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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

I love this time of year...more sunshine, longer days, warmer temps, tulips. Anyone that knows me very well knows at the first sign of cold weather I wear socks 24/7, only changing them daily when I shower. I am now sockless in the evening and nights (alleluia). My husband bought me one of the drill accessories in Texas this past winter that assists you in drilling holes for fall bulbs. I have several nice groups of tulips but come fall I intend to have a bunch more. Hopefully next spring I will have a few pictures.



The State Convention has come and gone. Hopefully all who attended had a good time and went home with something new they learned. We celebrated our 100th year with wonderful speakers, joyful messages, a special Memorial Service, gifts, tote bags, wonderful food, and renewed friendships. I am not usually a high anxiety person, but I sure had a few knots in my stomach. I want to thank so many of you for the kind words and encouragement. It was all very appreciated.

Friday was a wonderful day that we spent hearing such good words. It was so nice to sit back and hear about all the great work being done in prison ministry (all souls matter). Connie Dronette is a joy to listen to, as well. Her enthusiasm is marvelous. Fr. Nolte has an easy way of speaking and keeping us on a holy path. What a great start to the convention.

On Saturday, Tom Venzor kept us updated on current events at our Capitol. So many important things are happening there. It is so good to have the NCC to keep us informed. And thank you to Fr. Kipper for taking your time to reach out to us. Monica Kramer's talk on Saturday night was so – I don't know, relaxing and insightful at the same time. And who knew that our own IPSR Barb Ward would know what the writing on a pole would mean!! Multi-talented gal, thanks Barb.

I cannot say "thank you" loud or big enough for the wonderful job Court 2227, Queen of Peace did as the main hostess Court of the convention. Regent Michelle McDonald and her Court members really stepped up, and the support from the other Grand Island Diocese Courts was equally noted. Thank you again for a job well done.

To the membership throughout Nebraska...Your Board wants to reach out and say "thank you" for all the well wishes and support we felt at convention. We wanted to make this 100th Celebration something special and celebrate all of you.

A new term for your newly elected officers and they are ready to start thinking and planning. We will keep you informed and updated. We are ready to get to work.....

Nebraska State Regent
Betty Fredericks

Greetings from the Second Vice National Regent



My dear Nebraska CDA sisters,

Congratulations again on your 100th Anniversary. It was an honor and privilege to present the certificate at the Convention. May you continue to serve in unity and charity for the next one hundred years.

I am savoring the memories of my time at the Nebraska State Convention. It was such a joy to pray, work, and play with all of you. Those who could not

make it were missed and prayed for. The weekend began as Kim and I drove into the parking lot of the retreat center, and I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit welcoming us. He was moving throughout all of us during the entire weekend. I saw him in your smiles and laughs.

I was inspired as I listened to the two-minute reports from the local courts. You are doing such great and creative work. I serve as the spiritual enhancement chairman of my local court and was excited to share the Traveling Mary project that is done in NE Court Our Lady of Faith, #2604. We are going to start the project in September. I am married to a carpenter, and he doesn't know it yet, but he will be building a shrine for our Mary.

I want to thank the Host Courts, State Board, and the Convention Committees for the hard work that was put into the convention. I was inspired by the speakers, impressed with the business flow of the convention, and delighted with the evening events. I will never forget my favorite banquet meal of steak and potatoes! At the Past Regents meeting, I played Card bingo for the first time. Even though I didn't win, it was great fun. I plan on doing that with my own court.

I am not sure that all of you take the summer months off, but if you do, I pray that you are rested, refreshed, and ready to go back to work in September. Remember to pray for your projects that the Lord will bless them abundantly. Have a holy and happy summer. Know that you are in my prayers, and I ask that you pray for me.

Your servant sister,

Connie Dronette
Second Vice National Regent



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Fr. Nicholas Kipper
Lincoln, Nebraska



Greetings from the State Chaplain Fr. Nicholas Kipper

I recently came across an incredible story. In 1966, Dr. Michael Brescia, through an apparent fluke, invented the Cimino-Brescia fistula, which is a tubular which makes ongoing dialysis possible. A drug company offered him \$50 for every dialysis using the device throughout the world. He was set to be a multi-millionaire, possibly a billionaire. The only catch is that he had to keep it secret for one year while they worked on the patent. He was married with several young children, and the idea of a great deal of wealth and financial security appealed to him greatly. And so, he went to his father, an Italian immigrant to tell him about the discovery. His father asked him how many people around the world will be saved by this invention. He said, “about 50,000 per day.” And his dad said, “well, hurry up; don’t waste a day.” Dr. Brescia told him that the drug company said that he had to keep it secret for one year. His father said, “No, no! If you do that, when you shave in the morning, your face will disappear in the mirror and the faces of all the children whose parents you could have saved will come and appear one after another. When you sit down at the dinner table, you will have to keep a chair empty for all the people who died that year because of your silence. Don’t think of this world – for boats, and cars, and houses, you will let 50,000 people die? No, give it away!” Dr. Brescia was initially angry with him, but he knew he was right. He left and published details about the discovery immediately. He never saw a dime for his invention. It is believed that the value of it is now about \$60 billion.

