



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

Here we are in one of the prettiest seasons in Nebraska. Thanks to the changing of the seasons, we always have something to look forward to. The crisp air and colorful leaves emphasize the unknown. Farmers working on the harvest, animals gathering food to store are signs of things to come. Driving down the interstate last week I noticed how far you can see in the distance with the fields being empty. Those leaves falling represent letting go and enjoying all the beauty around us. I enjoy sweater weather.



Your Courts are back in full swing, preparing for a busy year. We are seeing some very positive increases in new members, way to go! Keep up the good work. Attending several Court meetings, we see several styles of leadership and how your members respond. It all seems to work! Members are raising their hands and volunteering, making suggestions, showing results from requests. You are making a difference in your parishes and beyond. We were never meant to all be the same, doing “your thing” is a good thing. Thank you.

I was doing a little reading about Advent the other day. I read, “If we don’t recognize that we are sinners in need of a savior, what is it that we are longing for during the season of Advent.” Umm! Helpful to refresh our thoughts and focus on what is coming. Sometimes our lives start to twirl, mostly with self-imposed details and we forget or lose our focus. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and of silence but in joyful expectation. Advent bears the dawn of a new liturgical season and helps us prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. Look forward to what is coming and find new ways to give of yourself.

Hold tight to family and friends. They don’t care about your clean house, the decorated cookies you spent hours on, your perfectly decorated tree, they are focused on you, not perfection. Reach out to them and others that need us in that moment.

Remember “Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in the spirit, fix your hope completed on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1Peter 1:13
Peace and Joy to all of you and Merry Christmas!

Nebraska State Regent
Betty Fredericks

Greetings from the Second Vice National Regent



My dear Nebraska CDA sisters,

Happy Fall. Down here in Louisiana, we don't have any changing of colors during the fall, but I bet you do in Nebraska. We go from green to dead. I pray that you are enjoying the cooling of temperatures, pretty leaves, and the blessings that come in the fall.

I know you must be in full swing of the new CDA year. You are probably planning your November and December activities. I pray that they are successful. My Court is having its annual Soup and Salad next Tuesday. We are excited since this is the first time since 2019. We pray and work hard, but we have so many laughs and fun at the same time. I hope that happens at your Court activities too!

We are having a brand-new fundraiser this year. We wanted to share the National Headquarters with five lucky ladies. The winning entry awards a three-night, four days stay at the National Headquarters, five \$500.00 travel vouchers, five \$250.00 meal vouchers, and five \$200.00 vouchers for a Broadway play. A flyer with more information can be found on the national website at www.catholicdaughters.org. You can also email me at conniecda@yahoo.com for entry forms.

The call to the National Convention will be mailed in early December. Be sure to pay attention to due dates. We want to see you all in New Orleans next year. Know that you remain in my prayers. Please pray for me. Your servant sister,

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Fr. Nicholas Kipper
Lincoln, Nebraska



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

In September, I had the opportunity to travel to the Normandy region of France with my father and a priest friend of mine. I had always been intrigued by the invasion upon the beaches of Normandy during World War II, which is known as D-Day. I've always admired the courage of the troops going into this battle. It felt something like a pilgrimage to see these beaches and battlefields: places where a moral battle against tyranny was fought.

The Normandy beaches are only a little over an hour from the town of Lisieux, the home of the patron saint of my parish, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. And so, we also made a visit to see St. Teresa.

St. Teresa is, of course, known for her "little way." The little way is essentially doing little things with great love. In Lisieux, you can visit the Carmelite monastery where St. Teresa lived and is laid to rest, her childhood home, and a very large basilica dedicated to St. Teresa.

The contrast between this giant basilica and the little way of St. Teresa gave my pause. I wasn't bothered by the fact of this, but it was a moment of reflection. Teresa lived a very simple life. She lived in a tiny monastery, but she possessed what we could call magnanimity, or greatness of soul.

