase supplies for their classrooms. Each teacher received a monetary gift.

Pictured from left to right: Court St. Cecilia Regent Bev Philion presenting a gift to Jessica Vettleson, Jessica Carlson, Carly Kleven, and Laura Anderson. Hannah Seeger accepted a gift from Monica Beauchane, Court St. Cecilia Treasurer.



### Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 Marshall -Gifting Birthright Spring of 2021

In April we had a beautiful baby shower to collect many gifts for Birthright, along with 12 baby quilts made specially for our baby shower. Birthright is an organization that is dedicated to protecting the well being of pre-born and children born in our area communities. Volunteers counsel and guide women through their pregnancy and the babies arrival.

*Below:* Our Court members proudly standing with the gifts that were donated for Birthright, along with a basket for monetary gifts.

*Below:* Jackie Doom, Treasurer and Carolyn Boerboom, Birthright Representative receiving a check for \$460.00!



### CDA Sunday

Left: Court Bishop Schenk # 2010, Crookston at St Peter's Catholic Church, Gentilly, with new Chaplain Father Joe Richards, Deacon Dan Hannig, and MN State Treasurer Vera Hannig



Below: Ct St. Rita #409, Perham celebrated CDA Sunday on Oct 17th at St. Henry's Catholic Church with Father George Michael as president. The local Court Officers processed into church, and participated in the Mass as Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, lectors and choir members. Joanne Winjum, membership chairman, presided at a display table with CDA information, for any ladies interested in joining our organization. Also, our Court offered gummi bears, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity; butter braids, our Court fundraiser and served refreshments for the congregation. God bless all who helped make our Catholic Daughter Sunday so special.



Above: CDA Sunday refreshment Chairs; Sherry Holzer and Janel Alstadt



Above: CDA Sunday Membership Chair; Joanne Winjum



Right: Gummi Bear Chair; Lori Curtis

**Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca**, celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on CDA Sunday, October 17, 2021. The event began with the celebration of the Mass. CDA members took care of the ministries at this Mass, including greeters, ushers, lectors, musicians, gift bearers, and Eucharistic ministers. Fr. The', the officiate, blessed all the Catholic Daughters present at the Mass. Following the Mass, a brunch was held at the Lakeside Club in Waseca. The food was served by members of the local Knights of Columbus and husbands of the CDA members. Following brunch, Lin Bruce, a motivational speaker from Northfield MN, talked about how her life changed when she turned 60 years old and started cross country biking. She is now 82 years old and has biked across the country several times including twice to Cheyenne, WY for her 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> high school reunions. Court Sacred Heart was honored with the presence of Mary Pufall, State Regent, who presented pins to those who have been members for fifty plus years. Also present were Betty Hager, DD, Cathy Nelson, Second Vice State Regent, and Lois Nelson, Nancy Bambenek and Ellen Huneke, Past State Regents.



Also, Catholic Daughter, Judy Pipke, organized a gathering of Sacred Heart members along with members of Court Sacred Heart #1424 to pray the rosary on the front steps of the church on October 16, 2021. The rosary was part of a nationwide event sponsored by America Needs Fatima, with rosaries being said at noon across the country, praying for America and for the unborn. The rosary was led by Fr. The' and the mysteries of the rosary were read by members of the group.

**Court St. Peter #1601, St. Peter**

Our members attended Mass on CDA Sunday and then we treated the parishioners to coffee, juice and muffins. Our court is concluding our PJ collection this weekend and the parish was very generous in contributing to the drive. We are having in-person meetings with 25-40 people in attendance. We will be joining the KC's in a Mass for our deceased members. Congratulations to all the Courts who are celebrating a milestone in their court and we will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> in February. More on this later.



Above: Helen Bremer serving muffins to parishioner on CDA Sunday.

Right: Beverly Johnson serving juice to a young parishioner and his Mother on CDA Sunday



Left: Some of the over 100 parishioners of the Church of St. Peter enjoying juice, coffee, and muffins, sponsored by Ct St. Peter #1601 after the 10 a.m. Liturgy on CDA Sunday, October 17, 2021

**St. Charles Court #1791** tried something new this year as a draw for new members. We held a "Nailed It" competition. Fashioned after the television show by the same name we invited Mother/Daughter teams to come prepared to bake and decorate a cake just like our sample cake decorated by our local bakery. We supplied everything they would need including decorating kits found very inexpensive on the internet. All other supplies were purchased at our local grocery store. There was no charge for the entrants. We offered the kits for sale afterwards for the minimal price we paid.



We limited the number of teams to 10 as this is what we felt our kitchen could comfortably hold. The teams had 2 hours to make, bake, and decorate their cakes. During the time the cakes baked we offered some decorating tips and information on JCDA and CDA.

A great time was had by both the teams and our CDA ladies helping with the event. The "icing on the cake" was we gained 8 new JCDA members and another CDA member!



