



Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Court of Nebraska

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Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity

Greetings from the State Regent

Greetings everyone! I for one am glad January is behind us with all the snow and bitter cold temps. I hope all of you stayed safe and warm during all the inclement weather. Being retired affords me and many others to sit inside with our coffee and watch the weather, but I know many of you are bundling up each day shuffling children around, going to your jobs, and performing countless other tasks that are necessary. Take care of yourself.

The state was blessed with the Institution of a new Court in Valentine and Nenzel, NE – Our Lady of the Sandhills. Two ladies from “Our Lady of Lourdes” from Chadron made the drive to Valentine that Sunday morning to be part of the audience and joined us for breakfast. Great show of sisterhood!

In March your Court elects a Nominations Committee of 3 or 4 people, in April the committee presents a slate of Officers at the Court meeting, and in May there is an election. Regents, you may need to speak on stepping up and saying yes. If everyone does a little, the job is made lighter for all. I truly believe every woman has leadership qualities and possesses a nurturing ability. If you need assistance, give us a call.

Deadline for Courts to send in Circle of Love Reports, Newsletter Contest, Education Contest, Website and Facebook Contest forms is: **postmarked by MARCH 1, 2024**. There is still time to get things in the mail.

Keep up the great job you have been doing on obtaining new members. Always remember to talk to your visitors/guests after a meeting that they attended, preferably that same night. My husband was a salesman for many years, always says- **ask for the sale**. If they took the time to attend, they are interested. If they have positive things to say, seem happy with the group and surroundings, ask them to join!! If they hesitate follow-up with them before your next meeting and ask them to visit again.

February 14th is a shared day this year with Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day both occurring that Wednesday. The Holy Day with the marking of ashes serves as a reminder of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. It is believed to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great. Lent is such an important time in our church with our personal preparation.

On February 22 is the feast day of “The Chair of St. Peter”. This feast commemorates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. After Jesus’ ascension into Heaven, Peter and the others are filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After this gift, Peter is more prepared for his mission.

Take a few minutes and check out your Nebraska Catholic Daughter website. Encourage members to look. Send us your flyers, and pictures to share.



Nebraska State Regent
Betty Fredericks

Greetings from the Second Vice National Regent



Dear Nebraska CDA sisters,

Connie Dronette, Second Vice National Regent and representative to Nebraska, is asking for our prayers as she faces surgery due to an injury incurred in a fall in

Washington, D.C. during the March for Life activities. Let us lift Connie up in prayer together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we lift up our CDA Sister Connie to You as she prepares for surgery. Wrap her in Your loving embrace, shielding her with Your protective wings. Grant her a calm heart and a peaceful mind. May Your presence be felt by the medical team, guiding their hands with skill and wisdom. In this time of uncertainty, may Your peace that surpasses all understanding wash over Connie, and may she feel comforted by Your unwavering love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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Fr. Nicholas Kipper
Lincoln, Nebraska



Greetings from the State Chaplain **Fr. Nicholas Kipper**

A few years ago, I was enrolled in a Master's program through the Catholic University of America which was focused on teaching business principles for parish life, including: budgeting, accounting, fundraising and crisis management. And one class was in strategic planning and operational management.

In the class we learned about how to conduct a strategic plan for a parish or diocese. I was finishing this class as Lent approached, and it occurred to me that we can make Lent something like a strategic plan for our lives. Strategic plans are used in businesses, schools and churches. Several parishes in our dioceses have done this as part of the Amazing Parish program.

Anyone who has been involved in a strategic planning process knows that the first and most important part of it is the mission statement. This might sound strange for those who read mission statements because they are often terribly boring and saying almost nothing.

But think about how fundamentally important mission is for any organization. A mission distinguishes what an organization is. When an organization knows who they are, then they can start talking about what they do. A strategic plan can, then, lay out objectives for what they will do. They will set goals and measure those goals.

I was taught that an organization should have a new strategic plan about every 3 years. Well, we are blessed as Catholics to have Lent once a year. And we can start with questions like: Who am I? What's my mission? How do I live that out? What are my goals in life of discipleship.