During Holy Week, we have been celebrating the great mystery of our Catholic faith called the Paschal Mystery of Jesus—his suffering, his death, and today his resurrection from the dead. It’s the great mystery by which we are redeemed, where we receive salvation. All the people of the world were suffering from a great sickness, sin, handed on to us by our first parents. This illness caused our minds to be clouded, confused about what is true and what is false; what is good and what is evil. Original Sin has weakened our hearts to desire what is not ultimately good for us. This was the plight of the world. But, God, from the very beginning, came to our rescue. He could have saved us in a variety of different ways. He chose the most perfect way, and the one that would be the costliest to himself.

God the Father chose to send his son, Jesus, into the World, and through the power of the Holy Spirit and the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary, took on a human nature. Jesus enters the world in a non-descript way. He’s born in the tiny town of Bethlehem, in a barn. His foster father Joseph is a simple carpenter. He reveals who he is gradually. It’s not until he is in his 30s that he works great wonders like the feeding of 5000, healing the sick, and turning water into wine. In and through all of these great works, which grabbed the attention of the people of his time, he is teaching and guiding.

Throughout the Gospels, we hear about the enemies of Jesus and how they were plotting to kill him—he was a threat to them. This began with King Herod at the birth of Jesus and continued with some of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus knew of these threats, and he met them with self-gift. He continued to trust his heavenly father and pour out his love. And due to his obedience, the Heavenly Father raised him up in resurrection.

A beautiful part of that story of Dr. Brescia is him going to his father for advice. The situation is almost out of a movie. He essentially has a billion dollar check on the table. It takes his father to say to him something that he already knew, “you can take the money, buy all this stuff and have all the comforts in the world, but people will die.” And Dr. Brescia chose self-gift.

If we recall, the night that Jesus was arrested, he was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, and he said to his heavenly Father, “Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me...” He has a human nature after all. He knew the torment that he would go through. He was asking his Father permission to not suffer. But he and the Heavenly Father both knew that through his suffering many would be saved. And so, the response of Jesus was “not my will, but thy will be done.”

The celebration of the Easter season that we are now in is the happiest celebration that the world will ever know. The worst fear in the world, death, has been conquered, and we now have certain hope in eternal life in our discipleship of Jesus Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI said, “What is new and exciting in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, was and is that we are told: yes, indeed this cure for death, this true medicine of immortality, does exist. It has been found. It is within our reach.” Jesus has provided us this medicine, and it cost him more than even that which Dr. Brescia gave up. It cost him his life.

We are all called to be disciples, or followers of Jesus. Most of us are probably not going to have to make the kind of decision that Dr. Brescia had to make, or face martyrdom as Jesus did. But we are asked to do as they did. We are to surrender ourselves to Father’s will for us.

The challenge for you and me may not be the challenge of imminent death. It’s the challenge of waking up in the morning and saying, “Thy will be done” and surrendering to his will. This is opposed to surrendering to what magazines tell us that we need to look like or do; surrendering to what Hollywood or the media says is the right way to live; surrendering to all kinds of social pressures that are based in nothing lasting, but only in what is in vogue.

Jesus promised us that “I have come so that you may have life and have it more abundantly.” If I believe that to be true (which I, of course do), then it necessitates a constant reformation and re-evaluation of my life. It means that I can’t find the abundant life anywhere else. And when I try to find it elsewhere, I find emptiness. Surrender yourself to the will of God, and you will find blessing in this life, and you will share in the resurrection of Jesus in the next. May God grant many blessings to you and your families in this Easter season!

NEBRASKA STATE CDA OFFICERS

Betty Fredericks, State Regent

I was born and raised in west central Iowa and worked as a Respiratory Therapist most of my professional life. Dean, I, and my daughter moved to York in 1980. Being new to the community, I was invited to join Court 764, St. Mary in York and it has been a great adventure for me. I found a group of strong Christian women who all worked together towards a goal of helping others. Serving as an officer in several positions, chairing committees when asked, and working at our fund raisers were fun and got me involved.