**Court Queen of Peace #1558 Slayton—Membership**

*Left:*

Faith Formation Director and Catholic Daughters member, Marcie Cowan, hosted an information evening featuring the opportunities that are available for parish members. CDA members were available to answer questions and provide information about Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Pictured are Regent Joanne Halbur, Marcie Cowan and Rita Lear

*Below:* The members of **Court St. Cabrini #1466** have had a busy October. In honor of the Holy Year of St. Joseph, members took a mini pilgrimage to the site of St. Joseph Church, the first official Catholic parish in Otter Tail County. Services began in parishioners homes in 1867 before a log cabin church and then a stately wood structure were built. The church tragically burned in 1965. Other original historic buildings on site include: the priest's house, a 2-story brick schoolhouse, a nun's home and the St. Joseph cemetery.

Members unable to travel by car, participated in a more accessible version of the pilgrimage at the close of our October meeting. We walked from our meeting room to the Statue of St. Joseph in our church 'gathering area'. On both pilgrimages, members prayed the Year of St. Joseph prayer or the Litany to St. Joseph together.

In addition to celebrating St. Joseph, members participated in the parish version of trunk or treats called "Saints and Sweets." We gave out candy, chips and glow-in-the-dark cross necklaces.



Members visited the St. Joe School built by Benedictine Sisters in 1904 as part of the year of St Joseph.



Prayer at the St. Joseph cemetery.



Members of Ct. St. Cabrini participated in the Saints and Sweets trunk or treat at Our Lady of Victory Church.



*Below: Our Lady of the Fields Court in Argyle has been busy making prayer blankets. They leave the last two strands to be tied by the receiver and family with a prayer. The court ties and distributes prayer blankets to those who need comfort in times of illness and/or recovery. This year the court has given out over 20 blankets. At the September meeting members took time after the meeting to tie more blankets for the sick.*



# Welcome!

**Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth** We welcomed Fr. Justin Fish after he was newly assigned to Resurrection and St. Joseph's parishes. A parish festival was planned, set up, and cleaned up by volunteers of various groups, including the Catholic Daughters. Drawings were made, consisting of prizes donated by local merchants and individuals.


We are looking forward to another celebration. On December 5, we will have a St. Nicholas Day Celebration Brunch for the parishioners of both parishes. A committee of Catholic Daughters members is meeting to plan, prepare and serve the meal. While the families are there, we may have a visit from St. Nicholas, as well as a make it/take it craft.

We had a successful Gummi Bear drive. At our November meeting we will celebrate the members who have gone before us.



*Left:* You may have thought it was OCTOBER, but in Waseca it was SOCKTOBER! During the month of October, **Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca**, sponsored a sock drive. A basket was placed in the entry of our church and parishioners were asked to donate socks. A total of 363 pairs of socks were donated, ranging in all sizes from child to adult! These socks will be donated to The Neighborhood Center in Waseca to be given out to keep feet warm in Waseca County. Seen in the picture are members standing around a table holding all of the socks collected.

# Membership



## 'Let Your CDA Light Shine'

*Shine your CDA Light - Spread the Word - Share the Blessings  
Invite other Catholic women to join our CDA 'Sisterhood' through the*

**Minnesota Catholic Daughters  
2021-2023 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

### THE CHALLENGE

- Achieve a 100+ NET increase in Minnesota CDA members from April 2021-April 2022
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### THE REWARDS FOR LOCAL COURTS

- \$100, \$75, \$50 respectively to the three local courts with the top NET percentage increases in membership from April 2021-2022
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- \$1 per member reduction in the Fall 2023 State Membership dues for the local court which has the highest increase in NET membership from April 2021-April 2023

### THE REWARDS FOR ALL

- A NET increase in Minnesota CDA membership of 200+ members
- A revitalization of local and Minnesota CDA courts
- New ideas, new energy, new friends, new CDA 'sisters'!



Sponsored by the Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Prizes awarded April 2022 and April 2023

**Thank you** to the many courts and individuals who acknowledged my Mom, Luella Heim's, passing at the end of September. She left our family AND CDA a legacy! For years, she commented that she would never be here long enough to make her 50-yr anniversary and pin in CDA. Last spring, at Convention, she was recognized with both! At 99, and all the years before, she valued the friendships she had made and the emphasis of Unity & Charity in our organization.

One of her little notebooks on potential members included the line: "Gaining new members should be a No. 1 Project—but it requires effort on every CDA member." Whom have you called, visited or talked to about CDA recently?

The challenge at workshops, NET 100 members by April 2022 and again by April 2023, requires all our efforts! Share in this newsletter, the names of your new members. Let us rejoice with each one as we work toward our Centennial Year as a State Court. Blessings in your efforts!