She did little things with great love. She wrote about the tender love of Jesus. She lived a very short life. She died at the age of 24. In the eyes of the world, St. Teresa didn't do much in her life, but the effects of her magnanimity are very much apparent.

She wanted to be a missionary. She wanted to go to the far corners of the world to preach the gospel. She was obviously never able to do this in this life, but she continues to do it through her prayers. She is now the patron of the missions. One of her great sayings is that she wants to "spend her heaven doing good on earth."

There is a kind of lesson from this that we can contemplate as we approach the blessed season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and, thus, waiting. St. Teresa knew that her missionary work would continue in heaven. She knew she would have great power through her intercession. She was content with her short earthly life and maybe not even accomplishing all that she wanted because she knew that this life was not the end but only the beginning.

This giant basilica dedicated to Saint Teresa is thus a fitting expression of the power of one saint. In fact, as you walk around this basilica there's little plaques from different countries throughout the world where St. Teresa has made some kind of impact, evidence of her greatness of soul. Let us remember, too, that like St. Teresa, our little, good deeds can have great, long-lasting effects.

Our Lady's Hope in Advent

Mary Anne Classen, State Treasurer

Let's take a look at Advent with our Blessed Virgin Mary in mind. There would be no Advent without Mary. It is only after Mary's, "Yes", that the long-awaited Savior comes into time and world history.

As we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Savior at Christmas, it is good to reflect on how Mary responded and acted once she gave her "Yes".

She honors God and thanks Him for His blessing once she understands that she will be the Mother of the Savior. With humility, she accepts. She praises God.

She goes "in haste" to Elizabeth. Not because she wants to brag, oh no, but because she wants to celebrate the joy of Elizabeth's long-awaited pregnancy. She goes to serve Elizabeth without regard to herself and her situation. She trusts in the providence of God to care for her. Mary never complains, never. Mary never puts herself and her needs first.

Mary then makes the trip with Joseph to Bethlehem knowing she will have her baby while she is away from home. She is in labor that last day of travel and accepts a barn with animals. She doesn't blame Joseph for not finding a better place. She ponders many things in her heart as her life unfolds. She accepts whatever trials they encounter. She becomes a refugee in another country fleeing for the life of her son.

How often do we think because Mary was born without original sin that she did not have human experience or always knew the outcome? Meditate on the seven sorrows and realize she suffered, but she never lost hope. Jesus suffered too. It is redemptive suffering. Are you striving to be as close to Jesus as Mary is? So close as to share His suffering? So close to trust that He will not abandon you? So close to believe in Him no matter the circumstance?

In this day, when so called academia ponders, "what is woman?", I say, look to our Blessed Virgin Mary. The world shuns this humble, quiet, peaceful lady. Mary is the quintessential woman. God has given her more intercessory power than any saint. She always leads us to Jesus. And that is what Advent is-- a longing for our Savior. Come Lord Jesus, renew us to do the work you ask of us during this season.

May we all prepare our hearts and minds during Advent. Spend more time in Eucharistic adoration. Enjoy the preparations to celebrate with family and friends. Be the joy and peace to others that the world cannot give. Give of yourself out of love and generosity. Give away your smiles to everyone you meet.

Oh Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer thee my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians, and the intentions of our Holy Father the Pope.



Membership

Kim Meduna, First Vice State Regent

Hello, my fellow CDA members! I hope you all have had a wonderful summer. We went from hot to cool and then cold, don't you love Nebraska?? I love the changes from green to the colors that God gives us of yellow, orange, brown and dark greens. Now we will go to winter. Beautiful snow (unless you have to scoop it off sidewalk or driveway yourself).