I really enjoyed my time as a District Deputy for four years, meeting and visiting the other Courts in the area. Joining the State Board ten years ago has been a real honor for me. Meeting all the wonderful women involved in Catholic Daughters has been a real joy for me. Learning from the Past State Regents and past National Representatives taught me a lot on leadership, goal setting, and priorities.

Dean and I will be married 50 years this December. Our daughter Sara lives in York with her son, Collin, and daughter, Molly. Our son Marc and his wife Laura live in Kearney with their daughters Emma and Madison.

Meeting people at workshops, conventions, driving a group of friends to national conventions and regional meetings, laughing and praying all the way. Great times I have had! I want to meet more of you, keep Nebraska CDA strong and show more ladies the great opportunities Catholic Daughters has to offer.

Kim Meduna, First Vice State Regent



Kim Meduna was born in Grant, Nebraska. From age one she was reared in Wahoo where she attended Wahoo Public Schools and met her husband, Don, in her freshman year. They were married in 1970 and will be celebrating their 53 anniversary this summer. They are members of St. Joseph church in Colon. Kim and Don have three children, Gregory, Timothy and Sonia (Soni) and ten grandchildren, Alex 29 and his wife Sara 28, Haley, Lance, Marissa, (the triplets) are 21, Lauren 15, Jacoby 14, Cael 11, Chase 10, and one in heaven.

Kim began working for the FSA office right out of high school but after four years decided to be a stay-at-home mom. An active member of St. Joseph parish she taught CCD from 1975-1985, served as President of St. Ann Alter Sodality (1984-1986), served with Don as head couple for their parish's fundraiser for three years, each year raising over \$12,000. Kim served on the local school board of District #75 (this was a one room schoolhouse) for 11 years and worked at Latin-Dugan Funeral home for 11 years. When the family lived in Oklahoma, she was employed at Edmond High School and Dynamo Gymnastic. She retired after 19 years with Krumel Grain in Wahoo, Nebraska.

As a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas she has held office in her local court as Financial Secretary, Regent and Vice Regent. At the State level she served as District Deputy, State Treasurer, 2nd Vice Regent and, currently, serves as 1st Vice State Regent.



Installation of Officers

The Installation Mass was held at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler, Nebraska Sunday, April 23. Pictured are the 2023-2025 State Officers L to R: State Chaplin Fr. Nicholas Kipper, State Secretary Laurie Hergott, 1st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna, State Regent Betty Fredericks, 2nd Vice Regent Janet Macklin, State Treasurer Mary Ann Classen. 2nd National Vice Regent Connie Dronette (Louisiana), and Immediate Past State Regent and National Director Barb (Jensen) Ward (Colorado).

Janet Macklin, 2ND Vice State Regent



Janet Macklin is honored to have been elected to her second term as 2nd Vice State Regent. She brings a varied work background to the office, having been an insurance office receptionist, singer and pianist in a dance orchestra, keypunch operator back in the day, hospital unit secretary, medical receptionist, Dodge County Clerk's office Clerk, Dodge County Weed Control office secretary, actress, and Mary Kay Beauty Consultant.

Janet joined Court #2253 Queen of the Angels in 2017 after seeing the support the Catholic Daughters of the Americas give to each other, especially at funerals. She served as Recording Secretary from 2018 – 2020, State Secretary 2019 – 2021, 2nd Vice State Regent 2021 – 2023; and God willing, will continue to serve in that office 2023 – 2025.

Janet has been and continues to be involved in church life as: past officer in the Archbishop's Council of Catholic Women, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Webster City, IA; Past Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Active in Cursillo, and Marriage Encounter, and past Parish Council representative at St. Patrick Church, Fremont, NE; and currently Cantor, member of New Life Choir, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, member of St. Patrick Women, and past member of Outreach Team, St. Patrick Church, Fremont.

Janet and husband John will celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. They were married on June 30, 1973, and make Fremont, NE, their home. They are blessed with five children and their spouses: Julie and Mantez McDonald, Dr. Paul and Angela Macklin, Laura and Jacob Macklin Baglien, Stephanie and A.J. Bradley, and Scott and Natasha Macklin; and seven grandchildren: Dakota Macklin; Deacon, Gabriel, and Adrian Baglien; and Ava, Harrison, and Malcom Bradley.

Mary Ann Classen, State CDA Treasurer



Mary Anne Classen was elected to her first term on the State Board as the State Treasurer. She hails from the Humphrey area and graduated from St. Francis High School. She moved to Lincoln in 1974 where she and her husband, Jerry, made their home and raised their family. They have been married 47 years, with three children and their spouses, Adam (Sarah); Nolan (Dawn); and Anne Engel (Nick). They have eight grandchildren: Alexis Classen, Lillyana Engel, Breck Classen, Scarlet Classen, Xavier Engel, Canaan Engel, Dawsyn Classen, and Sienna Rose Engel.