**Lois Nelson-Past State Regent and part of the Membership/Leadership/Development Team**




**YOU CAN . . .**

## 'Let Your CDA Light Shine'

### By Being ...

- Prayerful
- Faithful
- Knowledgeable
- Enthusiastic
- Welcoming

### By Hosting ...

- Membership Drives
- Socials and Fun Nights
- Spiritual Events
- Anything that spreads the Light of Christ to others

### MEMBERSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we venture into growing our membership, we come before You asking for Your guidance, wisdom and support. Fill us with Your grace, Lord God, as we make contact with others. Remind us that all that we do, all that we accomplish is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of your kingdom, and for the service of humanity. Guide our hearts, our words, our actions, to be a shining light for all to see. May the face of Christ shine through. We ask Your Mother, our patroness, by her powerful intercession, to be with us as we witness to others. We ask all these things in Your most Holy name. Amen.

**Article III Membership**

**Sec. 1 Eligibility**

Catholic Women, 18 years of age and older, who love and support the Church and the Holy See and desire to participate in social and charitable activities, shall be eligible for, and entitled to, membership in THE ORDER. Any questions regarding eligibility of prospective members shall be referred to the Local, State or National Chaplain.

**Sec. 2 Classes of Membership**

- A. Regular Members are those who have been admitted to membership in a Local Court
  - 1. Charter Members are those present and received at the institution of a new court. A candidate who filled out a membership application, paid membership dues, and planned to be present at the Institution Ceremony will be considered a charter member if she takes the pledge at the next meeting or within 30 days of the institution ceremony. Any person whose name is inscribed on the charter of a court is always a Charter Member.
- A. Campus Court members are full or part time students, faculty, faculty wives and staff who are affiliated with a court established on campus.
- B. Life members are those who have held membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for not less than 50 years. Life membership is transferable to another Court. The Local Court may pay National and State dues on such members.
- C. Honorary membership may be bestowed by the National Board on an outstanding Catholic woman of national prominence. This membership includes the right to speak, but not to make motions or vote.
- D. Members may hold Dual Membership in two different states; two different cities in one state; or two courts in one city if a new court is instituted in their area or when a member moves.

**Source of above information: CDA Bylaws Amended July 2020**

Please remember that if you have members who are no longer able to participate in court events, projects, fundraisers, etc., that they are still considered members of your court. **It is important to list ALL members on your court roster.** Each member is responsible to pay their dues and the court will pay State and National dues semi-annually on each member. If a member or their family member cannot pay their dues, the court may have members who will pay them or they may be paid out of a member assistance fund. Members should not be removed from the roster unless the member submits a letter of resignation or multiple attempts have been made to contact the member to determine that they wish to remain a member. The Local Court Regent makes the final decision on removing a member from the court roster. (Tools of the Trade Section 5: Local Court, Regent pg. 5-2 V)

Minnesota Membership Update - 04/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

**Congratulations!**

The following courts have shown a net increase in membership:

Court Madonna #839	Wilmont	4
Court Winona #191	Winona	4
Court Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	2
Court St. Rita #409	Perham	1



## Minnesota Catholic Daughters

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### Welcome New Members!!

#### WEBSITES

**Minnesota CDA:**  
[mncda.org-or-mncda.com](http://mncda.org-or-mncda.com)  
**National CDA:**  
[catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org)

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- Include Court name, number & city
- If submitting photo, attach it as a .jpeg file to email with article-give photo a caption & identity each person
- Deadlines to submit articles:  
**July 10—Nov 10—Feb 10**
- Include your name, court, phone and/or email so we can contact you if we need more information.

Ct. St. Rita #409, Perham

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Ct. Bishop Schenk #2010, Crookston

*Liz Knox*

Ct. St. Charles #1791, St. Charles

*Kathy Edwards, Theresa Nunemacher*

Ct. Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca

*Betty McShane, Michelle Wolff, Cathy Breitbarth*

Ct. Winona #191, Winona

*Joan Walske*

Ct. Madonna #839, Wilmont

*Devyn Christians*

### Blessed Be Their Memory

Ct. St Rita #409, Perham

*Carol Schmitz, Jean Quistorff*

Ct. Caledonia #555, Caledonia

*Marilyn Ellen*

Ct. St Mary #509, Moorhead

*Dorothy Flynn*

Ct. St. John #1371, Pipestone

*Maria Mitchell*

Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls

*Maria Reopelle*

Ct. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall

*Bernadette Stassen*

Ct. St. Anne #1840, Medford

*Luella Heim, Ann Willette*

Ct. Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca

*Gertrude Grubish, Zita Mittelstaedt, JoAnn Palm, Esther Ryan, Lorna Sexton, and Florine Skorczewski*

Ct. Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton

*Veronica DeYonge*

Eternal  
rest grant  
unto her  
Oh Lord,



...and may  
perpetual light  
shine upon  
them.