I offer you some ideas to think about this plan for your life. We believe that God has called us to an eternal, intimate relationship with him, and that our deepest longings are achieved by God's love working through me. Our whole lives are about growing in the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on this plan that began at our baptism and see what needs to change. The word Lent means "spring." It's a fitting description because the Spring is about growth. The grass becomes green again, flowers bloom, things become more beautiful.

This is a good way to direct our Lent. It's a personal springtime. But we don't often think of Lent in this way. We may think of it as a torture chamber, or going on Catholic diet for 40 days, then back to the old ways.

Perhaps this is where it's helpful for us to think about Lent as a strategic plan for my life. We look at the big picture of our relationships with God. Obviously, we are all in different places. We are at different parts of our journey. And so, in this upcoming season of Lent, we ask the Lord to give us a sense of personal mission and the grace to know how we might carry out that mission.



Membership Pledge

I am publishing the membership pledge that you as Regent can use to use when receiving a new member at a court meeting. It is suggested that all Courts hold a more formal reception of all new members once a year that have joined.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

**We (I) gladly accept membership,
in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
and through the presence,
of the Spirit in our lives, dedicate ourselves,
to the work of this organization,
to foster unity and charity,
among all men and women,
through the love of God.**

“A Catholic Daughter is charity in action. She offers her time and talents for the betterment of mankind. She gives rather than receives and expects no ‘bouquets’ for her charitable deeds while doing the work of her Divine Master through His Blessed Mother.”
Author Unknown

Please give our newest Court, the 35th Court in Nebraska a warm welcome. Court #2801, Our Lady of the Sandhills was instituted on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Congratulatory notes can be sent to:

**Dorothy Duerfeldt
P.O. Box 64
Valentine, NE 69201**



Membership

Kim Meduna, First Vice State Regent

Isn't it just amazing how fast life can go by? It just seems that we were celebrating Jesus' birthday and now we are going into Lent and will be living through Jesus' life and death. I always find that Advent is such a happy and joyous time. A time for us to await the birth of a baby. We are now in the time of Lent when we read about Jesus and his life leading up to his death. Yet in the end we will know he will rise and we will be saved.

We need each court to keep adding a member to their court. I know you can all do this. I have faith in all of you. Congratulations to all the courts who have been adding a new member each month.

Again...here are the rules for the membership contest. Enjoy and good luck!!!

1) Award for Membership (NET):

Selected by the Membership Chairman at each State Convention. This is a two-year contest. Winner determined by the largest "net" increase in membership (members gained less members lost) for the two-year period of April 1 to March 31, or convention to convention.

1. \$50.00 award will be paid to the winning court.
2. In case of a tie, \$50.00 will be paid to each court.
3. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards.

2) Awards for Membership (Sliding Scales)

Selected by the Membership Chairman at each State Convention. This is a two-year contest. Winner determined by the greatest increase in total new membership for the two-year time period April 1st to March 31st, or convention to convention, in their category/division. The winning court will be awarded deductions in dues for the next billing cycle (semi-annual dues) in their category/division based on court size. Discounts will be awarded as a percentage deduction for the next billing cycle following convention (semi-annual dues) per the following schedule. Current members + new members = \$X *(times) (X% = \$ deduction):

1. 10-40 members, 5 new members = 15% off their total bill
2. 41-65 members, 10 new members = 15%
3. 66-85 members, 15 new members = 15%
4. 86-100 members, 20 new members = 15%
5. 101 + members, 25 new members = 15%
6. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards

Examples:

Let's say your court has 85 members, you add 15 new members, new total = 100 x \$2.00 = \$200.00 State dues.

Your new State dues are \$200.00 x 15% = \$30.00 discount off your State dues.

Your new State dues: \$200.00 - \$30.00 = \$170.00 your new State dues!!! HOW GREAT IS THAT!!!