Mary Anne is a member of North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln. She is an active (charter) member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at North American Martyrs, Past Parish Council and Charter member at North American Martyrs, Past Parish Building Committee for North American Martyrs Church and School, Past CCD Instructor, Past Light of the World Parish Retreat Team member, and Past Historian Team Member for North American Martyrs Parish.

Mary Anne worked in several areas of "Computer Services, Inc." and retired in 2020 with a 45-year career in banking and financial technology services. She has held Officer and Committee positions at Court 472, St. Charles in Lincoln.

Laurie L. Hergott, State Secretary

Laurie L. Hergott is serving her second two-year term as the Nebraska CDA State Secretary. She is an 18-year member of Court Little Flower 988 in Columbus where she's served as treasurer and recording secretary.

She and her husband, Tony, are members of St. Isidore Church in Columbus where she is a Reader of the Word and EMHC. As a couple, they also distribute communion to shut-ins at a local nursing/rehab home.

Laurie is in her eighth year as school secretary at Scotus Central Catholic High School. She also coordinates and facilitates Safe Environment training for the Archdiocese of Omaha.

She and Tony have four children: Greg, 40; Chad, 39; Joshua, 23; and Rebekah, 22; and have eight grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild, Logan, lives with them and is a junior at Scotus. Laurie enjoys a wide variety of interests, including reading, sewing, and Catholic Daughters.

Membership

Kim Meduna, First Vice State Regent

Membership awards were presented at the State Convention. Following is the list of winners and the amount of their prize.

1. Award for Membership (net): Court #2451 MOTHER TERESA. \$50
2. Award for the Sliding Scale: DUES REDUCED BY: 10%
 - Court #96 CORDOVA, 5 New Members
(36 members X \$2.00 = 72.00 X 10% = \$7.20 discount off dues)
 - Court #1802 ST. CATHERINE LABOURE, 13 New Members
(40 members, \$8.00 discount)
 - Court #2737 OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 5 New Members
(3 MEMBERS, \$3.40 discount)
3. Award for the Sliding Scale: DUES REDUCED BY: 15%
 - Court #764 ST. MARY, 11 New Members
(66 MEMBERS X \$2.00 = 132.00 X 15% = \$19.80 discount)
 - Court #2227 QUEEN OF PEACE, 10 New Members
(60 MEMBERS, \$18.00 discount)
 - Court #2604 OUR LADY OF FAITH, 15 New Members
(78 members, \$23.40 discount)
4. Award for the Sliding Scale: DUES REDUCED BY: 20%
THERE WERE NO WINNERS
5. Award for the Sliding Scale: DUES REDUCED BY: 25%
 - Court #2451 MOTHER TERESA, 25 New Members
(106 MEMBERS, \$53.50 discount)
6. New Members only: April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
 - 1st PLACE: Court #2451 MOTHER TERESA. \$25.00
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 - 2nd PLACE: COURT #988 LITTLE FLOWER. \$15.00
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 - 3rd PLACE: COURT #2227 QUEEN OF PEACE. \$10.00



Regent Angie Trautman of Court #2451 Mother Teresa receives the Membership award for increase in net members from State Regent Betty Fredericks

Congratulations to the Winners!



Regent Michelle McDonald
#2277 Queen of Peace,
Grand Island



Regent Shirley Simons,
#2604 Our Lady of Faith,
Omaha



Regent Lorraine Grenfell,
#764, St. Mary, York



Regent Lugene Torczon,
#988 Little Flower, Columbus



Regent Angie Trautman,
#2451 Mother of Teresa,
Omaha

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.

REMEMBER:

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.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

State & National Dues

You should have received the Statement for National Dues April. Look for State Dues by mid-May.

BOLD WOMEN

by Janet Macklin, 2nd Vice State Regent

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has been blessed with bold and wise leaders. I have written previously about Genevieve Walsh, Supreme Regent (National Regent) in my article entitled "A Dynamo". She was someone very impactful and what the organization needed. But, like all of us, there came a time of decline.

On October 5, 1921, 2,200 people attended a testimonial dinner for Supreme Regent Genevieve Walsh. She later said she knew practically everyone in the room. She announced a membership of 100,000 women in 683



Mary C. Duffy

Courts in the Catholic Daughters. It was her last hurrah.

During the final months of 1922, Walsh became so ill that she had to resign her Regency at the 1923 Convention. Her sister Gertrude read her message to the convention delegates. She said in part, "I have tried always to play the part of a 'thoroughbred', and have been an admirer of pluck, courage, and stamina..." She died four months later.