We are in the most beautiful season of our Catholic Church. The start of Advent. November 1 we celebrated All saint's Day and then November 2, All Soul's Day. The celebration of Thanksgiving, maybe not just a Catholic Church holiday celebration, but a celebration of family and giving of America. Then comes December 1st, the real reason for the season, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The best way I have found to do this is to read the book of Luke. If you read a chapter a day, starting December 1st through December 25th, you will have read the life of Jesus. It is a wonderful way to celebrate our Lord. I wish you all a Very Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

My hope for each of you is that you will all continue to recruit more members. We do take in consideration that some of you will be taking December or January off and this will not affect the membership contest.

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.

National Tidbits of Information

SPECIAL NOTE - SHARE Magazine Beginning in 2023, your State and Local Court Chaplains or local parish will be mailed a copy of the SHARE magazine. All courts will be billed \$7.00 a year. The \$7.00 cost will be added to the court's insurance bill. You do not need to send the \$7.00 separate.

Election Time in coming in 2024 for Local Courts

I know all the ins and outs of the election process causes many of you to shake your head. It is hard to remember all the particulars when it only happens every two years. I am going to review with you the steps to follow, that will hopefully help you.

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!

ROBE SURVEY:

Regents and members, as discussed at the recent convention, there are changes coming to our ceremonial dress code in the next year or two. If you have an opinion pro or con, robe or no robe, white or black shoes, etc, please put your thoughts in form of an email and send them to me and I will forward those emails to our National Rep. Connie Dronette, who will distribute them to our National Regent and Committee Chair Helene Shepard.



WIN A TRIP TO THE GRAND OLD LADY

National CDA is sponsoring a contest to win a girl's trip to visit National Headquarters in New York City. The trip will include 4 days and 3 nights stay at the historic Grand Old Lady (National headquarters office/dorm style), five Broadway tickets up to \$200 each, five travel vouchers for \$500 each and five food vouchers for \$250 each. There are some stipulations: Only ladies and girls (12 and older) are eligible to stay, guests must arrive on a Thursday and leave on a Sunday, date of trip will be agreed upon by the National Regent and winner but must be taken by June 15, 2024. Entry deadline is January 5, 2024. The recipient will be drawn at the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19, 2024. Participation is limited to 1000 entries. The cost to enter is \$50. Entry forms are in the latest Share magazine.

Set Me Free

Did you know that human trafficking is happening in our communities? Unfortunately, it's not just in big cities or overseas; it is happening in our neighborhood. That is why **The Set Me Free Project** was formed! To educate as many people as possible.

The mission of The Set Me Free Project® is to stop human trafficking before it starts by providing prevention education to all ages. The foundation of all our teaching is the equal, unchangeable intrinsic value every person is born with. You have an intrinsic value that cannot be changed!

We offer community presentations given by experienced speakers, experts in their field, trained to present on topics that can be intense in a light-hearted, engaging way, making our presentations fun as well as meaningful. Our general community presentations provide a comprehensive overview of the issues related to human trafficking, answering questions such as:

- What is Sex Trafficking?
- What is Labor Trafficking?
- Who can be trafficked, and what does it look like?
- Does it happen here, in my community?
- How can I help those I care about stay safe online and off?
- What are the warning signs, and how should I respond if I recognize them?
- How can I help spread this message?

And so much more! Our presentation can show you how you can help The Set Me Free Project® and how your group members can help stop human trafficking before it starts.

Another way you can help us stop human trafficking before it starts is by sponsoring a classroom through a monthly donation. By making a small monthly donation of just \$19.99, you can directly contribute to implementing our comprehensive curriculum, one classroom at a time, for an entire school year.

This will provide our Ready To Stand Curriculum®, full of tools to recognize and combat human trafficking. With an average class size of 24, this is less than \$1.00 per child on average. Prevention is the key to unlocking the end of human trafficking. Help us protect and empower our youth- one classroom at a time! Information on this option can be found by going to www.setmefreeproject.net/traffickingstopswithme.