3) STATE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTENCY CHALLENGE:

- Selected by the Membership Chair every year. Winner will be determined by the number of months during the April 1st and March 31st period of the current year (or convention cutoff date) that a Court has received new members for a MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. One or more for a minimum of four consecutive months.
- Paperwork for new members must be submitted to Nebraska Second Vice State Regent in a timely manner, within two weeks of the members pledge date. Paperwork submitted after that cannot guarantee that the new member will be counted for the previous month, even if that is when she joined the court. In the case of the convention cutoff date, no paperwork postmarked after that date will be counted in the contest.
- Prizes of \$20 each will be awarded to the top three courts.

HER VOICE

By Janet Macklin, 2nd Vice State Regent

Includes excerpts from Catholic Daughters of the Americas, A Century in Review

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”
Matthew 3:3*

These prophetic words of Isaiah foretell John the Baptist’s mission to prepare the way of the Savior Who was coming. John used his voice to proclaim God’s message.

If I may, I wish to connect St. John’s mission with that of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Our Mission Statement doesn’t look exactly like John’s mission:

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.”

But isn’t it similar in the promotion of justice...advancement of human rights and human dignity? I’m focused on the word “promotion”. How do we promote God’s message? Like John, we have a history of speaking up. To get the message across back in the early years of CDA, written publications like “CDA Herald” and “Woman’s Voice” informed members of happenings in the Order and ongoing humanitarian projects.

But then the equivalent of the Big Bang Theory happened to mass media--the birth of radio networks. Then Supreme Regent Mary Duffy jumped on the opportunities offered by the creation of the National Broadcasting Company in 1926 and the Columbia Broadcasting Company in 1927. On November 8, 1928, Mary Duffy’s voice was heard for a half-hour on NBC, telling her listeners the story of the growth and achievements of the CDA. In 1931, she persuaded CBS to provide a nationwide hookup for the Biennial Convention in Atlantic City on July 6. She, CDA National Chaplain Bishop Hafey, and Colliers Magazine Associate Editor John B. Kennedy spoke on the radio just before the convention’s opening banquet. This began a years-long tradition of broadcasting the opening ceremonies of the CDA before each biennial convention.



At the 1937 convention, Franklin Dunham, Educational Director of NBC, spoke to delegates about the “power of radio to serve God”. He cited the talks of the popular Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen and other religious broadcasters. He said sixty-eight NBC network stations carried the “Catholic Hour”. When the “Catholic Hour” was in danger of being dropped for lack of funds, the Supreme Regent asked the Daughters to help, and for years the National Office regularly contributed a modest sum to offset the expense of producing the program. State Regents were asked to sponsor radio broadcasts that advertised the CDA’s aims, scope, and achievements. Maybe we need to do that now.

Mary Duffy also created a public relations tool in the form of a script of a news program. In January 1931, Duffy and Katharine Rosney, National Secretary, sent the first “broadcast sheet” to the members of the American hierarchy and to all the CDA Courts. In contrast to the old “Woman’s Voice”, the broadcast sheets presented specific news about international and national issues and events of particular interest to the Church and the Order. Broadcast Sheet #9, issued early in 1937, discussed the dangers of Communism. Sheet #13 (1941) outlined the CDA’s program for religious vacation schools, retreats, religious discussion groups, and catechetical instruction. Sheet #14, issued in February 1942 shortly after the United States entered World War II, issued the national defense program for the Order and discussed air-raid regulations, Catholic preparedness, and a report on the Catholic Bishops’ pledge of support to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

What a creative and innovative woman! How can we use our CDA voices to reach out?

Retention of Records

Office of Regent

All Contracts and Agreements	Seven Years
Files and fidelity bonds for Financial Secretary and Treasurer	Permanently
All insurance records including policy numbers and notices of Changes/cancellations of such policies	Three Years
Tax records including Federal ID numbers	Permanently
All documents substantiating claims for settlement and/or rejection Including conflict resolution	Seven Years
Correspondence: National Quarterly and/or State Newsletters Circle of Love Biennial Report All other important documents	Three Years

Office of Vice Regent

Record of Paraphernalia Flag and Banner Blessed Mother Statue Record of robes (condition or robes and in whose possession)	Permanently
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Office of Recording Secretary