As Genevieve Walsh's illness progressed, Vice Supreme Regent Mary Duffy assumed more of the Supreme Regent's duties. Mary, born May 1, 1875, joined the Daughters in 1907 as a charter member of Court Seton #32 in Newark, New Jersey. The biennial convention of July 1923 that elected Duffy in her own right was a milestone for the organization. It marked the end of male presence in national leadership positions with the resignation of National Secretary Michael Kelly and National Advocate Patrick H. Fitzgerald, both of whom had held their positions from the beginning.

What qualified Mary Duffy for Supreme Regency just at the time the male leaders backed away? She listed her occupation as "stenographer" when she applied for membership in the Daughters of Isabella. But she was a successful businesswoman who had made her way up the ladder in the Department of Finance in Newark. This was before women could vote!

In June 1907, Mary and 47 other women founded Court Seton #72 in Newark. She first served as Court Prophetess, then was elected Grand Regent of Court Seton toward the end of 1912. She attended functions in many of the New Jersey and New York Courts, which brought her into frequent contact with Genevieve Walsh.

In June of 1915, Mary attended her first national convention. She was State Regent. She was nominated for Vice Supreme Regent by New Jersey Delegate Ella O'Hara and her nomination was seconded by Anna Dixon, State Regent of Iowa. She was elected unopposed. It was her experience and flair for financial management that prompted the National Board to name her Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit.

Elected Supreme Regent at the 1923 national convention, Mary Duffy introduced many changes, involving the order's headquarters, more ties with the Church hierarchy, organization of the Daughters' Catholic Action support, a National Chaplain, JCDA, publications, testimony for Women's Suffrage, etc. I would like to elaborate on some of these in future articles. I believe that the historical accomplishments of our predecessors in CDA can inspire us to action in our contemporary world.

[The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, A Century in review, Marthaler & Clement, pgs. 63-70.](#)

<https://www.loc.gov/search/?q=mary+c+duffy&sp=4>



On Monday, April 3, 2023, the Nebraska Catholics Daughters of the Americas were invited to the State Capitol in Lincoln where Governor Jim Pillen signed a Proclamation in honor of the Nebraska State Board's 100th Anniversary. Present were Teresa Kehler, Greeley, State Treasurer; Janet Macklin, Fremont, 2nd Vice State Regent; Kim Meduna, Wahoo, 1st Vice Regent; Governor Jim Pillen; Betty Fredericks, York, State Regent; Becky Carlin and Mary Anne Classen, both members of Court 472, St. Charles in Lincoln.



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Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer Romans 12:12

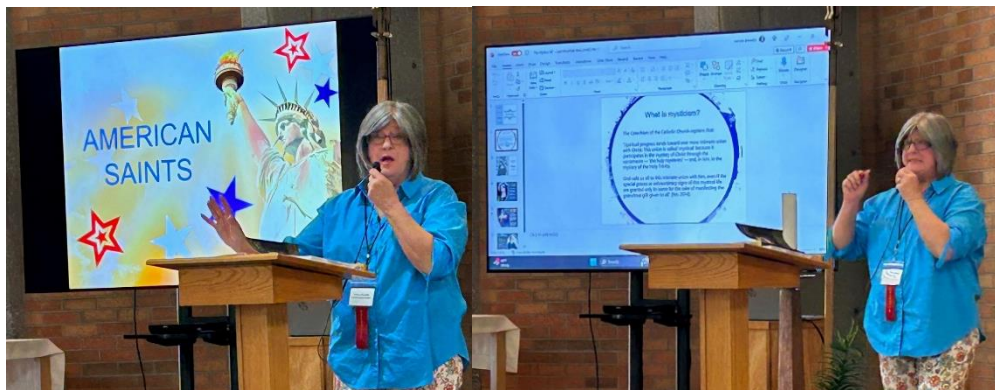


2nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin led members in the Rosary on Friday afternoon.

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Julie Joyce of Fremont informed attendees of Kairos Prison Ministry International.



2ND Vice National Regent Connie Dronette (Louisiana) shared about her favorite saints.



Fr. Walter Nolte (Pastor, St. Patrick, Fremont) closed Friday afternoon sessions with P.R.A.I.S.E.

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SATURDAY

Memorial Mass



Collections!



This year during both Masses at State Convention, baskets were passed before the offertory. The members were very generous with donations. The money will be given to "The Benedict Center" for their use. Thank you for your generous nature.



State Regent Betty Fredericks, Immediate Past State Regent and National Director Barb (Jensen) Ward and 2nd Vice National Regent Connie Dronette await the procession.