To get more information on The Set Me Free Project® or speaker availability and cost, please go to our website at www.setmefreeproject.net, choose the "READY to Stand" Curriculum tab at the top, and then the "Request a Trainer or Speaker" link provided. You may also email us at info@setmefreeproject.net or call Lindsey Shunkwiler, our Outreach Coordinator and Trainer, at 402-521-3080 Ext. 503.

Join the fight to help us stop human trafficking before it starts!

You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.

Sister Mary Rose McGeady

OUR FATHER NATIONAL CHAPLAINS

By Janet Macklin, 2nd Vice State Regent

From Catholic Daughters of the Americas, A Century in Review and

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/environment/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/grail-movement>

In the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, we are graced with Chaplains and other priests who lend us their support, prayers, and guidance. Our National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Bouquet, has asked us to consider what role we want our Chaplains to fulfill. A survey is available for us to provide our opinions and input. Let us consider what some of today's CDA Chaplains' predecessors did.

At the 1925 biennial National convention in San Francisco, Supreme Regent Mary Duffey announced that the Most Reverend William J. Hafey, Bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina, would serve as the first National Chaplain. Four years before this, the National Board voted for the state and local courts to appoint priests as spiritual directors. Their role was to be advisory, and they would not have the right to vote.

Bishop Hafey was a hands-on Chaplain who regularly attended the twice-yearly meetings of the National Board of Directors. He addressed the biennial conventions, generally focusing on the issues of the day. His addresses were published in the CDA publication the "Herald", making it available for all the Daughters to read. He promoted Catholic education, Catholic action, and particularly the Junior Catholic Daughters of America, which was established the year after he became National Chaplain. Bishop Hafey served through most of Mary Duffy's Regency (1923-1950). No other National Chaplain, except possibly his successor, exercised greater influence on the policy and activities of the CDA.

Bishop Vincent S. Waters succeeded Bishop Hafey as National Chaplain and served as such for almost twenty years (1947-1966). Later it became customary for the National Regent to nominate the National Chaplain who would serve while she was in office. Then, as more demands were made on the time of Bishops, several National Regents appointed a National Clergy Consultant who could be more readily available for advice and counsel.

Bishop Waters asked the Catholic Daughters for a donation to help complete construction of a national shrine to the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Speaking in her "Summer Message" of July-August 1953, Supreme Regent Frances Maher asked members to save weekly, if only a dime, for the project. At the 1954 Convention, she reported that the National Board had authorized a donation of \$5,000. The Catholic Daughters would eventually donate an additional \$250,000.

As National Chaplain, Bishop Waters often quoted the Popes to the CDA National Board, wrote annual messages to the membership in "News and Views", and spoke to the delegates at the biennial conventions. His understanding of the role of women in the Church and country shaped the thinking of the CDA on Mary and womanhood. His 1952 message stressed that "women are the keepers of the morals of the world". He encouraged the CDA to become the valiant women of Scripture by becoming Mary, the new Eve. In January 1952, Bishop Waters wrote "If Christ is the Mediator between God and Man, she (Mary) is the mediator between Christ and His brethren." The next year he wrote that "Women have first of all an obligation to re-Christianize women, to restore all women in Christ and in His Church."

The April 1953 issue of "News and Views" carried a story on a movement of laywomen dedicated to promoting full, active participation of the laity in the liturgy, fostering vigorous contemporary expressions of a Christian spirit in the arts, and disseminating its ideal of a new Christendom through publications, exhibits, and art and bookstores. In the 1950s the Grail trained teams of young American women and sent them to developing countries. They had established a training center near Loveland, Ohio, called Grailville. Bishop Waters had thrown his weight toward the cause of the lay Apostolate emanating from it. With his encouragement, Supreme Regent Frances Maher announced five scholarships for summer courses at Grailville in 1953, and that women in Louisiana and New Mexico had received scholarships there for 1953 – 1954. The scholarship program continued for several years.