Record of minutes of meetings (very important history of court)	Permanently
Record of Treasurer's monthly financial report	Three Years

Office of Financial Secretary

Membership record book	Permanently
Copies of change of addresses, additions, deletions, transfers, and dues receipt book	Three Years
Cash book	Seven Years

Office of Treasurer

Record of Treasurer's book/ledger	Permanently
Cancelled checks and checkbook registers	Seven Years
Savings Account books	Seven Years
Bank statements, deposit slips, and paid bills	Five Years
Stop payment orders	Three Years
Monthly Treasurer's financial report	Three Years
Financial Review Forms	Seven Years

NOTE:

Deeds, mortgages and/or other property for courts owning house or other real property	Permanently
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Election Time in coming in 2024 for Local Courts

In March of 2024 your Court needs to select a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee of 3 or 5 members shall be elected at the regular meeting in March. Nominations are from the floor. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the nominating committee. The 3 or 5 candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The remaining candidates shall serve as alternates according to rank. The committee member with the most votes shall be the chairman from among the 3 or 5 elected members.

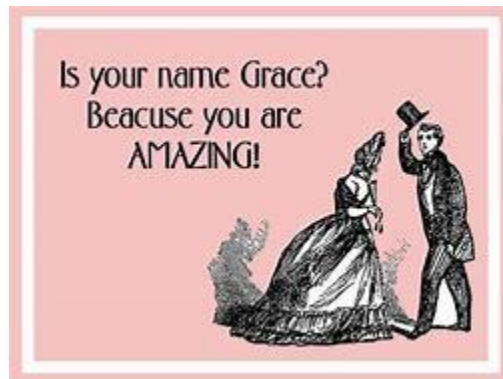
- The committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office.
- The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve.
- The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office.
- If there is a vacancy on the slate, the committee shall report that office vacant.(open).
- The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.
- Election of Officers is held at the May 2024 meeting.

This is the process in a nutshell. It is all written in our by-laws, Article XIII Local Courts Nominations and Elections, page 39 and 40. Next newsletter we will review the election process. HAPPY COMMITTEEING! IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Best Laid Plans

You've heard the saying before, oh yes! The State Board had planned a Lottery Calendar Raffle for March of this year. We thought the work we had done in preparation obtaining the permits, etc., was our biggest hurdle, but the time needed to prepare tickets and a data base was a big chore and time consuming.

We still do plan on doing a State-wide Calendar Lottery Raffle, but our month has changed to June 2024. You should be seeing mailings arrive before the end of March. Thank you for your patience.



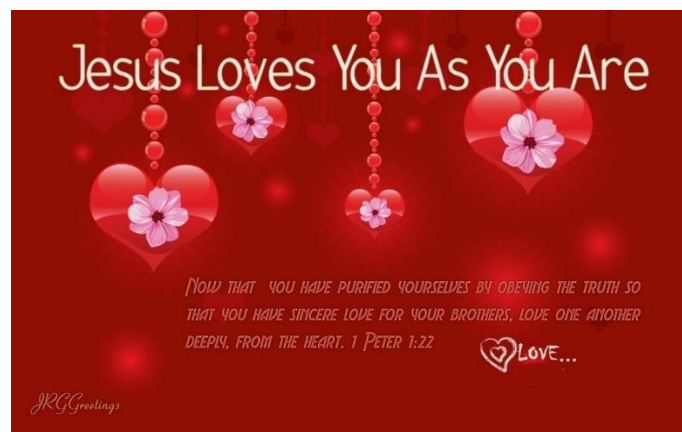
Set Me Free

We sent a check for \$2,701.00 to Stephanie Olson right before Christmas for our first-year donation. I received a video thank you from Stephanie expressing her appreciation for our donation. Nebraska State Board appreciates all the courts that participated this year with their donations. Our hope was \$1.00 per member, many Courts exceeded that amount. Thank you.

Trafficking affects all zip codes in Nebraska. No one area is exempt. The numbers are pretty staggering. I read with special interest about a presentation in a high school where 96% of students changed their privacy settings on social media after their presentation. To me, this is huge. As a mother, a grandma, an aunt...that speaks volumes to me.