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SATURDAY

Business



State Secretary Laurie Hergott gives Report of Credentials Committee.



The newly elected State Board

L to R: State Treasurer Mary Ann Classen, 2nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin, Regent Betty Fredericks, 1st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna, Secretary Laurie Hergott



Darlene Wietzki, Regent of #1263, Ave Maria, Grand Island served as Chair of the Election Committee.



Tom Venzor, Director of Nebraska Catholic Conference spoke after lunch.



The newly elected Nominating Committee being sworn in by 2nd Vice National Regent Connie Dronette.



Past State Regents present included Judy Reed, Elaine Henge and Shirley Chramosta.



NE State Chaplain, Fr. Nicholas Kipper spoke on "The Discernment of Spirits."



Immediate Past State Regent and National Direction Barb (Jensen) Ward, Ruth Krumbach, and State Chaplain Fr. Nicholas Kipper.

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State Regent Betty Fredericks accepts certificate recognizing Nebraska State Court's 100th Anniversary from 2nd National Vice Regent Connie Dronette



Kim Meduna, 1st Vice State Regent, presided over the banquet activities.

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SUNDAY



State Treasurer Teresa Kehler read submitted Resolutions.

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Business*



Address of National Director
2ND National Vice Regent Connie Dronette



Retiring the Colors



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SUNDAY *Installation Mass*



2023 State Education Contest

Essay - Division 1

1st	Audrey Miller	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
2nd	Adrea Anderson	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
3rd	Jolie Kreifels	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City

Essay - Division 2

1st	Jerome Carranza	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, #2036, Bellevue
2nd	Ryann Mahony	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
3rd	Evalett Sandoval	Little Flower, #988, Columbus

Essay - Division 3

1st	Abby Schumacher	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
2nd	Madison Genatone	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, North Platte
3rd	Hudson Fisher	St. Monica, #877, Norfolk

Computer Art - Division 1

1st	Matthew Fernandez	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
2nd	Nolan Carraher	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
3rd	Ryan Miller	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City

Computer Art - Division 2

1st	Anna Bowers	Hartington, #457, Hartington
2nd	Landon Faust	Our Lady of Spalding, Spalding
3rd	Emilee Yost	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City

Computer Art - Division 3

1st	Matthias Seamann	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
2nd	Logan Erickson	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
3rd	Evie Dorman	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City

Poetry - Division 1

1st	Keeley Oshel	Mother Teresa, #2451, Omaha
2nd	Burke Siegel	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, Omaha
Tie for 3rd:		
	Gabe Clark	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, #2036, Bellevue
	Layla Westring	Little Flower, #933, Columbus

Poetry - Division 2

1st	Elsie Eickhoff	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, North Platte
2nd	Jack Ebmeier	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City
3rd	Mia Schendt	Mother Teresa, #2451, Omaha

Poetry - Division 3

1st	Priscilla Calderon	St. Monica, #877, Norfolk
2nd	Savannah Miles	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, North Platte
3rd	Matthew Neddenriep	Cordova, #96, Falls City

Poetry - Division 4

1st	Sharon Seamann	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
2nd	Shirley Simons	Our Lady of Faith, #2604, Omaha
3rd	Laurie L. Hergott	Little Flower, #988, Columbus

2023 State Education Contest (Con't.)

Photography - Division 2

1st	Brie Kennedy	Our Lady of Faith, #2604, Omaha
2nd	Emilee Yost	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City
3rd	Kally Becker	Hartington, #457, Hartington

Photography - Division 3

1st	Abby Schumacher	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
2nd	Oliver Daniel	St. Monica, #877, Norfolk
3rd	Gavin Joachimsen	Hartington, #457, Hartington

Photography - Division 4

1st	Cynthia Bishop	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, #2036, Bellevue
2nd	Savannah Short	Our Lady of Spalding, #2099, Spalding
3rd	Teresa a. Arens	Hartington, #457, Hartington

Art - Division 1

1st	Cora Mosel	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, North Platte
2nd	Leah Adair	San Salvador, #576, David City
3rd	Betsy Bronson	Our Lady of Loretto, #709, Plattsmouth

Art - Division 2

1st	Hadley Fuchtman	St. Monica, #877, Norfolk
2nd	Elise Eickhoff	Our Lady of Fatima, #1549, North Platte
3rd	Clara Morine	Mother Teresa, #2451, Omaha

Art - Division 3

1st	Alberto Cartela	St. Monica, #877, Norfolk
2nd	Kadence White	Emmanuel, #1122, Nebraska City
3rd	Kathi stein	Our Lady of spalding, #2099, Spalding

Art - Division 4

1st	Janet Frank	St. Catherine Laboure, #1802, Verdigre
2nd	Colleen Schumacher	Little Flower, #988, Columbus
3rd	Janice Pritchard	Our Lady of Faith, #2604, Omaha

Submitted by Mary Anne Classen, Education Contest State Chairwoman

Congratulations to the Winners!