In 1959, the National Clergy Consultant, Monsignor Joseph M. Nelligan offered his approval of a national Statement of Principles drafted by a national committee. In it they reaffirmed the Daughters' commitment to service of the Church, nation, and world. Eight Principles accorded with the emphasis on social action and Ecumenism found in the documents of Vatican Council II, including focus on social doctrines, full cooperation with the changes in the new liturgy, advancement of Ecumenism, etc.

During the Regency of Mary C. Kanane (1970–1974), she chose Father Leonard Bachmann, ST, as Clergy Consultant. According to the CDA's 1970 constitution, it was his role to advise the National Regent "in the day-by-day affairs which might touch on matters doctrinal or ecclesiastical". Bachmann was likely the one who introduced Mary Kanane to the writings of Saint Augustine and German theologian Karl Rahner, SJ, both of whom she quoted in messages to the membership.

Archbishop Philip Hannan, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., served as National Chaplain in the early 1970's. He influenced the Catholic Daughters to establish a Chair in American Catholic (Church) History at the University. Funding for the endowed Chair covered a professor's salary, scholarships for graduate students, and an annual "Catholic Daughters of America Lecture".



Bishop William J. Hafey and
Supreme Regent Mary Duffy

Education Contest 2024
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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:

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Good Luck to everyone that enters!

Court Newsletters

Marty Minchow, Newsletter Chairman

Who could ask for more when one has – a faithful husband of 52+ years, a son with his wife (Rachel) and children (Ally – 16, twins Addy and Jack – 4) who live just 55 minutes away, a strong supportive extended family and daily Mass offered in our rural St. Mary's parish in Davey? Yes, I'm blessed! I am kept busy tending to our home and yard, knitting, periodic substitute teaching, live theatre, local high school activities, church dinners, county and state fair foods judging, and life.

I have enjoyed having the privilege to be the NE State Newsletter Contest Chairman and am pleased to report that NE had two entries (Category I, Division I and Category I, Division II) sent to the National level. Both received first place! Congratulations Court # 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration and Court #2423, Mary Queen of Peace! Court #2423 also received a certificate for the Highest Overall Score!

Your court newsletter could represent NE at the national level! So, I encourage you to consider sending in your **three copies of the recent three issues** of your newsletter this year. I look forward to seeing those thick manila envelopes early next year.

Marty Minchow, Newsletter Chairman
Our Lady of Peace Court #1956, Wahoo

Circle of Love – Youth

Pat McHugh,
State Circle of Love Youth Chairperson

Greetings CDA sisters,

November is upon us with the holidays right around the corner. The summer was busy for our household in moving to the small town of Cairo, which is 15 miles northwest of Grand Island on Highway 2. Tom and I are loving the peace and quite of this rural community.

Your Court has probably been busy planning and completing your Circle of Love projects for the year. I'm the chairperson for the Youth Circle of Love projects. In the past years, I have received only six to eight court reports from the 20+ CDA courts in Nebraska. The reports were all worthy of receiving an award.

As the National Youth chairperson states, "Every CDA Court can fulfill the goals of the Youth Program by committing itself to sponsor, participate in, and/or support at least one youth activity. Last year's Court winner fed the Religious Ed Youth once a month before class, to support the need of the youth who traveled from neighboring towns so they could attend religious ed class.

Some suggestions on the National CDA website listed were being prayer partners for First Communion or Confirmation classes, include youth in the May crowning of Mary, encourage active participation in local service projects such as collecting food for Food Pantry or visiting nursing homes, and shut-ins.

I hope and look forward to receiving your Youth Circle of Love report for youth activities held by your court from February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2024.

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CIRCLE OF LOVE – LEADERSHIP

Dianne Lamb,

State Circle of Love Leadership Chairperson

Circle of Love is the CDA national program to assist Catholic Daughters in working within the church and community. Leadership is one of the categories and is designed to prepare women in our organization to assume positions of leadership in their courts, states, dioceses, and communities.