Our children are so valuable for our future. No matter the color of their skin, their eye color, gender, they all have souls, and we need to protect them by assuring their safety. You may feel your community is without fear of trafficking. Read the statistics. These sleepy little communities are most vulnerable. Older teens and young adults are also included in these numbers. Wonder what to do, or need to learn more? Check out their website or email Stephanie at stephanie@setmefreeprojet.net. Their services include training youth, parents, and community members to recognize human trafficking efforts and occurrences in our communities and online, and how to respond in safe and healthy ways to prevent the spread of Human Trafficking. They provide trafficking prevention presentations and curriculums, training in schools, hotels and talks in communities.

Again, thank you!



Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving

This year on May 1, 2024, all Nebraska Dioceses will be participating in a statewide Catholic giving day. The NCDG is a new giving day opportunity for Nebraska Catholics to come together to show a united front, honor our state's Catholic heritage, and harness the many Catholic connections that exist between our 3 dioceses. There will more information coming soon, and will be available in all Diocesan papers.

It is when you are really living in the present that you are living spiritually...

Brenda Ueland

60th Biennial National Convention in New Orleans, LA August 14 – 18, 2024

By now all Courts have received their form from National stating how many Delegates and Alternates each Court can have. Many of you have already responded and mailed me a copy of the form and sent the original to National. Thank you.....

Ladies, if you have never attended a National Convention, you really should. It is a great experience, one that will help each of you really come home revitalized and excited about CDA. Are there parts that may bore you a little, yes there are. It's a business meeting first and foremost, and there are items that need to be taken care of, just like state conventions, and our own Court meetings. Daily Masses, speakers, meeting people, spirituality, kindnesses, concerts, the overall atmosphere is truly something special.

Encourage members and officers to attend, if you can assist them financially, that is wonderful. The experience is special. And I can guarantee that State of Louisiana Catholic Daughters are working hard with our National Officers and Directors to provide us with a wonderful convention with all the bells and whistles. We will be in the heart of the Bayou Country! Questions, concerns, call me...State Regent Betty Fredericks.



Convention Site:
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Regents have received hotel reservation information in the First Call to Convention packet that was mailed to them. Make your reservations soon.

Friday Fun Night

2024 National Convention

August 16, 2024

New Orleans

without

Mardi Gras?

NO WAY!!!!



Wear all your **PURPLE**, **GOLD**, and **GREEN**

Along with your BEADS and BLING

Come join us and take a CHANCE

At our celebration of FUN and DANCE

All attendees, please bring a decorated Mardi Gras Mask

Sponsored by Louisiana State Catholic Daughter



Education Contest 2024
Joy Scanlan, Education Contest State Chairwoman
115 Copper Dollar Lane, Plattsmouth, NE 68048
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Each year, the national CDA court asks each local court to sponsor and support the Education contest.

The local court appoints a chairwoman for the Education Contest.

The local Education Contest chairwoman is responsible for the project. It is her responsibility to make sure that contestants follow the rules, **submit their entry with the contestant form properly completed** and that competent judges decide the winners at the local level.

The National Quarterly September 2023 issue has the rules forms and instructions. Ask your court Regent for the forms. Also, the national online website has the contest information at: catholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love scroll down to the Education section, click on the words: **National Education Contest 2023-2024** or check out **Nebraska Catholic Daughters Website under Nebraska Resources.**

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One) **“God’s love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky” Luke 1:78** or **“How does my love shine for others”**

The Education contest has six distinct categories:

ART ESSAY POETRY COMPUTER ART MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHY

There are DIVISIONS for students that relate to their GRADE level. Within each division are CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:

Division 1	Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2	Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

A local court may offer this contest to Catholic and non-Catholic students. It is recommended you offer it through your local schools: parochial, public, CCD programs, and home school groups. *If you are new to the contest, you may want to limit the categories or Division age groups. Many court chairs work with their teachers to decide which categories to offer for the contest.*

There is an ADULT DIVISION offered to **Catholic Daughters ONLY** in the following CATEGORIES:

Division 4 Catholic Daughter members Poetry, Art, Photography

The local court decides the prizes offered at the local level of competition and typically award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category/division.