Court Representatives Receive Education Contest Awards!

Present by State Treasurer Teresa Kehler and Education Contest Chair Mary Ann Classen



#457 Hartington, Hartington
Regent Michelle Koch



#576 San Salvador, David City
Regent Nancy Vrbka



#709 Our Lady of Loretto, Plattsmouth
Regent Donita Gertsch



#877 St. Monica, Norfolk
Regent Mary Leise



#988 Court Little Flower, Columbus
Regent Lugene Torczon



#1122 Emmanuel, Nebraska City
Regent Julie Volkmer



#2451 Mother Teresa, Omaha
Regent Angie Trautman



#1549 Our Lady of Fatima,
North Platte
Regent Sandy McQueen



#2604 Our Lady of Faith, Omaha
Regent Shirley Simons

Winners, winners, winners!

It is with great pleasure to share with you the numerous winners that were announced at the State Convention. Please share with your membership.

Circle of Love – Youth: Court 2039, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Greeley
Circle of Love – Leadership: Court 2423, Mary Queen of Peace, Omaha
Circle of Love – Quality of Life: Court 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Bellevue
Circle of Love – Family: Court 2098, Our Lady of the Plains, Broken Bow
Circle of Love – Legislation: Court 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Bellevue
Circle of Love – Education: Court 2423, Mary Queen of Peace, Omaha
Circle of Love – Spiritual Enhancement: Court 2604, Our Lady of Faith, Omaha



State Newsletter Contest Winners!

Category 1, Division 1: Court 2423, Mary Queen of Peace, Omaha
Category 1, Division 2: Court 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Bellevue



Congratulations to all the winners!

If you were not present at the convention and had winning entries, your packet and a check are being mailed to you.

Please cash your check when you receive it and give cash awards to your educational winners.

~MEMBERSHIP~

(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2021)



We Remember...

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

(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2021)

Josephine Romero	Ave Maria #1263	10/2/2022
Darlene Pfeifer	Our Lady of Spalding #2099	11/9/2022
Lois Bassett	William McDonald #1009	12/20/2022
Alice Hegemann	Queen of the Angels #2253	12/20/2022
Anne Olson	St. Mary #764	12/12/2022
Joyce Lacroix	Columbia #401	12/28/2022
Reba Benschoter	Columbia #401	1/1/2023
Genevieve Rose	Ave Maria #1263	1/16/2023
Deb Tejral	St. Michael #697	2/11/2023
Marion Lester	Our Lady of Faith #2604	2/13/2023

**Crystal Jeys of Court 709 was mistakenly included in the fall newsletter. She is most definitely still among the living, and we regret the notice of her 'untimely passing'. 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!

Columbia #401:

Anne Detweiler 2/21/2023

St. Michael #697:

Eileen Shannahan 3/31/2023

St. Monica #877:

Julie Holmberg 1/16/2023

Little Flower #988:

Susan Beiermann 2/13/2023
Mary Birkel 2/13/2023
Rita Lichtenfeld 3/13/2023
Sandy VanCura 3/13/2023

Our Lady of Good Counsel #2039:

Kennedy Holley 2/18/2023
Hannah Smyth 2/18/2023
Dilynn Wood 2/18/2023
Brooke Behnk 4/2/2023

Queen of Peace #2227:

Amy Czaplowski 3/16/2023

Our Lady of Faith #2604:

Nancy Franco 3/15/2023
Lois Nigrin 3/15/2023
Melissa Nigrin 3/15/2023
Theresa Roarty 3/19/2023

San Salvador #576:

Barbara Kadlec 2/7/2023
Sarah Zook 4/4/2023

St. Mary #764:

Janell Stratman 3/13/2023
Teresa Werth 3/13/2023

Emmanuel #1122:

Carol Elworth 2/7/2023
Catherine Smith 2/7/2023
Hope Weninger 2/7/2023

Ave Maria #1263:

Annette Partridge 3/7/2023

Our Lady of Nebraska #2186:

Susan Cicotti 2/19/2023
Harriott Placek 3/19/2023

Mother Teresa #2451:

Patricia Dyrda 1/16/2023
Brenda Harriger 1/16/2023
Lindsay Cosimano 2/20/2023
Annette Schmidt 2/20/2023
Julie Friend 3/20/2023
Theresa Johnson 3/20/2023
Michelle Landolt 3/20/2023

According to Membership Applications received since State Convention 2021. Date listed is date of Pledge.