Leadership is one of the categories and is designed to prepare women in our organization to assume positions of leadership in their courts, states, dioceses, and communities. Leadership is defined as the art and science of helping others decide on goals and help them work toward those goals. These ideas can be brought forward in programs presented to members.

Some activities in the leadership category might include: organizing annual bazaars, bake sales, craft shows, or flea markets in the parish or in the community to enhance awareness of Catholic Daughters and raise money for the court or charities; organizing and signing up members and other parishioners for Hours of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the parish; leading the rosary in their parish before Masses; organizing and participating in all-night prayer vigils for special intentions and providing food for participants; encouraging members to serve in leadership capacities on church, community and state boards; encouraging parishioners to “get out and vote” at elections and hosting candidate forums where members can hear the platforms of the various candidates; encouraging all members to have a role in the annual National CDA Sunday activities in their parish and host a social after Mass for members and prospective new members; providing hospitality when their parish is hosting a retreat or diocesan workshop; bringing in speakers at regular meetings to address topics and issues of interest to members; encouraging members to service in all of the various lay ministries in their parish; and serving as mentors for new court officers to assist in a successful transition into their new duties in the court.

We encourage your court to submit what it is doing in the area of Leadership during the next Circle of Love reporting period.



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

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 do 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. www.nebraska.catholicdaughters.org

Articles for Sale

We have some extras left over from State Convention. We would like to make them available for your court to purchase. When they are gone, they are gone.



Nice canvas tote bag, canvas not plastic \$10.00 each

Cute mop head CDA pen \$ 5.00 each

Rosary or change CDA purse \$5.00 each

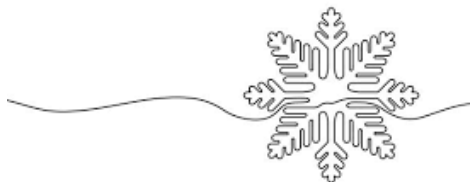
Yellow stress ball with heart emoji \$2.00 each

Printed wrist key fob \$2.00 each

Please include one or two dollars to help with shipping.

Please place orders with Kim Meduna. Kim's email;

rondameduna@icloud.com or 2160 Country Road 19, in Colon, NE 68018 or call her at 402-277-6437.



~MEMBERSHIP~

(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2023)

We Remember...

Our Dear Catholic Daughters who have entered eternal life. Pray for them.



Mary Ann Elsbernd	Queen of Peace, 2227	7/22/2023
Helen Klingenberg	Queen of Peace, 2227	8/1/2023
Mary Kucera	San Salvador, 576	8/9/2023
Janice Makovicka	San Salvador, 576	8/10/2023
Joann Stalp	Guardian Angel, 1384	12/27/2022
Mary Clare Stalp	Guardian Angel, 1384	6/2/2023
Colleen Ernesti	Guardian Angel, 1384	7/25/2023
Bernadette Dvorak	St. Catherine Laboure, 1802	2/10/2023
Marla Wilcox	St. Catherine Laboure, 1802	7/25/2023
Elaine Panowicz	Queen of Peace, 2227	8/26/2023
Jean Opbroek	William McDonald, 1009	9/5/2023
Loretta Boumann	William McDonald, 1009	9/30/2023
Teresa Micek	Little Flower, 988	9/16/2023
Mary Lawson	San Salvador, 576	9/20/2023
Donna Kruse	St. Michael, 697	7/10/2023
Rose Traynowicz	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, 2036	8/26/2023
Judith Morss	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, 2036	9/2/2023