ONLY THE FIRST PLACE WINNER IN EACH DIVISION AND CATEGORY IS SENT TO THE STATE EDUCATION CHAIRWOMAN.

The following information is important for successful submissions to the State Education Chair:

1. Follow the contest rules. There are unique rules for each category.
2. Failure to strictly follow the rules will cause elimination of your contestant’s entry.
3. Do NOT fold or roll entries. Submit them flat in an envelope or container that protects.
4. All entries must be received by the state education chair on time.
5. Contestants must use the form provided by national to submit an entry.
6. Place the completed contestant form on the BACK of the entry. To ensure completeness, provide forms to the contestants with the court information filled out.
7. Chair is responsible to ensure that she submits entries to the **state chairwoman** on time using the correct submission form.
8. Check your contestant submission forms before submitting your winners.
9. The local education contest chair completes the **FOR USE BY LOCAL COURT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON** form and includes it with their entries to the state chairwoman.
10. All entries mailed to the state chairwoman, MUST be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2024.**

Mail to:

Joy Scanlan, State Education Contest Chairwoman, 115 Copper Dollar Lane, Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Good Luck to everyone that enters!

Circle of Love - Education

Denise Rathman

Hi, I am Denise Rathman from Sacred Heart Court 2015, St. Paul, NE. I have served the court as Vice-Regent, Regent, and am serving as Vice-Regent again. My husband and I live outside of Farwell where we farm. We raise corn, soybeans, alfalfa, cattle, and our son has hogs. We have 5 children and 12 grandchildren, with a couple more on the way, who are all indirectly involved with the farming operation. One son lives nearby and farms full-time also. I am looking forward to reading through the Circle of Love applications and reading about what other courts do.

Deadline for Courts to send in Circle of Love Reports, Newsletter Contest, Education Contest, Website and Facebook Contest forms is:



MARCH 1, 2024 (Postmarked by March 1st!)

Don't procrastinate -- get things in the mail.



But, where do I mail things?

Below is the information of who and where to mail your entries to the various contests.

Education Contest

Joy Scanlan
115 Copper Lane
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Newsletter

Marty Minchow
8181 Davey Road
Lincoln, NE 68517

Website

Janet Macklin
2507 Estes Lane
Fremont, NE 68025

Circle of Love Reports:

Quality of Life

Barbara Bosak
3012 Orleans
Grand Island, NE 68803

Education

Denise Rathman
1442 Valley Road
Farwell, NE 68838

Youth/JCDA

Patricia McHugh
P.O. Box 602
Cairo, NE 68824

Family

Lisa Clarke McMillan
82295 Milburn Avenue
Milburn, NE 68813

Legislation

Judy Schiltz
2120 South 50th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Leadership

Dianne Lamb
304 East 34th Street
Kearney, NE 68847

Spiritual Enhancement

Lauren Bopp
313 South 50th Avenue
Omaha, NE 68132

Have you visited the State CDA website?

If you haven't had the chance to check out our new website, take a peek and encourage all of your members to visit. We have done our first update and will be doing another before Christmas. Our goal is to keep it fresh and current, to provide all our members and potential members a place to visit and learn.

Does your court have a flyer for an upcoming event, send it to any state officer and we will get it added. I am always asking for pictures of your events for the newsletter and the website. And don't forget to send them to Tom Panas at the SHARE magazine for publication.

Have you noticed the home page and the changing views of sites around Nebraska? If you have a picture of something special in your area, send it our way. Are we missing something you would like to see, please tell us. Visit us at ... NebraskaCDA.org

~MEMBERSHIP~

(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2023)



We Remember...

Our Dear Catholic Daughters who have entered eternal life. Pray for them.
(According to Deletion Reports received since Sate Convention 2023)

We are also grateful for those members who have resigned or had to forfeit their membership. They helped make us what we are today.