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



Not All Who Wander Are Lost

Monica Kramer was our keynote speaker Saturday night at our convention. If you are interested in purchasing her book and did not get one that night you can purchase the book from her. Send \$55 to: Monica Kramer, 121 N. Willow, North Platte, NE 69101. All the proceeds will be going back to the church!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

May 1: Deadline for Financial Review submissions

May 1,2,3: One Million Rosaries for the Unborn

May 4: National Day of Prayer

May 14: Mother's Day

May 18: Ascension of Jesus

May 28: Pentecost

June 4: Priest Appreciation Day

June 8: Feast of Corpus Christi

June 18: CDA Instituted in 1903

July 4: 4th of July

July 20-23: State and Territorial Officers Conference

August 12: Day of Prayer in Omaha

*There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to
make a fundamental difference in someone's life.*

Sister Mary Rose McGeady

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.



*let
your
light
Shine*

Members of Court #2423, Mary Queen of Peace stayed busy during the fall and winter months. They enjoyed a holiday potluck at the November meeting.



Members of Court #2423 served the Golden Years group for their Holiday Luncheon in December.



#2423 Members worked with the youth to make blankets that were delivered to the VA Hospital on Christmas morning. They also made cards and filled bags of candy.



Court 472, St. Charles at the Capitol for LB626 Marvalee, Mary Anne, Judy, Eileen



Members of Court #2451 Mother Teresa (Omaha) co-hosted a Cana Dinner which allowed couples a time to connect with their spouse, learn about wine with sommelier Fr. Taylor Leffler and socialize with other couples on the journey of marriage.

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Court 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Bellevue presented awards to the winners of the 2023 Education Contest at St. Mary's School



Winners of Court #576 San Salvador (David City) Education Contest: Front row: Leah Adair, Ollie DeWispelare and Back Row: McKie DeWispelare, Elizabeth Moravec, Leah Emswiller



Members of Court #2182 Mary Immaculate (Omaha) attending State Convention included District Deputy Elaine Boyce, Rosie Hanna. Regent Marilyn Lowery, Connie Ayala, District Deputy Gail Mlnarik and Laura Wilson.



Convention attendees from Court #2253 Queen of the Angels (Fremont) included Arlene Vyhlidal, Liturgical Coordinator Shirley Brester, Regent Cheryl Lucht, Financial Secretary Susan Allen, 2nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin and Vice Regent Joyce Vavricek



Members of Court #764 St. Mary (York) attending State Convention included Past State Regent Ruth Krumbach, State Regent Betty Fredericks, Jenifer Busing and Lorraine Grenfell



Past State Regents attending State Convention were Ruth Krumbach, Shirley Chramosta, Elaine Heng and Judy Reed



Attending State Convention were members of Court #2036 Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration (Bellevue) Kathryn Martin, Cindy Bishop, Past State Regent Judy Reed, Janelle Siedlik and Maureen Losee

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

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

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

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!



**KITCHEN MUST-HAVES, SCRUMPTIOUS FOOD MIXES,
COOKBOOKS & SO MUCH MORE!**

Organization: NE State Catholic Daughters

Sale End Date: July 1, 2024

Contact: Your State Officers or District Deputy

Go to - <https://radafundraiser.com>

a box will pop up for you to add our fundraiser name

NE State Catholic daughters, or 6201023

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 # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



2020-2022 NEBRASKA STATE CDA FUND RAISING PROJECT

The Nebraska State Catholic Daughters are selling CDA t-shirts for the state fund raising project for the years 2020-2022.

The t-shirts are purple with a white CDA logo inside a white state of Nebraska on upper center of the shirt with Nebraska court numbers & names on back. Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts are available. Both are Gildan 100% preshrunk cotton fabric.



Please add the number of shirts you want to order on the line for the size and type you want. Prices are as follows:

<u>Short sleeve t-shirts</u>		<u>Long sleeve t-shirts</u>		<u># of shirts</u>	<u>total amount</u>
_____	\$20.00	SMALL	_____	\$25.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$20.00	MEDIUM	_____	\$25.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$20.00	LARGE	_____	\$25.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$20.00	X-LARGE	_____	\$25.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$22.00	2X	_____	\$27.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$22.00	3X	_____	\$27.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$22.00	4X	_____	\$27.00	# _____ \$ _____
_____	\$22.00	5X	_____	\$27.00	# _____ \$ _____
Total shirts & amount					# _____ \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: "Catholic Daughters of the Americas"

Send to: Laurie Hergott, State Secretary, 4008 27th Street, Columbus, NE 68601

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