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

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>Columbia, 401: Carol Hilt 7/18/2023 Carmen Richardson 8/15/2023</p> <p>Hartington, 457: Lisa Burbach 4/14/2023</p> <p>San Salvador, 576: Kristi Emswiler 10/3/2023 Connie J. Perry 10/3/2023</p> <p>St. Michael, 697: Dana Benson 10/3/2023</p> <p>Little Flower, 988: Jeanne Czarnick 9/5/2023 Elaine Jakub 9/5/2023</p>	<p>Emmanuel, 1122: Destiny Baldwin 10/3/2023 Sue Ann Tripp 10/3/2023</p> <p>Ave Maria, 1263: Sapphire Normen 8/1/2023</p> <p>Guardian Angel, 1384: Rhonda Reeson 11/1/2022 Bonnie Franzluebbers 11/2/2022</p> <p>St. Catherine Laboure, 1802: Kelly Kraus 8/22/2023 Linda Asher 8/27/2023 Kristin Arens 8/28/2023 Karen Marshall 8/29/2023 Chelsea Fuchtman 9/13/2023 Beth Dohmen 9/21/2023 Celia Urban 9/21/2023</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, 2036 Florence Summers 9/27/2023</p> <p>Queen of Peace, 2227 Joyce Rainforth 9/21/2023 Tami J. Harders 9/22/2023</p> <p>Mother Teresa, 2451: Jo Marsicek 9/18/2023 Terri Rossbach 9/18/2023 Collins Schmitz 9/18/2023 Mikki Tighe 9/18/2023 Lynette Wieger 9/18/2023</p> <p>Our Lady of Faith, 2604: Kathy Irvine 8/16/2023</p>
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Advent Prayer...

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 697, St Michael in O'Neill celebrated the 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 15



*let
your
light
Shine*



St. Catherine Laboure, Court #1802, hosted a Tea Party, at their July meeting at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Verdigre, honoring members with 25+ years, especially Evelyn Fuchtman, age 102, and Irene Sandoz, age 96. These two faith-filled women are founding members the year Court #1802 was organized in 1959. Pictured: Back (L to R) Rita Sukup, 49 years, Janet Frank, 54 years, Marlene Meyer, 26 years, Kathy Masat 34 years. Front Row (L to R) Erene Sandoz and Evelyn Fuchtman 64 years. Not pictured Maria Beck 40 years and Lillyann Coover 61 years.

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Court #472, St. Charles in Lincoln celebrated National CDA Day



National CDA Day Sunday, October 15



Court Mother Teresa #2451 hosted the Omaha courts at St. Wenceslaus Church. An early dinner and program followed the 2:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Mike Eckley.



Each court is asked to make a \$25 donation to the charity selected by the hosting court. This year's recipient was Vertus et Veritas, a summer camp program for boys.



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*Taco Tuesdays at the
John Paul II Newman
Center - Omaha*



Many of the Omaha CDA courts are taking turns serving Taco Tuesdays on the first Tuesday of the month at the John Paul II Newman Center in Omaha.



*****PRAY A DAILY ROSARY*****

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

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Connie Dronett, Nebraska's National Director, coordinated the Fall Retreat sponsored by National which was directed by National Chaplain Fr. Shenan Bouquet. The retreat was held at the Spiritual Life Center in the Wichita Diocese. Attending from Nebraska was Cindy Bishop, Regent, Court of #2036. CDA sisters from north, south, east, and west attended.

The ABC's of
Getting your heart ready
For Christmas
Ct. William McDonald #1009
Hastings, NE

**Evening activities run from
6:00-8:30 p.m. at St.
Michaels Theisen Hall**

Advent by Candlelight

**Featured speaker: Veronica
Hottovy – Program Director of
the St. Gianna Center**

Court William McDonald #1009
in Hastings sponsors an
inspirational and award
winning evening on the 1st
Wednesday of Advent,
December 6, with beautiful
table settings, luscious desserts,
enjoying company of friends.
Free will donations support the
Good Angel Trees for families at
STM, STC.



Please check out our new fundraiser to help support our "Circle of Love" Projects.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!



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Organization: NE State Catholic Daughters

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Shop away! You can order as individuals, or as a group. It will be shipped to you directly.

Thank You!



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 # _____

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