Virginia Degenhardt	St. Charles, 472	8/16/2023	Cheryl Mead	Our Lady of Fatima, 1549	11/21/2023
Charlotte Harper	St. Charles, 472	8/10/2023	JoAnn Aschoff	Guardian Angel, 1384	11/22/2023
Catherine Hofsheier	Our Lady of Faith, 2604	9/4/2022	Valeria Schlecht	Guardian Angel, 1384	11/26/2023
Bernice Noonan	Our Lady of Peace, 1956	10/20/2023	Rose Marie Bartek	Our Lady of Peace, 1956	11/30/2023
Rose Gentrup	Guardian Angel, 1384	11/6/2023	Kathryn McGowan	Ave Maria, 1263	12/15/2023
Anne Jones	Queen of Peace, 2227	11/14/2023	Patricia Schneier	Ave Maria, 1263	12/22/2023

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS...



We welcome these new members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. You are part of something special and we are blessed to have you join us in Mary's service! According to Membership Applications received since State Convention 2023. Date listed is date of Pledge.

<p>#472, St. Charles</p> <p>Ivy Harper 9/19/2023</p>	<p>#1122, Emmanuel</p> <p>Sue Ann Tripp 10/3/2023</p> <p>Destiny Danielle Baldwin 10/3/2023</p>	<p>#2227, Queen of Peace</p> <p>Angela Araya 10/19/2023</p> <p>Colleen Gnewuch 12/20/2023</p>
<p>#401, Columbia</p> <p>Kay L. Ivey 9/19/2023</p>	<p>#1384, Guardian Angel</p> <p>Lorraine Burger 11/27/2023</p> <p>Linda Hugo 11/28/2023</p>	<p>#2451, Mother Teresa</p> <p>Amy Sauser 11/20/2023</p> <p>Gina Howard 11/20/2023</p> <p>Judy Lenz 11/20/2023</p> <p>Jan McAlpine 11/20/2023</p>
<p>#697, St. Michael</p> <p>Dana Benson 10/3/2023</p>	<p>#1549, Our Lady of Fatima</p> <p>Virginia Coppersmith 1/6/2024</p>	<p>#2511, Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>Debra Lenhoff 10/15/2023</p> <p>Sharon Dowdall 10/15/2023</p>
<p>#988, Little Flower</p> <p>Erin Schmidt 12/11/2023</p>	<p>#2039, Our Lady of Good Counsel</p> <p>Regina Baker 12/3/2023</p> <p>Jami Dutcher 12/3/2023</p> <p>Payton Nekoliczak 12/3/2023</p>	

It's 2024, Who's Celebrating an Anniversary!

Ct. 401, Columbia from Omaha – **105 years** – Regent Chris Sommer

Ct. 877, St. Monica of Norfolk – **100 years** – Regent Mary Leise

Ct. 1802, St. Catherine Laboure of Verdigre – **65 years** -- Regent Linda Paesl

Ct. 2007, St. James of Kearney of Kearney – **55 Years** – Regent Lori Marshall

Ct. 2098, Our Lady of the Plains of Broken Bow – **50 years** – Regent Diane Anderson

Ct. 2099, Our Lady of Spalding of Spalding – **50 years** – Regent Sharon Seamann

Ct. 2760, Santa Maria of Grand Island – **5 years** – Regent Liz Gonzales

CONGRATULATIONS to all these Courts and their years of service and making a difference!



February 2024:

- Groundhog Day – February 2
- Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday) – February 13
 - Valentine's Day – February 14
 - Ash Wednesday – February 14
 - President's Day – February 19



March 2024:

- Daylight Savings Time Begins – March 10
 - Patrick's Day – March 17
 - First Day of Spring – March 19
 - Easter Sunday – March 31

VALENTINES DAY

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SWEETHEART

VALENTINE

AFFECTION

KISS

CHAMPAGNE

CHOCOLATE

DARLING

PINK

ROMANCE

FLOWERS

FRIENDS

RED

BELOVED

DEAREST

CHERUB

HEARTS

CUPID

CARDS

CANDY

ROSES

ARROW

GIFTS

ADORE

HUGS

LOVE

POEM



What's Happening Around Nebraska?

**Celebrating something special?
Let us know, send in an article and pictures.**

Would love to publish what is happening around the state.

Don't forget to share those special times in your Court!

Send me a picture, a short article, and a heads up for an upcoming event.
We would like to publish what is going on around the state.



Court 2451 Mother Teresa had a Christmas party at Olive Garden in December. They passed the hat and raised \$893 to add to the \$500 that the court donated to a family within their parish. The family has many children and both parents are experiencing major medical problems.



Members of Court 764 St. Mary in York assisted with the Fall Festival attended by members of St. Joseph – York and St. Patrick-McCool Junction



Members and guests of Court 2007 St. James enjoyed playing Christmas BINGO in December



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Members of Court 2227 Queen of Peace, Omaha, brought items to help the mothers and children who are temporarily lodged at Hope Harbor in Grand Island. Members brought donations to their December Christmas party/meeting. Items ranged from cereal, toothpaste and toothbrushes to hats and mittens and warm socks. Members Shirley Murphy, Irene Pearce, Marge Koziol, Gerald Johnson, Michelle McDonald and Marchia Riedy are pictured left to right.



Taco Tuesday at the JPII Newman Center in Omaha was hosted by Court 2511 Our Lady of the Rosary in October. Members of Court 2182 Mary Immaculate assisted with the serving. This is the third year that members of various Omaha courts have served up tacos and all the fixings for the students.



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Court 2423 Mary Queen of Peace hosted the Golden Years Christmas luncheon. Over 110 guests were served and afterwards they played BINGO.

*let
your
light
Shine*



Every month members of Court 2423 Mary Queen of Peace gather together to make rosaries which are sent to their Sister City in Ligera, Tansanai for Confirmation (red rosary) and Graduation from the Mary Our Queen Education Center (blue rosary). Our member and Court's Spiritual Advisor, Sister Stephanie Matcha, also gives rosaries to men and women in shelters and veterans' homes. With the many beads available, we are able to make a number of different rosary colors.

*****PRAY A DAILY ROSARY***
AND SAY THREE HAIL MARY'S DAILY FOR THE END OF TERRORISM,
ABORTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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Court St. Monica #877, Norfolk, held their annual Christmas bake sale along with the Knights of Columbus religious vocation breakfast. Fill your containers \$25.



Court St. Monica #877, Norfolk, donated baby items for the local Birthright.



Court St. Monica #877, Norfolk, hosted a four-hour Marian retreat in October. Everyone received a bag of the Blessed Mother with holy cards and goodies inside.



Court Our Lady of the Plains #2098, Broken Bow, held a "CDA" Dinner. The C stands for Celebrating, the D stands for During, and the A stands for Advent. The members invited ladies from our three parishes to participate then planned the decorations purple with Advent Wreaths and prepared three courses for the meal. Appetizers, soup and sandwiches, then dessert. Four potential new members attended, and all had a very nice time. Cindy Christen, pictured above, lead several rounds of Advent Bingo following the supper.





2022 NEBRASKA STATE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
100th ANNIVERSARY POLO SHIRTS ORDER FORM

The Nebraska State Catholic Daughters of the Americas are selling CDA polo shirts to celebrate our 100th Anniversary!
 The polo shirts are yellow/gold polyester heathered fabric that wicks moisture. They have 3 buttons on the upper middle chest and are very comfortable to wear.



SIZES	# SHIRTS	PRICE	TOTAL
SMALL	#	\$ 35.00	\$
MEDIUM	#	\$ 35.00	\$
LARGE	#	\$ 35.00	\$
X-LARGE	#	\$ 35.00	\$
2X	#	\$ 43.00	\$
3X	#	\$ 43.00	\$
Shipping		\$ 5.00	\$
Totals	#		\$

Please make check payable to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas"
 Send to: Lauri Hergott, State Secretary, 4008 27th Street, Columbus, NE 68601

Name: _____ Court # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____